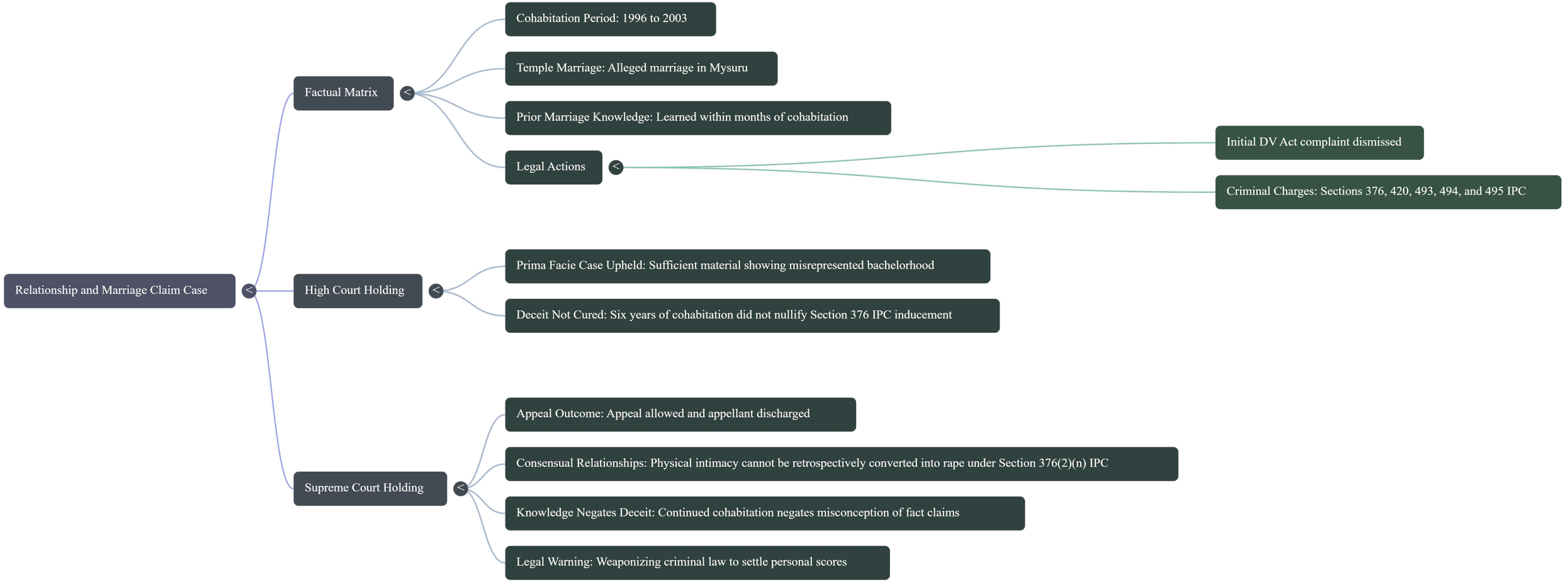

Relationship and Marriage Claim Case
Factual Matrix
Cohabitation Period: 1996 to 2003
Temple Marriage: Alleged marriage in Mysuru
Prior Marriage Knowledge: Learned within months of cohabitation
Legal Actions
Initial DV Act complaint dismissed
Criminal Charges: Sections 376, 420, 493, 494, and 495 IPC
High Court Holding
Prima Facie Case Upheld: Sufficient material showing misrepresented bachelorhood
Deceit Not Cured: Six years of cohabitation did not nullify Section 376 IPC inducement
Supreme Court Holding
Appeal Outcome: Appeal allowed and appellant discharged
Consensual Relationships: Physical intimacy cannot be retrospectively converted into rape under Section 376(2)(n) IPC
Knowledge Negates Deceit: Continued cohabitation negates misconception of fact claims
Legal Warning: Weaponizing criminal law to settle personal scores