

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 433 OF 2022

Sanket Bharat Alsundkar

..Applicant

v/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

..Respondents

Ms. Manisha Devkar for the Applicant.

Mr. R.M.Pethe, APP for the State.

Mr. Ganesh Bhujbal for the Respondent no.2.

Mr. K.N.Pakale, police naik from Sangola Police Stn.

CORAM : ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI , J.

DATED : 7th AUGUST, 2023.

P.C.

1. The applicant apprehends arrest in Crime No. 1218 of 2021 registered with Sangola Police Station, Solapur, for offences punishable under Section 143, 147, 148, 324, 354-A, 354-D, 452, 506 r/w. 149 of the Indian Penal Code, and Section 67, 67A and 67B of the Information Technology Act and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. Heard Ms. Manisha Deokar, learned Counsel for the Applicant, Mr. Ganesh Bhujbal, learned Counsel for the Respondent No.2, and Mr. Yadav, learned APP for the State. I have perused the records and considered the submissions advanced by the learned Counsel for the respective parties .

3. The FIR prima facie reveals that the co-accused had sent some whatsapp messages to the minor daughter of the First Informant expressing his love for her. It is alleged that subsequently the co-accused coerced her in sending her semi nude photographs on whatsapp. It is alleged that the co-accused Sanjay, who was working for the first informant had scanned the whatsapp code from the mobile of the victim girl and that he had access to the messages, videos and photographs sent by the victim girl to the co-accused. It is alleged that the co-accused Sanjay forwarded these photographs to the Applicant, who prepared a video and circulated it on social media. It is alleged that on 18.09.2021 at about 8.00 p.m. several others including the applicant herein went to the house of the first informant and assaulted them.

4. By order dated 24th July, 2023, the applicant was granted interim bail considering the age of the applicant and the fact that there was no prima facie material to show that this applicant was in fact involved in preparing the video and circulating the same. It is stated that pursuant to the said order, the applicant has reported to the Investigating Officer and he has been interrogated. The presence of the applicant is not required for custodial interrogation. Under the circumstances, interim bail granted by order dated 24th July, 2023 stands confirmed.

. **Application stands disposed of.**

(ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI, J.)