

Marria to challenge lower court ruling on her confession

A [Mumbai](#) court Tuesday allowed actress Marria Monica Susayraj time to appeal to the Bombay High Court against its earlier refusal to let her see a copy of her confessional statement about her involvement in the murder of television executive Neeraj Gorver. Marria is a co-accused in the May 7 murder of Grover in her apartment.

Additional sessions judge P.H. Mali, while allowing the Kannada starlet's lawyer Nitin Pradhan time to appeal in the higher court, posted the next hearing to July 7.

Pradhan told IANS Tuesday evening that the lower court rejected his client's plea to be shown the copy of her confessional statement.

He said that the judge ruled that his client would be entitled to the copy of the confessional statement at the trial stage and not now. Marria will challenge this before the high court next week.

On May 7, Marria, a Kannada film actress, along with her boyfriend M.L. Jerome Mathew, a naval officer based in Kochi, allegedly killed Grover, a television creative executive, at her flat in Malad, north-west suburb.

The duo later chopped the body into over 300 pieces, stuffed these in two sports bags and attempted to destroy the evidence by burning it in the dense forests of Manor, in adjacent Thane district.

Grover was earlier employed with Ekta Kapoor's Balaji Telefilms Ltd as a creative head and later set up his own production company.

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