

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3396 OF 2025

Karan Rajendra Puri ...Applicant
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Kunal V. Patil, Advocate for the Applicant
Dr. A. A. Takalkar APP for the State

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 4th NOVEMBER, 2025.

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1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R. No. 125 of 2023 registered with Gandhi Nagar Police Station, Kolhapur for offences punishable under Sections 302, 143, 144, 145, 147, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code and under Sections 5 and 27 of the Arms Act and under Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act.

2. It is the prosecution's case that applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased for not repaying the amount given by accused no. 1.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for applicant that all co-accused except present applicant have been released on bail.

Hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on principle of parity.

4. It is the contention of learned APP that applicant and co-accused assaulted the deceased and murdered him. The said incident is captured in video recording. If applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. The co-accused against whom similar allegations are levelled have been released on bail. Considering the principle of parity, the applicant is entitled for bail.

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

ORDER

I. The Application is allowed.

II. The Applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R. No. 125 of 2023 registered with Gandhi Nagar Police Station, 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 tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

IV. 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.)