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Crime Branch records statement of victim who saw the 26/11 terrorists 2 days before

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The Crime Branch on Friday recorded the statement of Colaba resident Anamika Gupta who has, all along, been telling everyone who cared to listen that she had seen the 26/11 terrorists two days before the attack. Anamika was shot three times in the stomach while dining at Leopold's on November 26. According to her, the man who shot her was the same 'chikna' she'd been eyeing the night before the attack.

Anamika, an inveterate partygoer, lives at Colaba Market with a friend. They often go out late at night to buy cigarettes. The only place open at 2 am is a stall outside Delhi Durbar opposite Regal. Normally, Anamika and her friends take a cab there and come back in the same taxi, not even getting down while one of them buys cigarettes. But on the night of November 25, Anamika got down.

"I wanted to have a good look at the guys who were also buying cigarettes from the same stall," Anamika said. "I had seen them in Colaba a day earlier too. Apart from their good looks, their motorbikes fascinated me. There were four of them on two bikes, one black, one red. They were the best bikes I'd ever seen; they men looked like rockstars!"

Anamika recalls telling her taxi driver to slow down and let the bikes overtake them that night. "I saw the boys go into the lane leading to Nariman House, right up to the gate," she says. "I assumed these boys were staying there."

The next night, Anamika with her friends Rasika Sawant, Sarika Upadhyaya and Meenakshi, were dining at Leopold's, one of their regular haunts. Opposite her table having a beer was the same guy she had seen the previous night. "I remember telling Rasika how handsome he was. He was wearing a beige shirt and blue cargos."

Within minutes, she saw the same guy fire bullets at Leopold's, three of which hit

her. All her friends were also hurt in the attack. Anamika approached the Colaba Police Station after she was shot, but she says they turned her away. She then decided she wouldn't go to them to relate her story.

However, she has told her story to many from the media, to no avail. Anamika was interviewed last week by Lemon TV on the RKB show where she repeated the story. Finally, the Crime Branch contacted her for her statement.

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