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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD
BAIL APPLICATION NO.1923 OF 2022**

SUNIL LAXMAN LOKHANDE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Advocate for Applicants : Mr. Nitin Bhavar Patil i/b LLP Advocate And
Legal Consultancy

APP for Respondent/State : Mr. K.S. Patil

Advocate for Complainant/Assist to P.P. : Mr. N.B. Narwade

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**CORAM : S.G. MEHARE, J.
DATED : JANUARY 18, 2023**

PER COURT:-

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant, learned APP for the State and learned counsel for the complainant.
2. The checkered history of the allegations and counter allegations reveals that the applicant and the victim had some relations. Similar conduct of implicating the male in similar crime is at the discredit of the complainant. The paper reveals that they had some money transactions. The report is lodged after six months of the alleged incident. The statement of the assistant of the complainant was also lodged belatedly that raises the suspicious about the said incident. The victim/complainant had also no good past. She was well aware about the applicant.
3. Considering the material on record and the inordinate delay in lodging the FIR, it would be inappropriate to keep the applicant behind the bar. Hence, the following order :

ORDER

- (i) Bail Application is allowed.
- (ii) The applicant, Sunil Laxman Lokhande, be released on bail on executing P.B. and S.B. of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) with one solvent surety in the like amount in connection with Crime No.831 of 2022, registered at Rahuri Police Station, District Ahmednagar for the offence punishable under Section 354, 354-A(2), 363, 364-A, 384, 387, 354-D, 504, 354(D)(1), 354(D) (2), 506, 507 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3/25 of Arms Act, on the conditions that;

- (a) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses.
- (b) The applicant shall not enter the Rahuri Taluka except for trial.
- (c) The applicant shall not threaten the victim or any witness.
- (d) If it is proved that he has misused the liberty granted to him, the learned trial Judge would cancel the bail without reference to this Court.

(S.G. MEHARE, J.)