

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3445 OF 2024

Shridhar @ Chengya Jagannath Jadhav ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Kuldeep Nikam for Applicant.

Mr. A. S. Shalgaonkar, APP for the Respondent-State.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 9th OCTOBER, 2025

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1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.213 of 2023 registered with Sangli Rural Police Station, District Sangli for the offence punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (for short "IPC").

2. It is prosecution's case that on 19th June, 2023 at around 11.15 p.m. the applicant assaulted the deceased with sharp weapon and murdered him.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant is behind bar for more than two years and four months. Through charge is framed, there is no progress in trial. The applicant has no antecedents. The incident happened out of sudden

provocation. The FIR is registered on the basis of extra judicial confession. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant murdered the deceased by assaulting him with sharp weapon on the ground of financial dispute. The murder is preplanned murder. Trial is in progress. Charge is framed. If applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents produced on record. It appears from the post-mortem report that single stab is given to the deceased. Whether the incident happened out of sudden provocation or not is part of trial. The applicant is behind bar for more than two years and four months. Though charge is framed, no witnesses have been examined. The applicant has no antecedents. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, his further detention is not required.

6. In view of the above, I pass the following order :

ORDER

(i) Application is allowed;

(ii) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.213 of 2023 registered with Sangli Rural Police Station, District Sangli, 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 into jurisdiction of Sangli Rural Police Station till recording of evidence of prosecution witnesses except attending Court dates.

(iv) 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.)