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10. | State of Bihar v. Rajballav Prasad @ Rajballav Pd. Yadav @ Rajballabh Yadav (2017) 2 SCC 178

[The court should adopt a liberal approach and properly balance individual liberty vs. social interest. The prime consideration for any trial to be called fair is when the witness feels protected for free, frank, and fearless deposition.]

11. Pooja Pal v. Union of India and others (2016) 3 SCC 135

[The extraordinary power of constitutional courts in directing CBI to conduct investigation in a case must be exercised sparingly, cautiously and in exceptional situations, when it is necessary to provide credibility and instil confidence in investigation or where incident may have national or international ramifications or where such order may be necessary for doing complete justice and for enforcing fundamental rights.]

12. State of NCT v. Shiv Kumar Yadav (2016) 2 SCC 402

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13. Bablu Kumar v. State of Bihar (2015) 8 SCC 787

[It is the duty of the court to see that neither prosecution nor the accused play truancy with criminal trial or corrode the sanctity of the proceeding. The court cannot be the silent spectator or mute observer.]

14. Vinod Kumar v. State of Punjab (2015) 3 SCC 220

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15. State of Himachal Pradesh v. Raj Kumar (2014) 14 SCC 39

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16. State of Gujarat v. Kishanbhai (2014) 5 SCC 108

[Every acquittal should be understood as a failure of the justice delivery system, in serving the cause of justice. Likewise, every acquittal should ordinarily lead to the inference, that an innocent person was wrongfully prosecuted. It is therefore essential that every state should put in place a procedural mechanism that would ensure that the cause of justice is served.]

17. Hardeep Singh and others v. State of Punjab (2014) 3 SCC 92

[Constructive and purposive interpretations should be adopted so as to advance the object and cause of justice. The concept of a fair trial is based on the doctrine *judex damnatur cum nocens absolvitur* (judge is condemned when guilty is acquitted). The real culprit should not get away unpunished.]

18. Dharam Pal and others v. State of Haryana (2014) 3 SCC 306

[Even without recording evidence, upon committal under section 209 CrPc, the session Judge may summon those persons shown in column 2 of the police report to stand trial along with that already named therein.]

- 19. Sarah Mathew v. Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases by its Director, Dr. K. M. Cherian (2014) 2 SCC 62 [Date relevant for the computation of period of limitation under, held is the date when criminal complaint is filed or date of institution of prosecution/criminal proceedings, and not the date when a court/magistrate takes cognizance.]
- 20. Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab @ Abu Mujahid v. State of Maharashtra (2012) 9 SCC 1

[The right to free legal services is, therefore, clearly an essential ingredient of "reasonable, fair and just", procedure for a person accused of an offence and it must be held implicit in the guarantee of Article 21. This is a constitutional right of every accused person who is unable to engage a lawyer and secure legal services on account of reasons such as poverty, indigence or incommunicado situation and the State is under a mandate to provide a lawyer to an accused person if the circumstances of the case and the needs of justice so require, provided of course the accused person does not object to the provision of such lawyer.]

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[While appreciating the evidence of a witness, the approach must be to assess whether the evidence of a witness read as a whole appears to be truthful. Once the impression is formed, it is necessary for the court to evaluate the evidence and the alleged discrepancies and then, to find out whether it is against the general tenor of the prosecution case. If the evidence of eye witness is found to be credible and trustworthy, minor discrepancies which do not affect the core of the prosecution case, cannot be made a ground to doubt the trustworthiness of the witness. Observing that minor discrepancies and inconsistent version do not necessarily demolish the prosecution case if it is otherwise found to be creditworthy.]

7. State of Himachal Pradesh v. Raj Kumar, 2018 (2) SCC 69

[It is well settled that in a case based on circumstantial evidence, the circumstances from which an inference of guilt is sought to be drawn must be cogently and firmly established and that those circumstances must be conclusive in nature unerringly pointing towards the guilt of the accused. Moreover all the circumstances taken cumulatively should form a complete chain and there should be no gap left in the chain of evidence. Further the proved circumstances must be consistent only with the hypothesis of the guilt of the Accused and totally inconsistent with his innocence.]

8. State of Andhra Pradesh v. Pullagummi Kasi Reddy Krishna Reddy @ Rama Krishna Reddy and others, 2018 (7) SCC 623

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9. Suresh and Another v. State of Haryana (2018) 18 SCC 654

[Extra Judicial Confession cannot be the sole basis of conviction and cannot be relied on when surrounding circumstances are improbable and create suspicion. It is a weak piece of evidence and the court needs to consider whether other circumstances prove the prosecution case.]

10. Krishnegowda v. State of Karnataka, 2017 (13) SCC 98

[The guilt of the Accused has to be proved beyond reasonable doubt and this is a classic case where at each and every stage of the trial, there were lapses on the part of investigating agency and the evidence of the witnesses is not trustworthy which can never be a basis for conviction. The basic principle of criminal jurisprudence is that the Accused is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is proved beyond reasonable doubt.]

11. Sudha Renukaiah v. State of Andhra Pradesh, 2017 (13) SCC 81

[Mere non-showing of the weapons to the Doctors at the time of their depositions in the Court is inconsequential and in no manner weakens the prosecution case. Some discrepancies referred by the Trial Court in the statements of eye-witnesses were inconsequential. The eye-witnesses after lapse of time cannot give picture perfect report of the injuries caused by each Accused and the minor inconsistencies were inconsequential.]

12. Mukesh v. State (NCT of Delhi), 2017 (6) SCC 1

[The evidence of a witness is not to be disbelieved simply because he is a partisan witness or related to the prosecution. It is to be weighed whether he was present or not and whether he is telling the truth or not. The evidence of an injured witness is entitled to a greater weight and the testimony of such a witness is considered to be beyond reproach and reliable. Firm, cogent and convincing ground is required to discard the evidence of an injured witness. It is to be kept in mind that the evidentiary value of an injured witness carries great weight.]

13. Bhagwan Jagannath Markad and others v. State of Maharashtra, (2016) 10 SCC 537

[It is accepted principle of criminal jurisprudence that the burden of proof is always on the prosecution and the accused is presumed to be innocent unless proved guilty. The prosecution has to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt and the accused is entitled to the benefit of the reasonable doubt. The reasonable doubt is one which occurs to a prudent and reasonable man. A witness being a close relative is not enough to reject his testimony if it is otherwise credible. Exaggerated to the rule of benefit of doubt can result in miscarriage of justice. Letting the guilty escape is not doing justice. A Judge presides over the trial not only to ensure that no innocent is punished but also to see that guilty does not escape.]

14. Pawan Kumar v. State of Uttar Pradesh, 2015 (7) SCC 148

[When a witness is examined at length it is quite possible for him to make some discrepancies. No true witness can possibly escape from making some discrepant details. But Courts should bear in mind that it is only when discrepancies in the evidence of a witness are so incompatible with the credibility of his version that the Court is justified in jettisoning his evidence.]

15. Shanmughan v. State of Kerala (2012) 2 SCC 788

[When a case is sought to be proved by the prosecution on basis of circumstantial evidence, the burden on the prosecution is that it must prove each circumstance in such a way as to complete the chain and at the same time it should be consistent with the guilt of the accused. Any reasonable doubt in proving circumstances must be resolved in favour of the accused and he must be given the benefit of any fact or circumstances which is consistent with his innocence, which is to be presumed unless the contrary is proved by the chain of circumstances.]

16. Darbara Singh v. State of Punjab, 2012 (10) SCC 476

Motive in criminal cases based solely on the positive, clear, cogent and reliable ocular testimony of vitnesses is not at all relevant. In such a fact-situation, the mere absence of a strong motive to commit he crime, cannot be of any assistance to the accused. The motive behind a crime is a relevant fact egarding which evidence may be led. The absence of motive is also a circumstance which may be elevant for assessing evidence]

17. Kulvinder Singh and Another v. State of Haryana (2011) 5 SCC 258

[Conviction of accused is generally based solely on oral or documentary evidence but in exceptional cases can be based solely on circumstantial evidence too.]

18. Noor Aga v. State of Punjab and Another, (2008) 16 SCC 417

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19. Trimukh Maroti Kirkan v. State of Maharashtra (2006) 10 SCC 681

[Where prosecution succeeds in leading evidence to show that either the husband and the wife were last seen together or the offence was committed in the dwelling house, where the husband also resided, and if the accused husband offers no explanation as to the injuries received by his wife, of if the explanation is false, then there is a strong circumstance which indicates that he committed the crime. Conviction can be based solely on the circumstantial evidence.]

20. | Subhash Chand v. State of Rajasthan (2002) 1 SCC 702

[In a case based on circumstantial evidence, the circumstances from which the conclusion of guilt is to be drawn have not only to be fully established but also that all the circumstances so established should be of a conclusive nature and consistent only with the hypothesis of the guilt of the accused. Those circumstances should not be capable of being explained by any other hypothesis except the guilt of the accused and the chain of the evidence must be so complete as not to leave any reasonable ground for the belief consistent with the innocence of the accused. It needs no reminder that legally established circumstances and not merely indignation of the court can form the basis of conviction and the more serious the crime, the greater should be the care taken to scrutinize the evidence lest suspicion takes the place of proof.]

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[The lapse or omission (purposeful or otherwise) to carry out DNA profiling, by itself, cannot be permitted to decide the fate of a trial for the offence of rape especially, when it is combined with the commission of the offence of murder - Even if such a flaw had occurred in the investigation in a given case, the Court has still a duty to

consider whether the materials and evidence available on record before it, is enough and cogent to prove the case of the Prosecution.]

8. | Hari Om Alian Hero v. State of Uttar Pradesh (2021) 4 SCC 345

[In absence of any other reliable incriminatory materials, the evidence of child witness could not be made the basis to convict appellant. Further, opinion of fingerprint expert is not substantive evidence and such opinion can only be used to corroborate some items of substantive evidence which are otherwise on record.]

9. Pattu Rajan v. State of Tamil Nadu (2019) 4 SCC 771

[It is further held that the probative value accorded to DNA evidence, like all other opinion evidence, also varies from case to case, depending on facts and circumstances and the weight accorded to other evidence on record, whether contrary or corroborative. Thus, it cannot be said that the absence of DNA evidence would lead to an adverse inference against a party, especially in the presence of other cogent and reliable evidence on record in favour of such party.]

10. Chennadi Japapathi Reddy v. Baddam Pratapa Reddy (2019) 14 SCC 220

[A court must be cautious while evaluating expert evidence, which is a weak type of evidence and not substantive in nature it may not be safe to solely rely upon such evidence, and the Court may seek independent and reliable corroboration in the facts of a given case. Generally, mere expert evidence as to a fact is not regarded as conclusive proof of it.]

11. Rajendra Pralhadrao Wasnik v. State of Maharashtra (2019) 12 SCC 460

[DNA profiling is an extremely accurate way to compare a suspect's DNA with crime scene specimens, victim's DNA on the blood-stained clothes of the accused or other articles recovered, DNA testing can make a virtually positive identification when the two samples match. A DNA finger print is identical for every part of the body, whether it is the blood, saliva, brain, kidney or foot on any part of the body. It cannot be changed; it will be identical no matter what is done to a body. Even relatively minute quantities of blood, saliva or semen at a crime scene or on clothes can yield sufficient material for analysis. The Experts opine that the identification is almost hundred per cent precise. Using this i.e. chemical structure of genetic information by generating DNA profile of the individual, identification of an individual is done like in the traditional method of identifying finger prints of offenders.]

12. S.P.S. Rathore v. Central Bureau of Investigation& Another (2017) 5 SCC 817

[It is not essential that the handwriting expert must be examined in a case to prove or disprove the disputed writing. It is opinion evidence and it can rarely, If ever, take the place of substantive evidence. It is thus clear, that uncorroborated evidence of a handwriting expert is an extremely weak type of evidence and the same should not be relied upon either for the conviction or for acquittal.]

13. Machindra v. Sajjan Gafla Rankhamb & other (2017) 13 SCC 491

[Where medical evidence is such that it does not give any clear opinion with respect to injuries inflicted on body of victim or deceased, as the case may be, possibilities that injuries might have been caused by accused are also ruled out. such medical evidence is very important to assess the testimonies of eyewitness and whether they can be accepted or not.]

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11.	Joseph Shine v. Union of India, (2018) 2 SCC 189 [The court stated that are not making law or legislating but only stating that a particular act, i.e., adultery does not fit into the concept of a crime. If it is treated as a crime, there would be immense intrusion into the extreme privacy of the matrimonial sphere.]
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