



**IN THE JUDICATURE OF HIGH COURT AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

962 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 750 OF 2025

Shriram Arjun Pawar
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Dushing Sanjay B
APP for Respondents-State: Mr. D. J. Patil
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CORAM : ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.

Dated : June 18, 2025.

PER COURT :-

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent-State.
2. The applicant is seeking bail as he was arrested in connection with FIR No.08/2024, dated 05/01/2024, registered with Parner Police Station, District Ahmednagar, for the offences punishable under sections 306 of IPC.
3. The case against the applicant is that he harassed the victim girl, who was 20 years old, by making phone calls to her and insisting that she maintain physical relations with him, failing which he allegedly threatened to make her photographs viral. The information was lodged by the maternal uncle of the deceased.
4. The deceased girl was a resident of village Satpur, District Nashik, and was studying Computer Engineering at Rajiv Gandhi Engineering College, Karjule Harya, Taluka Parner, District Ahmednagar, while residing in the hostel. She committed suicide in the hostel, and an FIR was lodged on 05/01/2024.

5. Earlier, interim protection was granted to the applicant. However, after his anticipatory bail application was rejected, he was arrested on 03/01/2025. The charge-sheet in the matter has been filed.

6. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the case is concocted, and that there was no relationship between the applicant and the deceased, although he was acquainted with her; and that he did not make any phone calls insisting on physical relations. It is further contended that, in any event, the case would not fall within the purview of instigation to commit suicide at the instance of the applicant.

7. The learned APP has produced the police papers. The charge-sheet shows that, according to the CDR report, the applicant made total of 17 calls to the informant between 18/06/2023 and 17/09/2023. The deceased committed suicide on 01/01/2024, and the last call from the applicant's number was on 27/09/2023. *Prima facie*, the material on record does not indicate that the applicant made any calls instigating the deceased to commit suicide. Even assuming the allegations to be true, it cannot be inferred that the applicant compelled the deceased to take such an extreme step.

8. It is also noted that the mobile phone of the applicant has been seized and that no obscene or incriminating photographs of the victim were found. Considering these aspects, the fact that the investigation is complete, that the applicant has been in custody since 03/01/2025 for a

substantial period, that the maximum punishment for the alleged offence is ten years, and that the trial may take considerable time to conclude, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the applicant.

9. In view of the above, the application is allowed in the following terms: -

a] The applicant shall be released on bail in connection with FIR No.08/2024, dated 05/01/2024, registered with Parner Police Station, District Ahmednagar, for the offences punishable under sections 306 of IPC, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

b] The applicant, upon being released on bail, shall not contact the informant, in any manner whatsoever, during the pendency of the trial.

c] The applicant shall co-operate with the trial Court and he shall attend each and every date, unless exempted by the trial Court.

d] The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence of the prosecution and he shall not influence the informant, witnesses and other persons concerned with the case.

e] The applicant, upon being released on bail, shall place on record of the trial Court the details of his Contact Number and residential address with updates in case of any change.

10. Needless to say, in case of violation of any of the aforesaid conditions, the bail granted to the applicant shall be liable to be cancelled.

It is also clarified that the observations made in this order are limited to the disposal of the present bail application. The concerned Court shall proceed further in the matter without being influenced by the observations made hereinabove.

11. The application stands disposed of.

(ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.)

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