

PW-3. Statement of Sh. Surinder Singh, aged 41 years son of Sh. Jeet Singh, resident of VPO Dulehar, Tehsil Haroli, District Una, HP.

**On S.A.
12.12.2025**

Stated that I am running a sweet shop near rain shelter at Laluwal.

2. On 12.04.2023 Rajesh Kumar and Jarnail Singh were in my shop. The police brought Vishal Sahota, one of the accused present in the court in my shop. The accused Vishal Sahota gave identification of one water bottle without wrapper which he had kept behind curtain in my shop on 06.04.2023. On 06.04.2023 accused Vishal Sahota alongwith Gagan the other accused present in the court had come to my shop for having tea. The accused Vishal Sahota told the police that after committing murder they had tea in my shop. The police placed the water bottle in a carton box and sealed the same in a cloth parcel with six seals of PP and handed over the seal to me. The police retained seal impressions on a piece of cloth Exhibit P5/PW3 which bears my signatures in red circle A. The sample seal was also signed by Rajesh Kumar, Jarnail Singh and accused Vishal. The police took the sealed cloth parcel into possession vide memo Exhibit P6/PW3 which was signed by me, Rajesh Kumar, Jarnail Singh and accused Vishal. My signatures thereon are in red circle A.

3. At this stage, learned Public Prosecutor produced one cloth parcel sealed with two seals of BIO&SERO and five seals of PP brought by Constable Om Parkash, 188 , Police Station,

haroli vide Rapat No. 15 mark 3 and sought permission to open the cloth parcel. Seals are intact. Permission granted.

4. Cloth parcel Ext. MO2 is opened after breaking all the seals. On opening the cloth parcel Ext. MO2, one box Ext. MO3 is taken out. On opening the box, one empty plastic water bottle of Kinley without wrapper Ext. MO4 is taken out and shown to the witness, who identified the same in the court. The witness also identify his signatures on parcel Ext.MO2 in red circle A.

XXXXX By Sh. Parveen Chaudhary, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence counsel for accused xxxxx

5. It is correct that many shops and quarters exist at Laluwal bus stand. It is correct that many customers used to visit my shop daily. It is correct that my shop used to remain open on Sunday. About 200 customers used to visit my shop daily. I used to sit on counter of my shop. About 4-5 tables have been kept in my shop. My workers used to prepare sweets in a separate room adjoining to my shop. It is correct that bottles like bottle Ext. MO4 are commonly found in sweet and other confectionery shops. I also used to sell water bottles like water bottle Ext. MO4 to my customers. It is correct that CCTV camers have been installed in the shops at Laluwal bus stand. No CCTV camera however is installed in my shop. I cannot say that cameras installed on opposite side used to cover my shop as well. Self stated that no CCTV camera has been installed opposite to my shop. My shop consists of two rooms, in one room sweets are prepared and in other room sitting arrangements for me and my customer have been

made. Rajesh and Jarnail were in my shop. The police had come to my shop after 2:00 p.m. The police had not recorded statement of accused Vishal Sahota in my presence. It is correct that my shop is cleaned daily. None except abovestated things were disclosed to the police in my presence. I do not know the name of the police official who had kept the bottle in the box. However, the accused himself had lifted the bottle. I had disclosed the police that the accused had kept the bottle behind the curtain. Confronted with portion A to A of statement of the witnesses recorded under Section 161 Cr. PC Exhibit P7/PW3 (subject to proof), wherein it has been recorded that the bottle was lying adjacent to the curtain. I cannot say as to how long the police stayed in my shop. I cannot recollect as to which day was on that day. It is correct that I was attending my customers as well. Police had left before getting dark. Parcel Ext. MO2 was prepared in my shop. I do not know the name of the official who had prepared the parcel. The seal was made of iron and it was circular in shape. I lost the seal when my shop was renovated. I did not lodge any report qua the same with the police. I had not appeared as prosecution witness earlier. It is incorrect that I was not associated with the investigation nor police visited my shop on 12.04.2023 nor police interrogated accused Vishal nor he disclosed abovestated things nor gave identification as aforesaid. It is incorrect that the accused Vishal Sahota did not get any bottle recovered. It is incorrect that seal after use

was not handed over to me. It is incorrect that I am deposing falsely at the instance of police.

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Statement of Sh. Bhairav Negi, Public Prosecutor for the State.

Without oath
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Stated that I give up PW Rajesh Kumar cited at Sr. No. 18 in the list of witnesses being repetitive in nature.

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