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Killed Over Sacrilege: Balwinder Kaur's Son Defends Her Death

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A view of the Ramdasia gurudwara in village Ghawaddi, Ludhiana

CASE SUMMARY

Location	Ghawaddi village, Ludhiana district, Punjab
Torn scripture pages	Her son recalled that in October 2015 she told him someone had torn pages from the Guru Granth Sahib at the local gurudwara.
Police charges	She was booked under IPC sections 295A and 34. The granthi was booked separately over the disappearance of evidence.
Release on bail	After her release in December 2015, the family arranged for her to stay with relatives in Ludhiana.
Fatal shooting	She was shot dead in July 2016.

THE TAKEAWAY

The July 2016 shooting of a woman accused of tearing pages from the Guru Granth Sahib was one of four killings in Punjab that the author links to accusations of sacrilege.

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