

6- BA 169 of 2018/268 of 2018/ 1159 of 2018
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION No. 169 OF 2018

Maya Bhaskar Sawant	...Applicant
Vs.	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

WITH
BAIL APPLICATION No. 268 OF 2018

Ravindra Motiram Sirsam	...Applicant
Vs.	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

WITH
BAIL APPLICATION No. 1159 OF 2018

Sonam Dattatraya Pawar	...Applicant
Vs.	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Mr. Virendra Kumar Rai a/w. Mr. Imran Sayed i/b. Hulyalkar and Associates for Applicant in BA No. 169 of 2018

Mr. Aniket U. Nikam i/b. Mr. Aashish Satpute for Applicant in BA No. 268 of 2018 and BA No. 1159 of 2018

Mr. S.H. Yadav -APP in BA No. 169 of 2018 and BA No. 268 of 2018
Mr. Prashant Jadhav -APP in BA 1159 of 2018

CORAM : SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV, J.
DATE: JULY 12, 2018

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1. Heard. These are the applications seeking enlargement on bail in Crime No. 286 of 2017 registered at Bhosari Police Station, Pune City for offences punishable under Sections 395, 342, 323, 506 of the Indian Penal Code.
2. It is the case of the prosecution that on 8th July, 2017, Niyamat Ali Kadri lodged a report at the police station alleging therein that on 5th July, 2017 in the midnight, he had received a phone call from Pranali Pawar, who had called him to meet her. There is a subsequent call by Pranali asking him to meet her. Thereafter, she had booked a room in 'Vanraj Lodge' at Alandi, where she had taken the first informant and his friend. Thereafter as per her demand, he had paid Rs.1,500/-. When he came out of the hotel, they had seen four women and one man, who had accosted the first informant and then a demand of Rs.5,00,000/- was made from the first informant by threatening that they would file a report against him for the offence punishable under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code. Thereafter, the Applicant Ravindra Sirsam had snatched Rs.6,000/- from his pocket. Subsequently, he was released.
3. On 8th July, 2017, he had lodged a report to that effect. The supplementary statement of the Complainant was recorded. He had stated that

soon after he came out from the said hotel, they had seen the Applicant in Criminal Application No. 268 of 2018 and Applicant in Application No. 169 of 2018 approaching towards them and upon seeing them, Applicant No.3 had started crying loudly and had complained that she had been raped by the complainant. He subsequently realised that it was a racket and hence, lodged a complaint at the police station. On the basis of which , Crime No. 286 of 2017 was registered at Bhosari Police Station.

4. In the course of investigation, it had transpired that it is a racket of all the three applicants. That they had exposed several respectable people to social obloquy by initially calling upon them and, thereafter, threatening them of rape and extorting huge money. There is incriminating material against the Applicants. The amount of Rs.6,000/- has been recovered from the Applicant Ravindra Sirsam. The Applicant in Criminal Application No. 169 of 2018 was a person, who had called upon the complainant and had laid a trap.

5. In the course of investigation, it had transpired that all the Applicants have earlier trapped several people, whose names are mentioned in the report and they had lodged report under section 376 against those people. Upon realizing that they have been trapped, there are cases registered against the Applicants.

6. In view of the papers of investigation and the police report, the Applicants do not deserve bail. Hence, all the three applications stand rejected. The Learned Sessions Court shall not be influenced by the aforesaid observations at the time of trial.

[SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV, J.]