

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 399 OF 2020

Rona Jacob Wilson	 Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra	 Respondent

Mr. Rahul Arote for Applicant.

Mr. Sandesh D. Patil, APP for State/Respondent.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 31st JULY, 2021
(Through Video Conferencing)

P.C. :

1. Learned counsel for the applicant states that, after filing of this application, the N.I.A. has taken over the investigation. He seeks leave to amend to add N.I.A. as a party respondent.

2. Leave to amend is granted for that purpose. Amendment shall be carried out within a period of two weeks from today.

3. Once the N.I.A. is added as a party respondent, the matter will have to be heard by the Division bench. I have already

taken this view in Criminal Bail Application No.2024 of 2021 vide order dated 11/06/2021 based on the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Judgment in the case of *State of Andhra Pradesh, through Inspector General, National Investigation Agency, Vs. Mohd. Hussain @ Salim, as reported in (2014) 1 Supreme Court Cases 258*.

4. In view of this order and the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, office to take steps to place this matter before the Division bench, after the amendment is carried out by adding N.I.A. as a party respondent.

5. The applicant shall furnish second set of application for the purpose of hearing before the Division bench.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)