

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.660 OF 2019

Sou. Anita Sambhaji Dhapkar

.... Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

.... Respondent

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- Mr. Anand S. Salgaonkar for Applicant.
- Mr. S. H. Yadav, APP for the State/Respondent.
- Rohini T. Shewale API, Chinchwad p.stn. and A. R. Shaikh, API, Pimpri p.stn. are present.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

DATE : 11th JUNE, 2019

P.C. :

1. The applicant is seeking anticipatory bail in connection with C.R.No.I 384 of 2018 registered with Chinchwad Police Station under sections 384 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. The F.I.R. is lodged by one Sandeep Shedge. He has mentioned in the FIR that the present applicant was working in the same office, with the first informant. The present applicant was working in House Keeping department. The first informant had received information that she was stealing articles from the office and therefore, she was removed from the job. The applicant,

therefore, held grudge against the first informant Shedge. The applicant herself lodged a complaint at Chinchwad police station on 28/10/2018 on the allegation that first informant in this case has assaulted her and had abused her. It is the case of informant that the applicant was demanding money for withdrawing that case. It is further his case that on 24/11/2018 she was to receive Rs.4000/- at Mahavir Chowk, Chinchwad. On these allegations, the first informant lodged F.I.R. The police officer laid a trap. The police arranged to conduct panchanama when the applicant was to receive money. The first informant produced amount of Rs.4000/-. The numbers of the currency notes were noted. As was decided earlier, first informant went to that place, the applicant accepted Rs.4000/- from him. The raiding party along with panchas went there and on their search it was found that the applicant was having same currency notes of which numbers were noted in the panchanama, earlier. On this basis investigation was conducted. Surprisingly, even after this trap was successfully laid, the present applicant was not arrested. The FIR and the trap was dated 24/11/2018. Though, the applicant was very much available, she

was not arrested. Therefore, after six months it is not justified as to why investigating agency needs to arrest the applicant for the purpose of custodial interrogation. In this view of the matter, anticipatory bail can be granted to the applicant. The affidavits filed by learned APP are taken on record.

3. Hence, the following order :

ORDER

- (i) In the event of arrest of applicant in connection with C.R. No.I 384 of 2018 registered with Chinchwad Police Station, Dist. Pune, the applicant is directed to be released on bail on her furnishing PR bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) Application stands disposed of accordingly.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)