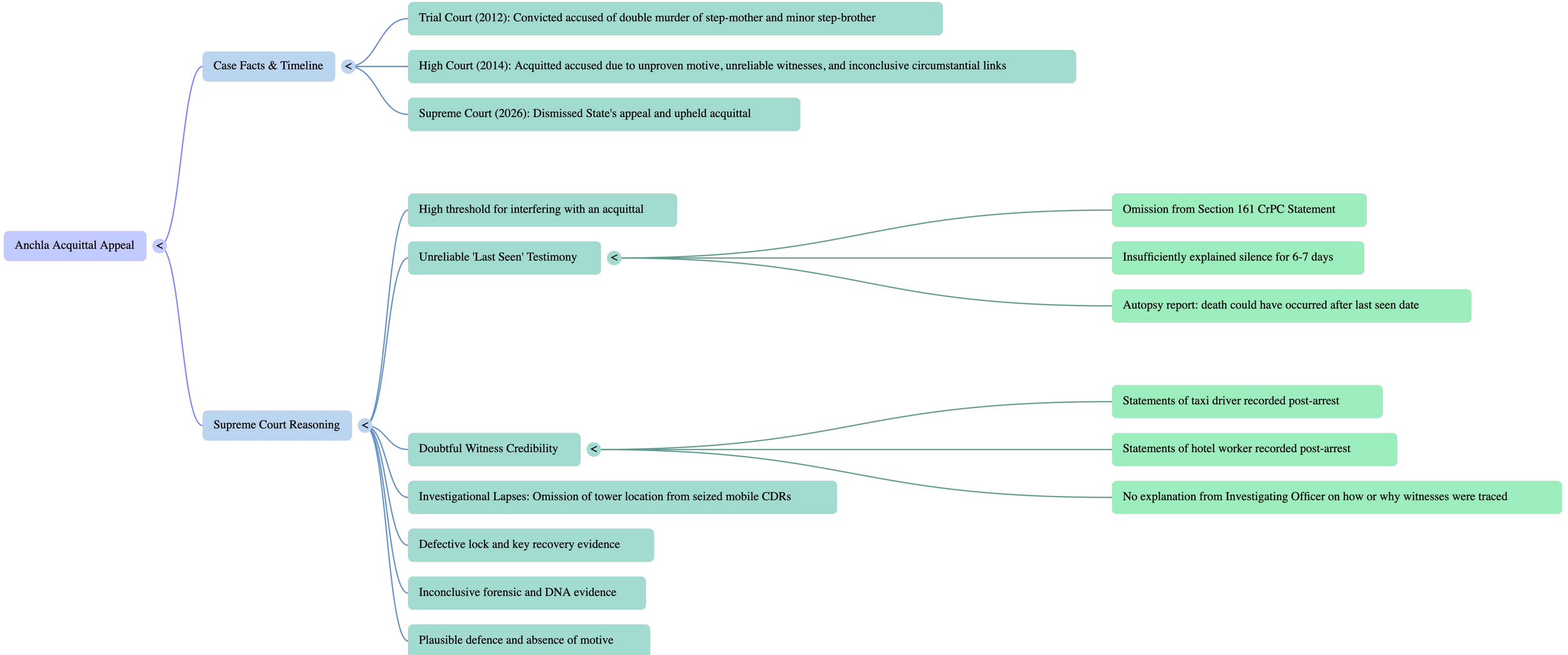
Anchla Acquittal Appeal
Case Facts & Timeline
Trial Court (2012): Convicted accused of double murder of step-mother and minor step-brother
High Court (2014): Acquitted accused due to unproven motive, unreliable witnesses, and inconclusive circumstantial links
Supreme Court (2026): Dismissed State's appeal and upheld acquittal
Supreme Court Reasoning
High threshold for interfering with an acquittal
Unreliable 'Last Seen' Testimony
Omission from Section 161 CrPC Statement
Insufficiently explained silence for 6-7 days
Autopsy report: death could have occurred after last seen date
Doubtful Witness Credibility
Statements of taxi driver recorded post-arrest
Statements of hotel worker recorded post-arrest
No explanation from Investigating Officer on how or why witnesses were traced
Investigational Lapses: Omission of tower location from seized mobile CDRs
Defective lock and key recovery evidence
Inconclusive forensic and DNA evidence
Plausible defence and absence of motive