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DEHRADUN

4<sup>th</sup> UPES National Trial Advocacy Competition

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

*State of Uttarakhand v. Mr. Shaurya Singh and Ms. Avantika Rana*

**IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE, DEHRADUN**



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**EXHIBIT 1**

**FIRST INFORMATION REPORT**

*(Under Sec. 154 of CrPC)*

1. District: Dehradun      Police Station: Prem Nagar      Year: 2017  
FIR No: 003113      Date: 01-11-2017
2. (i) Act: Indian Penal Code, 1860      Sections: 302, 120B r/w 34  
(ii) Act: Indian Penal Code, 1860      Sections: 194, 203
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence:      Day: Wednesday      Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017  
Time period:      Time from: 02:00 PM      Time to: 08:00 PM  
(b) Information received at P.S: Date 1-11-2017,      Time: 8:30 PM
5. Type of Information: ~~Written~~ /Oral
6. Place of Occurrence:  
a) Distance from the Police Station: 4Km North  
b) Address H. No. 4, Dron Vihar, Prem Nagar, Dehradun
7. Complainant/Informant: Mrs. Pooja Mishra, (Address:\_\_\_\_\_)
8. Basis on which FIR is lodged: Information of unnatural death of Mrs. Aastha Singh
9. Details of Known/Unknown/Suspected accused with full particulars:  
Suspected persons – **NA**
10. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant/informant: NA



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11. Particulars of Injuries sustained: Wound on forehead and excessive blood loss.

12. Total Value of properties stolen/involved/recovered: NA

**BRIEF FACTS OF THE CASE:**

Shaurya called me from my house at around 7:45 PM, as his wife had committed suicide. When I entered their house I saw Aastha's body lying on the floor of their bedroom. There was blood on the floor as well.

Shaurya and Aastha were experiencing some trouble in their marital relationship on account of which they both used to fight a lot. I know from my sources that Shaurya wanted a divorce from his wife as he was in love with another woman. I know Aastha well enough that she cannot commit suicide on such a trivial matter. I believe someone has murdered her. FIR was recorded subsequently and the area was sealed for further investigation.

(Facts above are to be considered as *Fard Bayan* of Mrs. Pooja Mishra given to the Officer-in-charge)

Sd/-

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**Signature/ Thumb impression of  
Complainant/Informant**

**Signature of the officer  
Name: Aman Singh  
Rank: Sub-Inspector**

A copy of FIR was then handed over to Mrs. Pooja Mishra free of cost.

(AFTER RECORDING F.I.R., SUB-INSPECTOR ADITYA JUNEJA WAS APPOINTED AS INVESTIGATING OFFICER IN THE CASE)



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**EXHIBIT NO. 2**

**SEIZURE REPORT**

1. Date & Time of Seizure: - 1-11-2017 at 8:30 P.M.

2. Place of Seizure: - House of Mr. Shaurya Singh

3. From Whom Seized:- N/A

4. Name & Address of Witnesses:-

a) Ms. Priyanka Pandey, H.No. 5 Dron Vihar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

b) Mr. Shivansh Kumar, H.No. 6, Dron Vihar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

5. Description of Seized Articles:-

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| 1. Used syringes                                     | - 1 |
| 2. Liquid Epinephrine                                | - 1 |
| 3. Suicide Letter of Deceased                        | - 1 |
| 4. Personal Diary of Deceased                        | - 1 |
| 5. Medical Report of the Deceased (Bikaner Hospital) | - 1 |
| 6. Medicines from side table                         |     |

-----WITNESSES-----

**Sd/-**

Mr. Shivansh Kumar  
R/o House No. 6,  
Dron Vihar, Dehradun

**Sd/-**

Ms. Priyanka Pandey  
R/o House No. 7,  
Dron Vihar, Dehradun

**Search/Seized by me,**

Name: Aman Singh

Rank: Investigating Officer

Date: 01/11/17 Place: Dehradun



**EXHIBIT NO. 3**

**WITNESS STATEMENTS**

*(Under section 161 of CrPC)*

**PW 1: MRS. POOJA MISHRA – SHAURYA’S NEIGHBOR**

**Occupation:** Housewife

**Age:** 45

**Sex:** Female

**Statement:** I am Pooja Mishra, r/o H. No. 5, Dron Vihar Colony, Prem Nagar, Dehradun. I live next to Mr. Shaurya’s house. Aastha was a very humble and polite girl. Aastha and Shaurya got married in 2015 and were very happy together. She used to love her husband very much.

1 year ago, Aastha told me that Shaurya is in love with another woman. I used to console her and tell her always that true love prevails. It was in 2017 that their relationship started becoming sour. I could see this in Aastha’s changing nature. Later during October, they both started having loud verbal fights and arguments. I could hear their voices every time, but could never hear as to what they are speaking.

Loud verbal fights between Shaurya and Aastha became normal during the last few days. On 1<sup>st</sup> November, it was because of shouting noises from Shaurya’s house that I woke up from my sleep. They used to fight every day. I checked the time, it was 2 PM. It was time was for my walk. I love my dog, Tiger, very much so I took it out for a walk even when I was half asleep. I saw a black Honda City parked outside Shaurya’s house. I did not know whose car was it. Nonetheless, I came back at 2:15 PM, but the car was still there. I thought everything is in control now, as I could not hear any noises from Shaurya’s house now.



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Later in the evening, at around 7:30 PM, Shaurya came to my door shouting, “Mrs. Mishra, Aastha has committed suicide”. He took me along to his home and I saw Aastha lying on the floor. There were a few blood spots on the floor near the body. I saw an injection lying near her right hand.

I could not believe my eyes, as Aastha was not a kind of girl who could commit suicide. I think someone has murdered her.

As there was something wrong with Aastha’s death, I called the police station about the unfortunate incident. After 30 minutes, police came and sealed the house and took the body out for post mortem.



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**PW 2: MS. MARYANKA KHANNA – CLOSE FRIEND OF AASTHA**

**Occupation:** Law student

**Age:** 26

**Sex:** Female

**Statement:** I am Maryanka Khanna r/o H. No. 18 Vasant Vihar, Dehradun. I and Aastha were close friends since college days. It is very unfortunate that her husband cheated her behind her back. I remember that Aastha told me about this in the early 2017. She was quite devastated. I tried to console her for many days, but she kept on crying on phone. I could not see her this way, so I asked her to file a case against her husband, but she refused.

During July-August, Aastha met me at CCD and told me that Shaurya is going to marry another woman and is, therefore, asking for a divorce. She also showed me several bruises near her ears, as Shaurya slapped her yesterday. I started worrying for my friend since that day.

The last time I met Aastha was on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at around 12:30 PM at a General Store near her house. She seemed very sad. When I enquired about her relation with her husband, she replied, “Time will tell, I am just hoping for the best.”

When I heard about this unfortunate news, I could not believe that she has committed suicide. Aastha is a true fighter. I am sure that the true story is something else. She has been murdered probably by her husband to get rid of her.





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**PW 3: MR. RAGHUBIR SINGH – LANDLORD OF AVANTIKA**

**Occupation:** Retired Colonel, Indian Army

**Age:** 67

**Sex:** Male

**Statement:** I am Retired Colonel Raghubir Singh r/o H. No. 18 Vasant Vihar, Dehradun. I have rented the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to Ms. Avantika Rana since last 3 years. I am well aware of her boyfriend, Shaurya, who visits her quite often. I have never put restrictions on her regarding this. After all, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is technically her house.

On the date of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017, I saw Shaurya's White Verna parked outside my house at around 12:45PM. Also, I saw that Avantika's black car was safely parked inside the house. It was rare because Shaurya never visits Avantika in the afternoons as he works in a company. Nevertheless, while I was sipping hot coffee I saw both Shaurya and Avantika sitting in their respective cars and then they both drove away together at around 1:45 PM. It was foolish of them to drive two cars when they can easily adjust in one. It is because of people like them that temperature is rising day by day.

Avantika came back alone in her black car at around 2:50 PM (See 2<sup>nd</sup> last para of Avantika's statements). She parked the car inside the house and then went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor quietly.



**DEFENSE WITNESS STATEMENTS**

**DW1: SHAURYA SINGH [ACCUSED NO. 1]**

Occupation: Deputy Head, Public Relations Department      Age: 35      Sex: Male

**Statement:** I am Shaurya Singh, S/o Late. Vishwanath Singh, R/o H. No. 4 Dron Vihar Colony, Prem Nagar, Dehradun. I work in Paramand Wanchal Corporation Ltd. (PWC Ltd.), in Vasant Vihar, Dehradun at the post of Deputy Head in the Public Relations department of the company.

I got married in the year 2015 because of the parental pressure and after a few months my parents died in a car accident. Though, Aastha was virtuous, but I never loved her and eventually consummated our marriage. Aastha always complained about my long absence from home, so I told her about Avantika, my love since college, with whom I always wished to marry but our parents never agreed.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017, I left office at around 7:30 PM. Upon reaching home, I found the door of the house locked from outside. I used my keys to open the door and entered. I found Aastha lying on the floor of our bedroom. Immediately, I called upon the neighbors to give information about the suicide and started calling out for help.

Everything in the home seemed perfectly placed and Aastha was very happy when I left home for office on 1<sup>st</sup> November's morning. For last few days, Avantika had been pressuring me to take divorce from Aastha and marry her. It was our relationship anniversary for which Avantika came to my office to go out for lunch. She came to my office and we left at around 12:30 pm



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from the office. The exit for the office must be recorded in the office's biometric records. If you want, go take a look at it.

While going for lunch, we entered into a discussion about my inefficiency to get divorce from my wife. Avantika always asked me to make the final choice, therefore, I had to make a choice between Avantika and Aastha. Before going for lunch, I decided that I would finally end my marriage with Aastha and move out with Avantika. To make this happen, I drove back to my house and reached home at around 1:00 PM. But when Aastha saw Avantika holding my hand, she got furious about the situation and started shouting at both of us. I did not say anything to her at that point of time and decided to talk to her about the divorce at night. After heavy exchange of words, I took Avantika away in the car and drove back to Bercos for lunch. We reached Bercos at 1:45 PM and left from Bercos at around 2:45 PM and I reached back to the office at 3:00 PM.

I don't know anything about the suicide, everything was going fine. We both were ready for the divorce. I was happy that now I would live a happy life with Avantika and also Aastha can marry another person of her choice. Somewhere down the line I always thought that why we are even together, can we do nothing to separate us in order to lead our lives happily.



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**DW 2: AVANTIKA RANA [ACCUSED NO. 2]**

Occupation- Heart Specialist

Age- 30

Sex: Female

I am Avantika Rana, D/o of Mr. Ajay Rana residing at Atlantis Club (Opposite to Bercos), Dehradun. I am a Heart specialist doctor by profession and work at Synergy Government Hospital for past 4 years. My specialization is in cardiology and neurology. Shaurya had been in my life since the first year of my college, he used to play guitar for me and sing as well. He was all sure about our relationship after completing his college. He made numerous attempts to inform his parents about his decision to marry me, but they never approved it and warned him of dire consequences.

Everything was perfect between us till Aastha came into our lives and disturbed the beautiful relationship that we shared. Shaurya never loved her, but his parents forced him to marry her. Now they are no more to influence his mind, they died in an accident after his marriage.

Even after Shaurya married Aastha, we continued meeting each other and now that Shaurya's parents are no more there was no barrier except Aastha. It was sad for me to know that Aastha committed suicide. No one deserves to die. Aastha and Shaurya had been married for two long years, but their relationship was constrained as there was no love present between them and Shaurya used to love me.

Aastha never understood one thing that - If something is not working out, one should not pursue it further. Shaurya had been demanding divorce from her since January 2017, but she had been refusing him because of reasons better known to her.



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After a few months, she said that she will sign divorce papers on only one condition that she gets Rs.5 crore as alimony. Shaurya did not have such a hefty sum of money to pay her. It was her stubbornness that Shaurya used to spend much time with me at my residence at Vasant Vihar.

I have also been long pressurized by my family to marry someone. It was time when Shaurya had to choose between me and Aastha. On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017, I decided to settle down the situation myself for one final time. I went to Shaurya's office to meet him on our anniversary. Shaurya offered to go out for lunch and we left the office at around 12:30 in the afternoon. While on our way to Bercos, we entered into an argument about the future of our relationship. To this, he decided to leave his wife and move in with me.

We rerouted from our way and drove to Shaurya's home. We reached his home at 1:00 pm around. Upon reaching his home, Aastha opened the door and was shocked to see us together. She started shouting at me, but I continuously tried to make her understand that Shaurya is not happy with his marriage and it is time for her to go from his life. When she started shouting at Shaurya at the top of her voice, I decided to put sense into her mind sometime else, and then we left.

Shaurya was very upset. To refresh his mood we went to his favorite restaurant, Bercos, for lunch at around 1:45 PM. I was sorry for Shaurya and was hoping for the divorce to happen. After having lunch, Shaurya dropped me back home around 2:50 pm and left for his office.

It was at night when I got to hear about Aastha's suicide. I was shocked to hear this news. It is true that I wanted Aastha out from our lives, but I never thought that she will leave us in this sad manner. She was a good girl. She could have excelled in her life, if she had moved on at the right time.



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**DW 3: MR. SHIV SHAMBHU – VALET AT BERCOS**

**Occupation:** Valet at Bercos

**Age:** 24

**Sex:** Male

**Statement:** I am Shiv Shambhu, R/o 11/8, Prince Chowk, Dehradun. I am employed at Bercos for last two years and my job is to issue tickets to all the vehicles which come to Bercos and get them parked in basement. Whosoever drives in this five star restaurant, leaves the car with our staff and we take care of the rest. On 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017, I issued the parking ticket for White Verna at 1:45 PM and the ticket was returned to the owner at 2:45 PM. At 1:45 PM when this ticket was being issued, the two people present in the car were engaged in a fight because of which we had to intervene and manage the issue. When the car was being given back, at 2:30 PM, I could easily recognize this was the same man, but this time he was alone and not with the lady. The man also fought with one of our staff when the staff asked for the valet ticket, but later he produced the same when his car was being returned to him.



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**DW 4: MR. LALLA JAIN – OFFICE GUARD**

**Occupation:** Office Guard

**Age:** 37

**Sex:** Male

**Statement:** I am Lalla Jain, working with PWC Ltd for over 5 years. My job is to manage the inward and outward entry of the visitors and take care of office parking at the same time. All employees in the office are required to mark their attendance in the biometric system installed near the gate, they are required to press the thumb print at the time of entering and while leaving the office as well. On 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017 Avantika Ma'am, girlfriend of Shuarya Sir, visited office at 12:00 PM. After some thirty minutes, Shaurya sir and Avantika ma'am left together in Shaurya Sir's white Verna (Car) the entry for which is recorded in the register. Sir came back at around 3:00 pm. Later, he left office at around 7 PM when my duty got over.



**EXHIBIT NO. 4**

**POST MORTEM REPORT**

**SYNERGY GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, DEHRADUN**

**Post Mortem Report No.: 323 Ref. No.: D2345**

**Body Identified by:** Mr. Shaurya Singh – Husband of the deceased

**Date and Hour of Receipt of Inquest Paper and Dead Body:** 01<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 11:00  
PM

**Date and Hour of Starting Autopsy:** 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at 11:00 AM

**Date and Hour of Concluding Autopsy:** 07<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 5:00 PM

**Body Brought by:** SI Aditya Juneja

P.C. No.D2345 P.S. Prem Nagar

**SCHEDULE OF OBSERVATION**

**A- GENERAL**

1. **Name:** Aastha Singh w/o Mr. Shaurya Singh
1. **Age:** 30                      **Sex:** Female
2. **Address:** House no. 4, Dron Vihar Colony, Prem Nagar, Dehradun.
3. **Height:** 5'4'      **Weight:** 62 KG      **Physique:** Mesomorph
4. **Special Identification Features:** Birth-mark on the Upper right thigh & Mole behind right  
ear





5. **Post-mortem:** Changes present (extent of rigor mortis, post-mortem lividity and putrefactive signs; stained blood vessels, greenish discoloration, odour, softening of eye balls, exudation from nose and mouth, ova or flies, moving maggots, blebs over body, peeling of cuticle, loosening of hair, thorax and abdomen burst, eye changes, adipocere, mummification.)
6. **External Appearance:** The body is that of a female measuring 154.94 cm and weighing 62 kilograms. The body is athletic and consistent with the age of 30 years. The scalp is round. The nose is long. The mouth and lips are red. The tongue is white and long. Total no. of teeth present is 31 and is white. The ears are bilateral prominent. Clothed with a white top, blue jeans. Full rigor mortis. The scalp hair is brown and long. The corneas are cloudy. The irises are grey. The mouth contains natural teeth. The ears, nose and mouth show no abnormalities. The neck is not of normal configuration and there are palpable masses. The extremities are symmetrical and normally developed. Identifying marks include a birthmark on the upper right thigh and a mole behind the right ear. There is evidence of emergency medical intervention in form of Epinephrine injection. A-C Joint in the shoulder clavicle is broken. Humerus is fractured. The face and hands are bruised. Signs of defibrillation. Conjunctivae were congested, finger nails and lips showed bluish discoloration. All other natural body orifices were intact.
7. **Injuries:** Bruises on forearms and below the right ear.

## **B. HEAD AND NECK**

1. Skull, brain, meninges and cerebral vessels: nail scar on the neck
2. Orbital, Nasal and aural cavities: Normal
3. Mouth, tongue: Swollen



4. Neck, larynx, thyroid and other neck structures: excessive linear pressure on the middle hepatic vein.

### **C-CHEST (THORAX)**

1. Ribs and Chest Wall: Damaged and has 3 pin holes near the heart indicating signs of injection
2. Diaphragm- normal
3. Oesophagus- normal
4. Trachea and Bronchi- normal
5. Lungs in normal condition
6. Heart and Pericardial sac- Damaged. Coronaries and aorta showed atherosclerotic changes & thickening of walls. Stomach contained yellowish green liquid without any abnormal odour.
7. Swelled blood Vessels

### **D-ABDOMEN**

1. Abdominal wall- normal
2. Stomach and content: walls swollen but empty
3. Kidney were congested. Renal pelvis, ureters
4. Small Intestine: wall thickness 3.5MM
5. Large intestine wall thickness 10MM, vermiform appendix 10cm in normal conditions, mesentery and pancreas
6. Liver weighed 1970 gms. Spleen weighed 370 gms Histopathology report of liver and spleen showed Chronic Venous Congestion, hyalinization of vessels and sinusoidal congestion.



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**F-SPECIMEN COLLECTED FOR TOXICOLOGICAL ANALYSIS SI.**

**Nature of specimen Preserved**

1. Stomach with contents
2. Small intestine and contents
3. Sample of Liver
4. Kidneys (one half of each)
5. Spleen
6. Sample of Blood
7. Other Viscera
8. Preservatives Used

**G- Items handed over to Police**

1. Post Mortem Report
2. Dead Body
3. Viscera, Clothes and other articles

**H- TIME SINCE DEATH:** 21-22 hours before the time of starting autopsy

**I- OPINION:** The cause of death appears to be failure of heart due to an excessive dose of Epinephrine and injuries on the head.

**On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Dehradun**

**Sd/-**

**Dr. Raghav Bansal**



**EXHIBIT NO. 5**

**CASE DIARY OF SI ADITYA JUNEJA**

*(Under Section 172 of CrPC)*

On the orders of Station In-Charge of Police station, I was made the Investigating Officer in the case of death of Mrs. Aastha Singh.

I was handed over the FIR, Seizure Report, Contents of the Seizure report and 6 photographs of the crime scene on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 along with the orders to investigate.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017:**

At 10:00 am – I visited the Post Mortem doctor for some information in the case.

At 1:00 pm - I visited the crime scene and prepared a map of the home.

At 1:30 pm - I took statements of the Informant, Mrs. Pooja Mishra.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017:**

At 11:00 am – I visited PWC Ltd. for enquiring about Mr. Shaurya Singh. Then, I took the statements of the Office Guard.

At 12:00 – I checked the biometrics entries of Shaurya on 1<sup>st</sup> November and took a print of the same. While moving out, I took a photograph of Mr. Shaurya's car.

At 1:00 pm – I visited Ms. Avantika's home and took her statements. I also took a photograph of the car of Ms. Avantika Rana.

At 2:30 pm – I visited Bercos and checked their computer system for entry and exit of Shaurya's vehicle on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

At 2:40 pm – I took the statements of Mr. Shiv Shambhu.



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At 12:30 pm - Getting a lead from Pooja Mishra's statements and other neighbors, I visited Ms. Maryanka Khanna and took her statements.

At 2:00 pm – I visited Ms. Avantika's home and met her landlord Ret. Col. Raghubir and took his statements.

At 4:00 pm – I visited PWC Ltd again and took statements of Mr. Shaurya Singh in his office.

At 8:00 pm – I received the Handwriting Expert's Report at the police station.

**On 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017:**

At 7:00 pm – I was called upon by the Post Mortem Doctor, Dr. Raghav Bansal, to collect the Report.

At 8:00 pm – Along with some vital details of the case, Dr. Raghav Bansal handed me the Post Mortem Report.

**On 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017:**

At 4:00 pm – On the basis of investigation done, I arrested Mr. Shaurya Singh and Ms. Avantika Rana upon allegation of conspiring and committing murder of Mrs. Aastha Singh.



**EXHIBIT NO. 6**

**HANDWRITING EXPERT REPORT**

**Date of Requisition of Samples:** 02/11/2017

**Collected by:** Dr. Rohan Mehta

**Time:** 10 AM

**Submitted by:** SI Aditya Juneja

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 morning, I was asked by SI Aditya Juneja to compare the handwritings of Ms. Aastha Singh with that of a suicide letter.

In addition, I was provided with three other sample pages that were, in fact, written by Ms. Aastha Singh in order to analyze and compare these with the suicide letter submitted to me.

After receiving the note and other sample documents, a team of two qualified officials concluded their observations on **4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**.

After carefully perusing Sample 1, 2 and 3, as provided by SI Aditya Juneja, the writings on the suicide note have been conclusively hand-written by Ms. Aastha Singh.

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**Signature**

**Dr. Rohan Mehta**  
**(Handwriting Expert)**



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EXHIBIT NO. 7

VALET PARKING TICKET

**CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS**

**892**

MAKE VERNA COLOR White

Car No. UK07-AB-1234

IN 1:45 PM OUT 2 : 45 PM

LEFT

BACK

FRONT

RIGHT

PRINT4U.COM

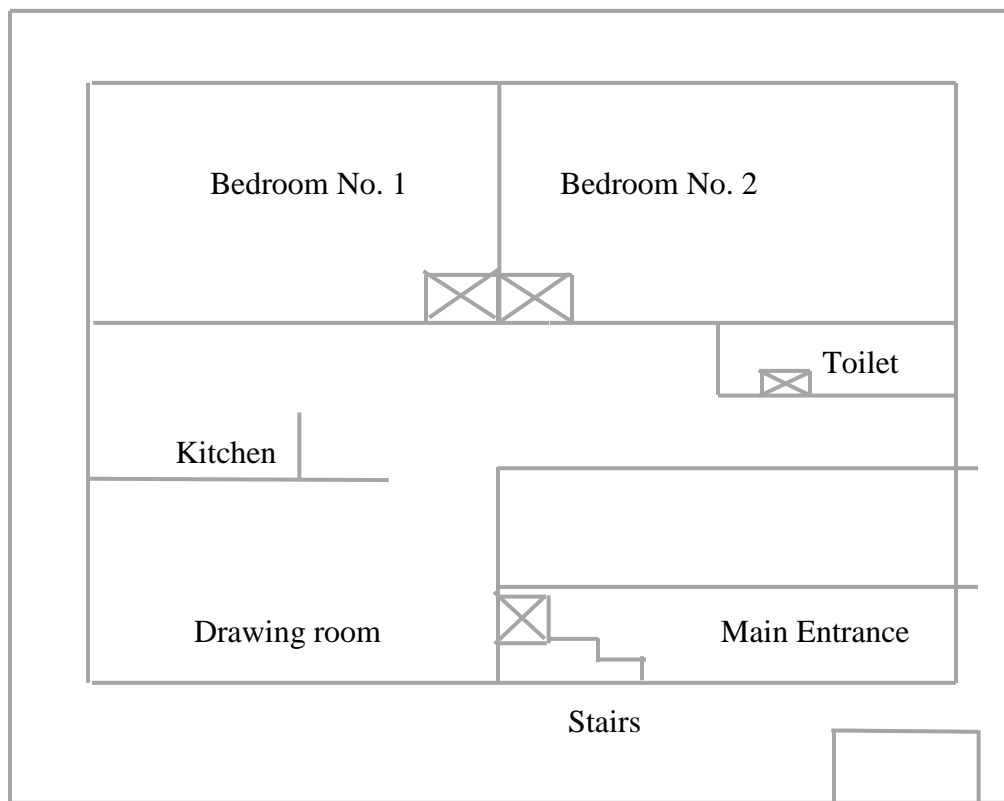
----- **TEAR-OFF STUB** -----

**892 Valet Parking**

THIS CONTRACT LIMITS OUR LIABILITY - PLEASE READ IT. The management assumes no responsibility for auto accessories or articles left in car. No liability is assumed by management for loss or damage by fire, theft, or any other cause to, or by the vehicle, while in custody of the management. Management will not be responsible for any incident reported after the vehicle has left the premises.

**EXHIBIT NO. 8**

**MAP OF CRIME SCENE**



**VIEW FROM THE FRONT**

For explanation:



Doors





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EXHIBIT NO. 09

VISITORS ENTRY-EXIT RECORD OF PWC LTD.

Visitor Entry Register

Date: 1/11/2017

Name	Ph. No.	Purpose	Time
Armit	7811223344	Job Interview	9 am
Krishna	9911223344	For Internship	9:20 am
Jyoti Kumar	9822113344	Personal	10:30 am
Sushma	7911113322	to meet Pramod J.	10:40 am
Avantika	9922233333	Personal	12:00
Gaurav	8877665544	Swiggy	1 pm
Rajesh	9876543210	Food delivery	1:15 pm

Visitor Out Entry

Date: 1/11/2017

Name	Ph. No.	Time
Armit	7811223344	10 am
Jyoti	<del>9822113344</del> 9822113344	11 am
Avantika		12:30 pm
(with Shaurya Sir)	—	—
Sushma	7911113322	12:30 pm
(with Pramod)	—	—
Gaurav	8877665544	1:15 pm
Rajesh	9876543210	1:20 pm



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EXHIBIT NO. 10

SUICIDE NOTE

10	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29
30					

09 MAY 2017 1:35:28 PM

My life is of no use now, for the person of my life, my prince charming does not love me anymore.

Living a life without you is not worth living. Seems as if I have no love left in my life. I have been betrayed in life & in marriage by my own husband. You may not love me back.

But I still love you Shweta.

I think I should give up on life now.



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**EXHIBIT NO. 11**

**BIOMETRICS ENTRY OF SHAURYA**

**P.W.C. LIMITED**

Biometric Entries Record as on 01/11/2017

**MR. SHAURYA SINGH**

(Employee Code – XXXX56)

SL No.	Entry	Exit
1	9:10 am	12:30 pm
2	3:03 pm	4:14 pm
3	4:30 pm	7:02 pm



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EXHIBIT NO. 12

MEDICAL REPORT OF AASTHA

**BIKANER HOSPITAL**  
4, Raipur Road, Dehradun  
Uttarakhand-248007

**Dr. RAJENDRA CHHABRA**  
M.D. (Medicine)  
Physician & Cardiologist I  
Reg. No. 86 0/10647

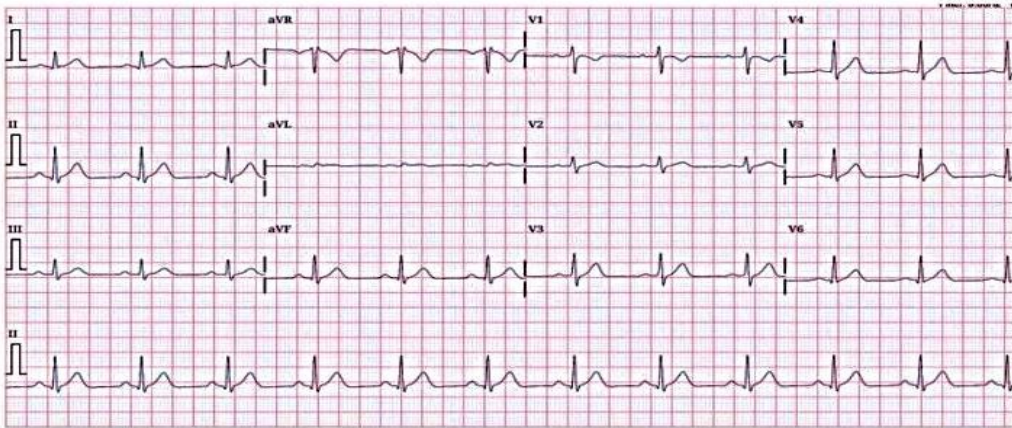
**डॉ. राजेन्द्र छाबड़ा**  
एम. डी. (मेडिसिन)  
फिजीशियन एवं हृदय रोग विशेषज्ञ

Date .....

Name Mrs. Aastha Singh, F Age 30 R/O. No. 4 Dron Vihar  
Colony, Prem Nagar,  
Dehradun

P.D.

**ECG REPORT**



**Observations:** As per the ECG report the heart is not functioning properly and the heart beat is below normal rate.

**Advise:** The patient is advised to take rest and avoid doing any stressful activity. The patient should refrain from taking any kind of epinephrine medicine to avoid anxiety and nausea. The patient should also refrain from taking excessive amount of salt to keep the heart rate normal.

**FACILITIES:**  
• Computerized lab system • Digital X-Ray • CT Scan • Ultrasound • Echocardiography • TMT • Computerized ECG & EEG • Spirometry  
• Emergency round the clock • Admission • ICU equipped with Monitors • Defibrillators • Non Invasive Ventilators • Medical store • Canteen  
AUTHORISED CENTRE FOR : S.T.P.S • B.S.N.L • C.S.F. • R.S.E.B. • S.B.I. • L.I.C. • Various TPAs



**EXHIBIT NO. 13**

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CAR**



**EXHIBIT NO. 14**

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CRIME SCENE**









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**EXHIBIT NO. 15**

# INVESTIGATION REPORT

*(Under Section 173/174 of Cr.P.C.)*

1. District: Dehradun PS: Prem Nagar FIR No: 003113
  2. Charge-Sheet No: 11173/2017
  3. Case Reported At: 01/11/12, (20:30 hrs.)
    - a. Investigation commenced at: 01/11/12, (21:00 hrs.)
    - b. Investigation closed at: 30/11/12 (17 hrs.)
  4. Date: 02-12-2017
  5. Act: Indian Penal Code, 1860 Sections: 302, 120B r/w 34, 192 and 203
  6. Type of final report: Charge-Sheet
  7. If supplementary or Original: Original
  8. Name of the I.O.: SI Aditya Juneja
  9. Name of the Complainant: Mrs. Pooja Mishra
  10. Name & residence of deceased: Aastha Singh, H.No. 4, Dron Vihar, Dehradun, U.K.
  11. Place where body was found: H.No. 4, Dron Vihar, Dehradun, U.K. (Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Singh)
  12. Details of the property seized:

A.	Used syringe	- 1
B.	Liquid Epinephrine	- 1
C.	Suicide Letter of Deceased	- 1
D.	Personal Diary of Deceased	- 1
E.	Medical Report of Deceased (Bikaner Hospital)	- 1
F.	Medicines from the bedroom side-table	



10. No. of accused persons: 2

11. No. of accused charge sheeted: 2

**12. Brief facts of the case:**

On 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017 at 8:00 P.M, police received information from one Mrs. Pooja Mishra (PW-1), through telephone about a suspicious death of one Aastha Singh w/o Shaurya Singh that took place at H. No. 4, Dron Vihar.

On reaching the crime scene with two constables Police found the deceased body lying in the area just inside bed room number 1. Spots of blood can be easily traced on the floor near the body. One used syringe was also found near the deceased and seized.

Mr. Shaurya (A-1) pointed towards a suicide note, kept on the table, as written by the deceased, and informed the police about his wife (deceased). An ambulance was called and the doctor on site declared Mrs. Aastha Singh dead. Body was taken for further medical examination. The crime scene was sealed and everyone was asked to move out from the place of crime.

On investigating bed room number 1, some medicines were recovered from the room side-table, a used syringe was recovered near the body; a medicine bottle of Epinephrine was also recovered near the body and seized. On 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, I received the medical examination report in which the cause of death was reported to be overdose of drugs administered through veins.

On examining Accused-1 and his neighbor, Mrs. Mishra, we found that Accused-1 was involved in an extra marital affair with one Ms. Avantika Rana (Accused-2), who was later found to be a cardiologist in Synergy Government Hospital at Dehradun. The relationship between Accused-1 and the deceased was strained because of his extra marital affair with Accused-2. Accused-1 was



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asking for divorce to which the deceased continuously refused. PW-1 stated many incidents of quarrel, exchange of heated arguments and physical violence in their house which she heard from inside her home.

During further investigations I found a personal diary of the deceased from the drawer of the bedroom-side table. On interrogating further, PW-1 stated that she saw a black car outside Accused-1's house a few hours just before the murder, which was later traced to be as one belonging to Accused-2.

Next day, I went to check for the Office entry-exit records. The security guard told me that Accused-2 usually comes to the office in the afternoon and they both go together for lunch in Accused-1's car. An entry in the records, for Mr. Shaurya, was made for 1<sup>st</sup> November. He returned back at around 3 P.M.

On further interrogating Accused-1, he told me that he visited Bercos, situated around 15 minutes from his office, for lunch with Accused-2 in his white Verna car. He also stated that they both went to Accused-1's house to talk to deceased, but it did not work out as the deceased started shouting at Accused-2. Both the accused persons then left the place. Accused-1 stated that she may have committed suicide after the verbal fight, as she had become emotionally fragile.

While talking to Avantika's landlord, he told me that he has seen Shaurya many times and that he knows him well. On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017, both Avantika's and Shaurya's cars were parked outside the landlord's house at 12:45 PM and then they both sat in their cars and drove away at 1:45PM. He also, told me that Avantika came back alone in her own car at around 2:50 PM.



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A valet at Bercos stated that both the Accused visited Bercos on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017 and that he had parked their White Verna car and issued a valet ticket, numbered 892. The Accused-1 came back alone at 2:45 PM and exited from the second exit gate of the building.

After considering all these circumstances, on the basis of prior involvement of A-1 and the presence of A-2 during the death of deceased, I arrested Mr. Shaurya Singh (Accused-1) on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 from his office and Ms. Avantika Rana (Accused-2) from her residence on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. I have charged both the Accused persons under Sections 302, 120B to be read with Section 34 of IPC.

Further, Accused-1 has been separately charged under Sections 192 and 203 of IPC.

**13. Reasons for Conclusion:**

- A. The medical report by the medical examiner does not conclusively determine the cause of death to be suicide.
- B. The report establishes few bruises and a fracture on the shoulder of deceased.
- C. Aastha died by consuming a prescription medicine. No prescription was found.
- D. Aastha was a barrier between Avantika and Shaurya's marriage.
- E. Mrs. Pooja Mishra saw a black Honda City outside Shaurya's house when the incident took place. A same black color Honda City belongs to Avantika.
- F. The date on suicide note appears to be of 9 May 2017. Death took place on 01 November 2017.
- G. List Of Witnesses



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|----|--|------|
| 1. | Mrs. Pooja Mishra, <i>Neighbor &amp; Informant</i>   | PW-1 |
| 2. | Mr. Maryanka Khanna, <i>Close friend of deceased</i> | PW-2 |
| 3. | Mr. Aditya Juneja, <i>Investigating Officer</i>      | PW-3 |
| 4. | Dr. Raghav Bansal, <i>Medical Officer</i>            | PW-4 |
| 5. | Mr. Raghubir Singh, <i>Landlord of Accused-2</i>     | PW-5 |
| 6. | Mr. Shaurya Singh, <i>Accused No. 1</i>              | DW-1 |
| 7. | Ms. Avantika Rana, <i>Accused No. 2</i>              | DW-2 |
| 8. | Mr. Shiv Shambu, <i>Valet at Bercos</i>              | DW-3 |
| 9. | Mr. Lalla Jain, <i>Office guard</i>                  | DW-4 |

Sd/-

SI Aditya Juneja  
Investigating Officer



**LIST OF FACTS ALREADY ESTABLISHED BEFORE THE HONORABLE COURT**

1. That, Shaurya Singh and Avantika Rana went to Shaurya's House on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017.
2. That, Shaurya Singh is indulged in an extra-marital affair with Avantika Rana.
3. That, the ownership of the black colored Honda city car, as shown in Exhibit 13, belongs to Ms. Avantika Rana and the ownership of the White colored Verna car, as shown in Exhibit 13, belongs to Mr. Shaurya Singh.

*(It is for both the parties to adhere to that both the accused persons have given consent to be present in Court as witnesses in the present matter under Section 313 of Code of Criminal Procedure)*