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Agra Court Rejects Bail in Alleged Dowry and Religious-Abuse Case

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A picture of body of Varsha Raghuvanshi, clicked on 12 November 2021

CASE SUMMARY

Death	A woman who had married the previous year was found dead on 12 November 2021.
Police case	Shahganj police booked her husband and two of his relatives under provisions covering dowry harassment, dowry death and religious offences.
Family's allegations	Her brother said she told him her in-laws demanded a car and Rs 5 lakh, pressured her to handle and eat meat, and used a religious slur against her.
Defence account	Defence counsel said the husband lived separately from his family and the two bail applicants were outside Agra on the day of the death.
Bail ruling	The Agra district court rejected the father-in-law's and brother-in-law's bail pleas after describing the case as serious and hate-inspired.

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