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Scheduled Castes Commission Challenges Amethi Police Over Assault Charges

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CASE SUMMARY

Alleged assault	In Amethi, a Dalit woman was allegedly molested and threatened with forced conversion at work. Her husband was beaten when he intervened.
Initial FIR on 21 June	Police booked four men under the IPC and the SC/ST Act.
Arrest stay on 2 July	The High Court stayed the arrest of two accused because the charges carried sentences of less than seven years.
Commission finding on 18 July	The National Commission for Scheduled Castes chairman said police used weak charges, enabling two accused to obtain a stay on arrest.
Supplementary FIR on 19 July	Police identified six more accused from videos and added charges including rioting and criminal intimidation.

THE TAKEAWAY

After the commission challenged the initial charges, Amethi police named six more accused, but the husband said his allegation of attempted murder was still being ignored.

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