

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3422 OF 2025

Jyotiraditya Ajitsinh Jadhav ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Ujwal Agandsurve a/w Mr. Maruti Sarkar for Applicant.

Ms. P.S. Rane, APP for the Respondent-State.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 12th NOVEMBER, 2025

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1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 261 of 2024 registered with Satara Taluka Police Station, District Satara for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 109, 307, 323, 504 & 506 r/w Section 34 Indian Penal Code (for short "IPC").

2. It is prosecution's case that on 11th June, 2024 at 10.40 p.m. the applicant and co-accused went to the house of the father of first informant. It is alleged that the accused No.1 poured petrol on him and set him on fire. It is alleged that the applicant recorded the said incident in his mobile and he was in conspiracy with accused No.1.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that the allegations against the applicant are of recording the incident in mobile. He has not participated in the crime. In the recording it is seen that accused No.1 poured petrol on deceased and set him on fire. Though applicant was present with co-accused but it cannot be considered as conspiracy. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that applicant and co-accused had gone in car to the house of the deceased on several times. The accused No.1 had motive to kill the deceased as the deceased had insulted the father of accused No.1. The presence of applicant with accused No.1 and co-accused shows his involvement in the crime. He was present at the time of incident. 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. The allegations against the applicant are that he recorded the incident of pouring petrol by accused No.1 on deceased and setting him on fire. It appears from the said recording that there was altercation between the deceased and accused No.1 and after that altercation, the accused No.1 poured petrol on deceased and set him on fire. It appears from record that

the applicant had not participated in the said act and he recorded the incident. To prove the conspiracy, evidence is required. The applicant is behind bar for more than one year. It may take time to conclude the trial. The applicant is 19 years old student. He has no antecedents. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) Application is allowed;
- (ii) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 261 of 2024 registered with Satara Taluka Police Station, District Satara, on executing PR.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 complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.
- (iv) Applicant shall attend the Trial Court dates regularly.

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

7. 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.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)