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# Identification of Fabricated Crime Scene and Homicidal Death: Forensic Analysis Reveals the Truth

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**ABSTRACT:** Crime scene inspection and investigation plays a crucial role in the interpretation of modes operandi of crime and relate evidences to the crime and culprit. During the investigation, the criminal cases are solved by investigating the evidences found at the scene of crime using scientific principles. The report released by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs 2021, indicates twenty-four different reasons of murder. Between 2001 and 2017, love affair was on the third place among the top five causes of murder. This paper present a case study of a death case crime scene investigation performed by the authors. A case was registered in Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh state in which the ensanguined dead body of a 65-year-old man was found in suspicious condition on the top of the stair built in the courtyard of his house. Police and forensic team reached at the spot after information. Meticulous investigation of the crime scene, keen observation of evidences, and by the proper interpretation of crime scene dynamics, the authors established the fact that the crime scene was cleverly fabricated and hence a well-planned case of murder was exposed.

**KEYWORDS :** Fake Crime Scene, love affair, Crime Scene investigation, Forensic Science.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Forensic science is an important tool for crime investigation, in which the investigation starts from the crime scene, where the evidences are collected and analysed using scientific methods and principles [1]-[4]. In most of the countries in the world, the rate of murder is increasing as compared to earlier. In India too, there has been an increase in murder cases in the last two year. According to the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, India, total 29193 murder cases have been registered in 2020, which leads to %lgrowth rate as compared to 2019 [5]-[6]. Whereas, in 2021, total 29272 murder cases have been registered, which indicates a growth of 0.3% as compared to 2020 [7]. Notably, in the year 2021, 82 murder cases are being registered every day in India .Particularly, in case of Chhattisgarh state as per the NCRB report 2021 indicates that three people are killed per day [7].In all the murder cases registered in India, the crime related to love affair particularly murder cases are increasing day by day. According to the data released by the NCRB from 2001 to 2017, there has been an increase of 28percent in the cases of murder related to love affair [8]. In year 2021, a total of 1566 murders have taken place in India only because of love affair.

## II. CASE DETAILS

In Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh state, a 65 years old man lived with his daughter at his own house. One day, the victim (father) was found dead, lying on the stair in the courtyard of his house in a bloody condition. As per the statement of his daughter, for the last several days, the victim used to abuse her under the influence of alcohol. Therefore, day before the incident, victim's daughter went to sleep at her grandmother's house after being disturbed by her father's abuse. The next day (i.e. on the incident day) morning, she saw her father was dead, and his body was lying on the stair in the courtyard of his house in a suspicious bloody condition.



**III. CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION**

Immediately after the incident, this case was registered in the nearest police station and the field officer of Crime Scene Mobile Unit Kanker (corresponding author while as field officer) was informed by the police for the spot inspection. As soon as the information of the incident was received, we reached the crime spot and inspected the dead body and the scene of the incident in the presence of the concerned police officers and victims relatives. The dead body of the victim was found lying on the stair in the courtyard of his house, in which his right hand was found, bent at the elbow towards the head and the left hand was found wrapped around the curtain of the door. The total length of the stair was found to be 4-meters 82-centimetres and there were 16-steps on the stair. In the upward direction from the ground on the stair, the head of the deceased was found to be on the second number step and his feet were found to be on the sixth number step of the stair (Fig.01). The right leg of the deceased was found trapped by one end of a fishing cast net rope found in the roof top. The presence of mild moss in the staircase and some bricks on the side were found to have fallen down (Fig.02 and Fig. 03). Fresh blood spot was found on the first step of the stair as shown in Fig. 04. Further, by the keen observation of dead body, two wounds caused by some blunt object were found on the head of the deceased above the left forehead and near to the ear (Fig.05 and Fig. 06). After inspecting the courtyard of the house and the dead body, the interior room of the house was examined, where small sized brown dry spots were observed under the sofa placed beside the wooden cot where the person was sleeping. Blood test of these spots with the help of Benzadrine, Hydrogen Peroxide was found to be positive. Thereafter, all the things kept inside the room were removed and the floor was observed. In observation of the floor, it was found that the floor of the house has been mopped (Fig. 07). Observing the cot of the deceased kept inside the room, clear brown spots were visible on the lower part of the cot (Fig. 08) and there seemed to be the presence of speckled brown spots on the wall adjacent to the cot, whose blood test was done with the help of Benzadrine, Hydrogen peroxide. The results were found to be positive. By closely observing the walls, it appeared that an attempt was made to remove the blood stains found on the walls. An underwear was found in the roof top of another house adjacent to the house of the deceased, which was covered with a white paint-like substance, which appeared to be same as white paint on the wall of the room at the victims house (Fig.09). The bloodstained bed sheet of the deceased was recovered outside the house of the deceased, which was told by the daughter of the deceased to be the bed sheet of the victim (Fig.10).



Fig. 01: Position of dead body of victim at crime scene.

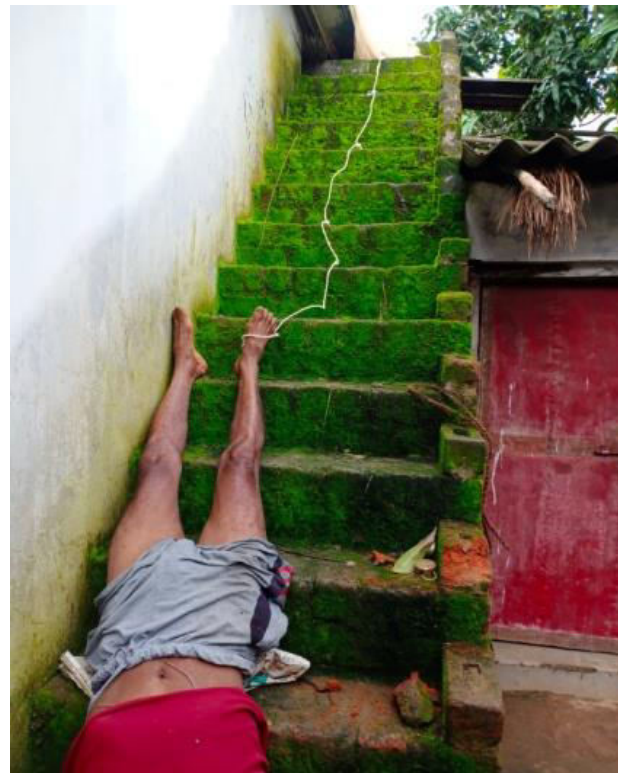


Fig. 02: Right leg of the deceased was found trapped by one end of a fishing cast net rope.



Fig. 03: Crime scene lateral viewwith Body .



Fig. 04: Blood spot found in the first step of stair.



Fig. 05: Wound above forehead.



Fig. 06: Circular wound near to ear.





Fig. 07: Cleaned floor of room.

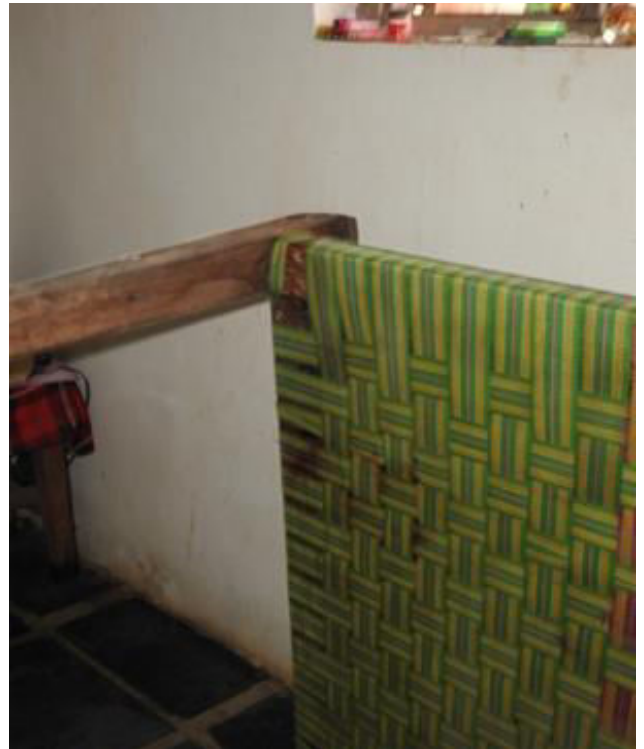


Fig. 08: Brown spots found in the cot of victim.



Fig. 09: White color felt underwear.



Fig. 10: Blood stained bed sheet.



#### IV. DISCUSSIONS

In most cases of murder due to love affair, the culprits are blood relatives or close relatives of the victim. In such situations, cases like murder are coming to the fore when there is a debate on getting information or information about a love affair. In this case, the victim's daughter and her boyfriend were the only persons who saw the victim alive last time. Hence, as per the evidences found at the crime scene, this case was established as a murder case and therefore deep interrogation of the victim's daughter and her boyfriend was performed. During such interrogation the boyfriend of victim's daughter admitted the murder and described the crime sequence. As per the statement of the boyfriend of victim's daughter, the victim already knew about relationship of his daughter and her boyfriend. On the day of the murder, the victim's daughter and her boyfriend were at home in the evening when victim was abusing both of them. In the evening, her daughter went to sleep at her grandmother's house and her boyfriend went to his house. According to statement of boyfriend of victim's daughter, at night, he brought an iron rod from his house and kept hitting the victim on the head while he was sleeping on the bed until he died. After wiping the blood splatter on the wall and the floor with a cloth and throwing out the bed sheet lying on the bed of the deceased, he just dragged the deceased to the top of the stair and put the cast net rope in the right leg of the dead body. Finally, he ran away from there by creating a fake crime scene so that people would think that while coming down from the roof, the victim's leg was stuck in the rope of cast net and due to light moss in the stairs, victim slipped and fell down and died. The main incident site was found to be the room of the deceased from where the deceased was dragged and kept in the stairs.

#### V. AUTOPSY REPORT FINDINGS

According to autopsy report the death is due to coma due to head injury and nature of death is homicidal.

#### VI. CONCLUSIONS

Crime scene is one of the main sources of information gathering in criminal cases. After observing the crime scene, the investigator expresses possibilities by preparing a framework, based on that further investigation proceeds. In this case, the case was revealed based on critical analysis of crime scene, forensic findings, autopsy report and other information, after which the accused was interrogated and he accepted his crime.

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