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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3455 OF 2025

HARISH
VITHAL
CHAUDHARI

Amar Ashok Pujari And Another	...Applicants
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra And Another	...Respondents

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Ms. S. N. Deshmukh for the Respondent-State.

**CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 8th OCTOBER, 2025**

P.C.:

1. By this application, applicants are seeking regular bail in crime No. 267 of 2025 registered with Gokul Shirgaon Police Station, District-Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 143(2) and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and under Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Immoral Traffic (prevention) Act, 1956.
2. It is prosecution's case that on secret information, police raided on Silver Zone Building situated at Gokul Shirgaon,

MIDC, Plot No. 10 on 23rd July, 2025. In the said raid, police found that prostitution was going on and the applicant was working as a sweeper in the said building.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicants were working in the said building as a sweeper. There is no connection of the applicants in the present crime. Applicants have no antecedents. Applicants are behind bar more than 77 days. Investigation is almost completed. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that though the applicants were working as a sweeper, in their mobile phones, photos of victim were found. They were actively involved in the present crime. There are bank transactions between the applicants and customers. Investigation is going on. If the applicants released on bail, investigation may hamper. Hence, requested to reject the application.

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

6. Applicants are behind bar more than 77 days. Yet chargesheet has not filed. To prove the charges against the

applicants, evidence is required. Applicants have no antecedents. Considering these facts, further detention of applicants is not required and I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) Application is allowed.
- (ii) The applicants be enlarged on bail in crime No. 267 of 2025 registered with Gokul Shirgaon Police Station, District-Kolhapur on executing P. R. Bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- each with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (iii) The applicants shall attend the police station as and when required.
- (iv) The applicants 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.]