

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3461 OF 2024

Ravindra Shridhar Satnak ...Applicant

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The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Adv. Harshad Bhadbhade a/w Adv. Shagufa Patel, Adv. Dileep S., Adv. Padma Chinta & Adv. Swati P., Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. C. D. Mali, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

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CORAM : N. R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 19.03.2025.

P.C.:

1. This is an application for regular bail.
2. The applicant came to be arrested in Crime No. 55 of 2024 registered at Dapoli Police Station, Dist- Ratnagiri for the offences punishable under Sections 307, 386, 504 & 506 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. The complainant was working as liosoning head with the house of Abhinandan Lodha Pvt. Ltd. According to the prosecution, the applicant who at the relevant time was Sarpanch of village, Padle, was asking the complainant to

pay extortion money for not creating handles in their project near Padle Village. It is alleged that on the date of incident, which took place on 28.03.2024, the present applicant and other co-accused assaulted the complainant by knife and attempted to commit his murder as he refused to pay extortion money.

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 has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that with ulterior motive the applicant came to be implicated in crime in question. It is submitted that the applicant is in jail for about one year and the trial has not commenced. It is submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP for the respondent-State submits that the present applicant has assaulted the complainant by knife. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime the applicant may not be released on bail.

7. The applicant is in jail for about one year. There are

no other criminal antecedents. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, 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. 55 of 2024 registered at Dapoli Police Station, Dist- Ratnagiri for the offences punishable under Sections 307, 386, 504 & 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 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 once in a month, i.e., on first Saturday between 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, till conclusion of the trial.

9. Application stands disposed of accordingly.

(N. R. BORKAR, J.)