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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION. NO. 3027 OF 2025**

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Viraj Ganesh Karande	Versus	...Applicant
The State Of Maharashtra		...Respondent

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Mr. Satyavrat Joshi a/w Yash Fadtare & Priyesh More for the Applicant.
Mr. A. S. Shalgaonkar, APP for the State.
PHC C. R. Koli SDOP Office Karvir Kolhapur.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 7th NOVEMBER, 2025

P.C.:

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in crime no.33 of 2018 registered with Kodoli Police Station, Kolhapur Dist-Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 395 and 506 read with 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and under Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2), 3(4), and 3(5) of Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime, 1999.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 2nd March, 2018 when the first informant was going on his bike from Amtewadi to Bambavade, the applicant and co-accused waylaid the first

informant and robbed him by showing sword.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bar more than 7 years and 7 months. There is no progress in trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant has 18 antecedents. The provision of MCOC is applied against the applicant. If the applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused the FIR and documents produced on record.

6. It appears from the record that investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. The punishment imposed for the offence against the applicant, is up to 10 years or life imprisonment. The applicant is behind bar more than 7 years and 7 months. Though charge is framed, there is no progress in trial. Considering the long incarceration of the applicant, I pass following order.

ORDER

- I. Application is allowed.
 - II. The applicant be enlarged on bail in crime no.33 of 2018 registered with Kodoli Police Station, Kolhapur Dist-Kolhapur 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 enter in Kolhapur district till recording of evidence of the first informant.
 - IV. The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.
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.]