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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2531 OF 2025**

Nikhil Shivaji MoreApplicant

Vs.

State of MaharashtraRespondent

Mr. Shailesh D. Chavhan, Mr. Prathmesh Bankar, Mr. Ganesh
Ithape for the applicant
Ms. P. S. Rane APP for the State

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 15th OCTOBER 2025

P.C.:

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R. No. 475 of 2023 registered with Wai Police Station, District Satara for offences punishable under Sections 385, 386, 387, 397 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code and under Sections 3 and 25 of the Arms Act.

2. It is prosecution's case that during the period 29th May 2023 to 1st June 2023, the applicant and co-accused threatened the first informant to give ransom. It is alleged that applicant and co-accused taken away cash amount from the shirt pocket of the first informant by pointing pistol at him.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant is behind bar for more than 2 years and 2 months. Yet charge is not framed. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant is habitual offender. He has threatened the first informant and taken away cash amount from him by pointing pistol at him. If applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the first informant and prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. Applicant is behind bar for more than 2 years and 2 months. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. There is no progress in trial. It may take time to conclude the trial.

6. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

I. The Application is allowed.

II. The Applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R. No. 475 of

2023 registered with Wai Police Station, District Satara on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

III. The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

IV. The applicant shall not enter into jurisdiction of Vai Police Station, District: Satara till recording of evidence of the first informant.

V. The Applicant shall attend the Trial Court dates, regularly.

7. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed off.

8. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

9. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

[SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.]