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NC: 2026:KHC:48207
WP No. 27477 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 27477 OF 2026 (GM-POLICE)

BETWEEN:

SRI M P NATARAJ
S/O MUNIKRISHNAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS,
OCCUPATION. AGRICULTURIST
RESIDING AT KURUBARAHATTI (KURUBARA PETE),
SULIBELE TOWN AND HOBLI,
HOSKOTE TALUK,
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT
PIN CODE-562129.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MD. ABRAR.S. AND
SRI. MOHAN KUMAR H G., ADVOCATES)

AND:

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by SHWETHA
RAGHAVENDRA
Location: HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF HOME,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,
BENGALURU 560001.
2. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
AND SUB-DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE
HOSKOTE SUB-DIVISION,
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562129
3. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
HOSKOTE SUB-DIVISION,
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562129



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4. THE POLICE INSPECTOR
SULIBELE POLICE STATION,
HOSKOTE TALUK,
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562129

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. SARITHA KULKARNI., AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE IMPUNGED ORDER BEARING NO. SDPO/HSK/GC/206/2017 DATED 17-05-2017 PASSED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT/DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE HOSAKOTE SUB-DIVISION BENGALURU DISTRICT PERMITTING 4TH RESPONDENT TO OPEN AND MAINTAIN ROWDY C SHEET AGAINST THE PETITIONER HEREIN PRODUCED AND MARKED AT ANNEXURE -D IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND ETC.

THIS WRIT PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. Learned AGA accepts notice for respondents.
2. The petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:
 - a. *QUASH No. the Impunged order bearing No.SDPO/HSK/GC/206/2017 dated 17-05-2017 passed by the 3rd respondent/Deputy Superintendent of Police Hosakote Sub-division Bengaluru District permitting 4th respondent to open and maintain Rowdy "C" Sheet against the petitioner herein produced and marked at Annexure D in the interest of justice and equity.*
 - b. *QUASH the Impugned order "C" Rowdy sheet dated 17-05-2017 opened with effect from 17-05-2017 and maintained till date Sheet against the petitioner herein produced by the 4th respondent*



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Sulibelle Police Station produced and marked at Annexure-E in the interest of justice and equity.

c. Pass any other order as this Hon'ble Court deems fit, in the facts and circumstances of the case, including the cost of this petition, in the interest of justice and equity.

3. A "C" Rowdy Sheet had been opened against the petitioner in respect to a solitary criminal complaint in Crime No.136 of 2016 for offences under Section 323, 324, 504 and 506 read with Section 34 of the IPC. A charge sheet had been filed; the matter went to trial. Wherein, the petitioner was acquitted on 29.03.2025, despite which the rowdy sheet has continued till date.
4. The submission of learned counsel for the petitioner is that;
 - 4.1. the "C" Rowdy Sheet which had been opened on 17.05.2017, during the pendency of the proceedings in Crime No.136 of 2016 could not have survived or could not have been continued post the acquittal of the petitioner on 29.03.2025 or six (06) months thereafter. There being no other complaint or crime which has been registered against the petitioner.
 - 4.2. The submission of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the name of the petitioner had



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to be deleted from the "C" Rowdy Sheet which had been opened on 17.05.2017.

5. Learned AGA submits that the petitioner is habitually raising disputes and/or filing complaints and it is in that background externment proceedings had also been initiated against the petitioner.
6. For the purpose of opening of a rowdy sheet it is not the complaint filed by the persons whose name is sought to be included in rowdy sheet, which is to be considered, but complaints filed against such a person. Merely because a person were to file a complaint does not mean that a rowdy sheet has to be opened for that reason.
7. The methodology which has been followed by the respondent is contrary to the applicable law. There being no other complaint which had been filed against the petitioner, the opening a rowdy sheet on the basis of a solitary complaint in the year 2017 and even continuing it after the acquittal of the petitioner is contrary to the applicable law.
8. In that view of the matter, this Court passes the following;

ORDER

- i. The writ petition is ***allowed***.



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- ii. A certiorari is issued, the order dated 17.05.2017 passed by a respondent No.3 directing to open the "C" Rowdy Sheet in the name of the petitioner cannot survive post the acquittal of the petitioner as also for the reason that it could not have been opened on a solitary complaint. Hence the said order dated 17.05.2017 at Annexure-D is quashed.
- iii. Consequently, the "C" Rowdy Sheet which has been opened against petitioner on 17.05.2017 at Annexure-E is also quashed.

Sd/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE

SR
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 19