

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1353 OF 2025

Lakhan Bhagwat Mane

...Applicant

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

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Mr. Kalpesh Patil a.w Mr. Pratik Deshmukh , Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. T. G. Khan, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

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CORAM : N. R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 07.05.2025.

P.C.:

1. This is an application for regular bail.
2. The applicant came to be arrested in Crime No. 155 of 2021 registered at Karad Police Station, for the offences punishable under Section 307 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 4 and 25 of the Arms Act.
3. According to the prosecution, the present applicant was working at the construction site of complainant. It is alleged that there was an intimate relationship between the father of the complainant and the present applicant. The applicant was thus removed from the work. It is alleged that as the applicant was harassing the father of the complainant report was lodged. It is alleged that

pursuant to said report on the date of incident, which took place on 01.03.2021 the complainant his the father and the present applicant were called at the Karad city police station. It is alleged when they were there the present applicant suddenly started assaulting the complainant by knife with a view to kill him.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent/State.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is in jail for four years and except framing of charge there is no progress in the trial. It is submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP for the Respondent/State submits that the applicant assaulted the complainant by knife that too in a police station. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime the applicant may not be released on bail and the trial be expediated.

7. The applicant is in jail for four years. The trial is not likely to be concluded in near future as except framing of charge there is no progress in the trial. There are no other criminal antecedents. Considering the said facts, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail. In the result, the following order is passed:

ORDER

A] The Application is allowed.

B] The applicant be released on bail in Crime No. 155 of 2021 registered at Karad Police Station, for the offences punishable under Section 307 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 4 and 25 of the Arms Act, on furnishing P.R Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with one or two sureties in the like amount.

C] The applicant shall attend the concerned police station twice in a month, i.e., on first & third Saturday between 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, till conclusion of the trial.

D] The applicant shall not commit any other crime.

E] It would be open to the prosecution to file an application for cancellation of bail if the applicant commits breach of above conditions.

8. Application stands disposed of accordingly.

(N. R. BORKAR, J.)