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CASE SYNOPSIS

- ✓ Informant “A” is the owner of “ABC Jewellers” situated at Boring Road, Patna.
- ✓ A’s residential house “A Niketan” is situated in Patliputra Colony, Patna.
- ✓ Accused “X” works as a staff member in A’s shop.
- ✓ With the assistance of his employee X, A moved some gold and silver ornaments from the shop to his house on 10.03.2024 (Sunday) because the shop needed maintenance.
- ✓ On 11.03.2024 (Monday), when A reached his shop at the usual time 10:30 AM, he discovered that X was on leave without any intimation. A tried to contact X over mobile phone but X’s mobile was switched off.
- ✓ At around 12:30 PM, A received call from his house’s landline, with his maid “Y” informing him about commission of crime at his house. A immediately rushed to his house. On reaching there, A found that his wife “B” and daughter “C” are lying injured.
- ✓ B told A that at around 12:00 PM, X accessed the terrace via a ladder and then forced open the terrace door lock to gain entry into the house.
- ✓ After entering the house, X threatened B to hand over the locker keys and on resistance, X attacked B with a sharp knife which caused injury to B’s left palm.
- ✓ A’s 10-year-old daughter, “C”, attempted to save her mother, B, but X pushed her, causing her to fall.
- ✓ Thereafter, X broke open the locker and stole gold and silver ornaments valued at approximately Rs. 10,00,000 and Rs. 5,00,000 in cash from A’s locker.

- ✓ After the occurrence, **B** and **C** were treated at Government Hospital, Patna.
- ✓ On the basis of Fardbeyan of **A**, FIR has been registered against **X** vide FIR No. 123 of 2024 dated 11.03.2024 under Sections 454, 323, 324 and 380 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 by the Sub Inspector of Patliputra P.S.
- ✓ Necessary investigation was carried out by Investigating Officer “**D**”. Site plan was prepared and statements of Prosecution Witnesses were recorded under Section 161 of the Cr.P.C.
- ✓ Later, **X** was arrested by the Police during the course of investigation.
- ✓ **D** secured police custody of **X** from the Court.
- ✓ During interrogation, **X** made a disclosure statement which led to the recovery of stolen ornaments and cash from a vessel kept in **X**'s house.
- ✓ Accordingly, Panchanama was prepared in the presence of witnesses.
- ✓ Weapon of crime i.e., knife was not recovered.
- ✓ In the meantime, Doctor examined the injured victims **B** and **C**.
- ✓ After thorough investigation, Final Report under Section 173 of Cr.P.C was prepared and Chargesheet was filed in the Court against the accused **X** for the offences under Section 454, 323, 324 and 380 I.P.C.
- ✓ Compliance of Section 207 Cr.P.C was done in the matter.
- ✓ Cognizance was taken and Charges were framed by the Trial Court against **X** under Sections 454, 323, 324 and 380 I.P.C and read over to the accused **X** to which he pleaded not guilty and claimed to be tried.
- ✓ Prosecution witnesses were examined. Statement of accused under Section 313 Cr.P.C was also recorded. Accused did not lead evidence in defence.
- ✓ Final arguments were heard.
- ✓ Case is now fixed for Judgment.