

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 815 OF 2024

Dattatraya Basavraj Shrigri

..Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

..Respondent

Mr. Vivek N. Arote for Applicant.

Mr. Avinash A. Naik, APP for State/Respondent.

CORAM :- SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

DATE :- 28 MARCH 2024

P.C. :-

1. The Applicant is seeking anticipatory bail in connection with C.R.No.111 of 2024 registered at Chikhli Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, on 24.02.2024, under Sections 381, 420 and 408 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. Heard Mr. Vivek Arote, learned counsel for the applicant and Mr. Avinash Naik, learned APP for the State.

3. The F.I.R. is lodged by one Jos Mathew. He has stated that the applicant was working in his shop. For some period in September 2023, the informant had gone to Dubai. When he

returned, he asked his customers about the payment of the goods which they had purchased. At that time, he was told that the money was paid to the applicant. When the informant confronted the applicant with this situation, he left the job from September 2023 onwards. There are allegations in the F.I.R. in respect of the acts committed by the other employees. However, they are not relevant for the purpose of the present application.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant without prejudice to his rights and contentions on merits of the matter submitted that, though, he is not admitting of having received any amount from the customers directly, he is willing to deposit Rs.3 lakhs by 30.06.2024 before this Court and he has no objection if the first informant withdraws that amount. According to the learned counsel, it will show the applicant's bonafides.

5. Learned APP does not have objection to this course of action.

6. In this view of the matter, the applicant can be protected by way of interim protection to test his bonafides. The

applicant will have to deposit certain reasonable amount initially to show his bonafides. He can be permitted to deposit Rs.50000/- on or before 30.04.2024.

7. Hence, the following order.

ORDER

- i) In the event of his arrest in connection with C.R.No.111 of 2024 registered at Chikhli Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, till the next date, the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on his executing P. R. bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- ii) This order shall operate till 03/05/2024.
- iii) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called and shall cooperate with the investigation.
- iv) The applicant is permitted to deposit Rs.50000/- before this Court, on or before 30.04.2024.
- v) Stand over to 03/05/2024.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)