

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3540 OF 2025

Ashitosh Dilip Satpute ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Aniket Nikam for Applicant.

Mr. Nitin B. Patil, APP for the Respondent-State.

API Mr. Nilesh T., Karad City Police Station, present.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 18th NOVEMBER, 2025

P.C.

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.1462/2024 registered with Karad City Police Station, District:Satara for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 308(5), 118(1), 351(3), 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 4 & 25 of the Arms Act.

2. It is prosecution's case that the first informant is Bank Manager of Indian Overseas Bank. On 30th October 2024, the applicant entered in the said Bank with sickle and assaulted to the first informant with sickle on his head and other parts of the body with intention to kill him.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that the applicant is behind bar for more than one year. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. It may take time to conclude the trial. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that applicant repeatedly assaulted on the head of first informant, which shows his intention to kill the first informant. The applicant had gone in the bank with preparation to kill the first informant. He has antecedents under the NDPS Act. If applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the first informant and prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bar for more than one year. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. There is no progress in trial. 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.1462/2024 registered with Karad City Police Station, District:Satara, 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 first informant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

(iv) The applicant shall not enter into Karad City till recording of evidence of the first informant and eye witnesses except attending the trial Court dates.

(v) 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.)