

# THE HAUNTING



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No one stayed there after sunset.

Not anymore.

The old Verma Bungalow, on the edge of Ravenport, had been abandoned for years. Locals claimed they heard whispers at night... footsteps in empty halls... and shadows that didn't belong to anyone.

Most called it a ghost story.

Until the night someone died.

## The Incident

Victim: Rohit Sinha, 22, a college student.

Found: Inside the bungalow's main hall.

Cause of death: Cardiac arrest.

No injuries.

No poison.

No signs of struggle.

Just a terrified expression frozen on his face.

## The Rumors

Witnesses said:

Lights flickered inside the house

Windows slammed shut on their own

A voice whispered: “Leave..”

Even the police were hesitant.

But Detective Arjun Mehta?

He didn't believe in ghosts.

Inside the Bungalow

The air was cold.

Too cold.

Arjun stepped inside, his flashlight cutting through layers of  
dust.

The furniture was covered.

The walls cracked.

And yet...

The floor near the hall was clean.

Recently cleaned.

## Clue #1

Near the victim's body, Arjun found a small device.

A hidden speaker.

## Clue #2

Upstairs, in a locked room, he discovered wires running through the walls.

Connected to:

Speakers

Flickering light controls

Window mechanisms

## The Setup

This wasn't haunting.

This was engineering.

Someone had turned the bungalow into a fear machine.

## The Suspects

Only two people had reason to be here:

Mr. Verma – the original owner, recently trying to sell the  
property

Sameer Roy – a local YouTuber known for making “haunted  
exploration” videos

### The Twist Begins

Sameer admitted:

“I installed some effects... for content. Just for videos!”

“But I never meant to hurt anyone!”

But Something Didn't Fit

“If it was just for videos,” Arjun said,  
“why hide the equipment so professionally?”

Sameer went silent.

## Final Clue

Arjun checked Rohit's phone.

Last search before death:

“Is Verma Bungalow fake haunted?”

## The Truth

Rohit had discovered the truth.

He came to expose it.

But he wasn't supposed to find everything.

## Final Confrontation

Arjun turned to Mr. Verma.

“You wanted to sell the house,” he said calmly.

“But no one would buy a ‘haunted’ place.”

“So you created fear.. then planned to reveal it as fake.”

“Drive attention. Increase value.”

“But Rohit found out early.”

Mr. Verma’s face went pale.

“He panicked,” Arjun continued.

“The extreme fear.. the sounds.. the darkness..”

“For someone with a weak heart..”

“It was enough.”

Ending

As the police sealed the bungalow, the whispers finally  
stopped.

No ghosts.

No spirits.

Just wires, speakers... and human greed.

Arjun looked back one last time.

“Sometimes,” he said quietly,  
“the scariest things aren’t supernatural...”

“They’re planned.”