

Deposition of Witness No.10 for the prosecution.

I do hereby on solemn affirmation state that :

My name is : Arif Maqbool Shaikh,

Age : 32 years, Occ. : Labour,

R/o. : 5 Number Chowk, Awanti Nagar, Latur.

Examination-in-chief : by Shri. S.R. Mundada, A.P.P. for State.

1. Bhawadasing Junni and Santosh Khote were my friends. On 30.05.2019, there was marriage of relative of Bhawadasing Junni at India Nagar. I as well as Santosh Khote went there. There was some time for marriage. Bhawadasing told that there was some time for marriage. Therefore, I went to attend my work.

2. On the next day, at around 7.00 am to 8.00 am, I received call from the mobile of Bhawadasing Junni. Wife of Bhawadasing had made that call. She asked me whether Bhawadasing had come to me. She told me to make enquiry with the other friends as to whether Bhawadasing was with them. I made a call to Sameer Sayyad and asked him about Bhawadasing. He told that Bhawadasing did not come to meet him.

3. After two days, I received a call from Sameer Sayyad. He told that dead body of Bhawadasing was found in a well in Gorakshan. I went there. Police were present with some people. Dead body of Bhawadasing was in the well. The body was taken out and was sent for postmortem.

4. The mobile call was made by the wife of Bhawadasing from the mobile number of Bhawadasing. Police had enquired with me. I can identify the wife of Bhawadasing. (The witness points out one of the lady accused, who tells her name as Pinkykaur Bhawadasing Junni.)

Cross-examination : by Shri. M.B. Surwase, Adv. for A.No.1,3,5 to 8.

5. I did not give SIM card of my mobile to the police on which phone call was received from the wife of Bhawadasing. My SIM card was of VI company and its mobile number was 8888454738. At the time when I received the call, I was at my home. I and Santosh Khote had made search of Bhawadasing. Except my oral version I have no other material to show that I received call from the wife of Bhawadasing. Since 2012-2013 I had friendship with Bhawadasing.

6. Guljeetsing and Manojising were brothers of Bhawadasing, but I had no friendship with them. I did not meet with Guljeetsing and Manojising. I did not meet with the wife of Bhawadasing after I received call from her. I did not meet with the family of Bhawadasing after he went missing.

7. Bhawadasing was in plotting business. I was meeting Bhawadasing due to my friend Santosh Khote. Police had recorded my statement. I had told the police that Bhawadasing and Santosh Khote are my friends. I had told the police that the phone call of wife of Bhawadasing was received by me between 7.00 am to 8.00 am. I had told the police that I

and Santosh Khote had been to the marriage. I had told the police that Bhawadasing told me that there is some time for marriage. I do not know why these facts are not in my police statement.

8. Bhawadasing has two sons and two daughters. I know that Bhawadasing has brothers. He has two or three brothers. I was not remaining present at the time of property transaction entered into by Bhawadasing. I had no occasion to enter the house of deceased Bhawadasing. I do not know the educational background of Bhawadasing and his wife. It is true to say that before 31.05.2019, I had no talks with the wife of Bhawadasing on mobile. Before that day, I did not meet her. It is true to say that Bhawadasing did not take me with him in his house for any programme. I do not remember the mobile number of Bhawadasing.

9. I did not provide call details of my mobile number to the police. I did not have invitation-card for the marriage, so there was just an oral invitation. On 30.05.2019, I was in India Nagar till 11.30 am. Except Bhawadasing and Santosh Khote I had no acquaintance with people at India Nagar. It is true to say that I do not know as to where Bhawadasing went after 11.30 am of 30.05.2019. I do not know the full name of the person whose marriage was performed on that day at India Nagar. It is true to say that I was not knowing the bridegroom whose marriage was performed on that day. I do not know the relation between Bhawadasing and the bridegroom. I do not know the names of

groom and bride.

10. It is not true to say that I am deposing false that on 30.05.2019 I was invited for the marriage of relative of Bhawadasing. It is not true to say that I am deposing false that I left the place of marriage as there was some time for marriage. It is not true to say that I am deposing false that I received phone call from the wife of Bhawadasing on 31.05.2019. It is not true to say that I am deposing false that Santosh Khote and Bhawadasing were my friends. It is not true to say that I am deposing false that I made a call to Sameer Sayyad and asked him about Bhawadasing. It is not true to say that I am deposing false that I received a call from Sameer Sayyad that dead body of Bhawadasing was found in a well in Gorakshan. It is not true to say that I am deposing false at the instance of Guljeetsing Junni.

Cross-examination : by Shri. A.B. Jadhav, Adv. for accused No.2.

11. Declined.

Cross-examination : by Shri. J.P. Chitade, Adv. for accused No.4.

12. Declined.

Re-examination : Nil.

R.O. & A.C.

Date : 01.07.2025.

**(S.V. Jadhav)
Additional Sessions Judge - 4,
Latur.**
