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NC: 2026:KHC:38699
CRL.P No. 9528 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 9528 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. DARSHAN @ SRINIVASA R
S/O. SRI. RAVI,
AGED ABOUT 22 YEARS,

2. SMT. RATHNA
W/O. SRI. PRAKASH,
AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS,

PETITIONERS 1 AND 2 ARE RESIDING AT
HEMMEIGEPURA VILLAGE,
CHOODENAPURA, BENGALURU - 560 060.

3. SRI. PRAKASH M.R.
S/O. SRI. RAMAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
RESIDENTS OF NO. 104,
CAUVERY 'B' BLOCK, MYLASANDRA,
KENGARI, BENGALURU - 560 060.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. ABHINAV ANAND K, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY S.H.O. OF GUNDLUPETE P.S.,

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by
SHARADAVANI
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Location: High
Court of
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CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT,
REPRESENTED BY
THE LEARNED STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT BUILDINGS,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RANGA SWAMY R, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO GRANT THEM ANTICIPATORY BAIL BY ALLOWING THIS PETITION DIRECTING THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR LD MAGISTRATE HAVING LOCAL JURISDICTION TO RELEASE THEM ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ARREST IN CR NO.146/2026 U/S 108 OF BNS 2023 OF GUNDLUPET POLICE STATION CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT INsofar AS THEY ARE CONCERNED ARRAYED AS ACCUSED NO.3 TO 5 IN THIS CASE.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused Nos.3 to 5 in Crime No.146/2026 registered by Gundlupete Police Station, Chamarajanagara District, for offence punishable under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, is before this Court in this petition filed under



Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.146/2026 was registered by Gundlupete Police Station, Chamarajanagara District, for the aforesaid offences against Lokesh and others based on the first information dated 15.05.2026 received from one Siddaraju, father of deceased Prashanth. Apprehending arrest in the said case, the petitioners had filed Crl.Mis.No.207/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 05.06.2026. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. Perusal of the material on record would go to show that deceased Prashanth was married to accused No.2 Mahalakshmi @ Anju and from the said wedlock they have a child aged about 5 years. In the first information, it is mentioned that accused No.2 had developed illicit relationship with accused No.1 and after coming to know about the same, deceased Prashanth was quarreling with accused No.2 regularly. In spite of advice, accused No.2 had continued her



relationship with accused No.1 and therefore, deceased Prashanth had attempted to commit suicide on 07.04.2026 and he was admitted to the hospital. Even after he was discharged from the hospital, accused No.2 continued her relationship with accused No.1 and therefore, on 15.05.2026 Prashanth had committed suicide by hanging himself, leaving behind a video recording on his mobile phone, stating that the accused named in the FIR were responsible for his death. The allegation as against petitioners who are arrayed as accused Nos.3 to 5 in the first information is that they had instigated and had supported the relationship between accused Nos.1 and 2. Considering the nature of allegations as against accused Nos.3 to 5, I am of the opinion that their prayer for grant of bail needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions.

ORDER

(i) The petition is ***allowed.***

(ii) The respondent – Police or any other police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioner/accused Nos.3 to 5 in Crime No.146/2026 registered



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by Gundlupete Police Station, Chamarajanagara District, for the offence punishable under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

- a) The Petitioners shall appear before the jurisdictional court within 15 days from the date of receipt of the copy of this order and shall execute a personal bond before the concerned Court, for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the likesum to the satisfaction of the court.
- b) Petitioners shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.
- c) Petitioners shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses and they shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.
- d) The petitioners shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE