

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3598 OF 2025

1. Shrikant Krushnat Nikam
2. Aakash Vishwas Gaikwad
Versus
State of Maharashtra

...Applicants
...Respondent

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST.) NO.18700 OF 2025
(NOT ON BOARD)
IN
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3598 OF 2025

Sachin Suresh Shelar

...Applicant/Intervenor

IN THE MATTER OF :

Shrikant Krushnat Nikam And Anr.
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Mr. Rahul Dhaigude a/w Mr. Sujata Lohar, Advocate, for Applicants.
Ms. Tanvi Tapkire a/w Mr. Yash Phadtare, Advocate for the Intervenor.
Mr. Nitin. B. Patil, APP for the Respondent-State.

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

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- Interim application is not on board. Taken on board.
- By this application, applicants are seeking regular bail in
Crime No.193 of 2025 registered with Rahimatpur Police Station,

District: Satara for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 118(1), 189(2), 191(2), 190, 351 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short “BNS”).

3. It is prosecution’s case that on 19th October, 2025 at around 1:30 pm., the applicants and co-accused assaulted the first informant and his friends with sickle with intention to kill the first informant. It is alleged that the co-accused tried to run over the Bolero jeep on the first informant with intention to kill him.

4. It is contention of learned counsel for applicants that the cross case was filed by both the parties against each other. The photographs produced on record shows that the first informant was holding weapon in his hand and the accused No.1 was lying on the ground. Learned counsel further submitted that the first informant has seven antecedents. The applicants are behind bar for more than two months. Investigation is almost completed and requested to allow the application.

5. It is contention of learned APP along with learned counsel for intervenor that the applicants assaulted the first informant with sickle on his left hand. Due to said assault, the first informant has suffered grievous injuries. The co-accused tried to kill the first informant under wheels of Bolero Jeep. The first informant is still

undergoing treatment in the hospital. If they are released on bail, they may threaten the first informant and prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

6. It is contention of learned counsel for the intervenor that the first informant has been acquitted from all the cases registered against him.

7. I have heard both the learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents placed on record. The allegations against the applicant No.1 that he assaulted the first informant with sickle on his left hand. The injury certificate of the first informant produced on record is of private hospital. It appears that both parties have filed cross complaints against each other. There are no allegations against the applicant No.2 and the applicants are behind bar for more than two months. The applicants have no antecedents. Investigation is almost completed. Considering these facts, I pass the following order :

ORDER

(i) Application is allowed;

(ii) The applicants be enlarged on bail in Crime No.193 of 2025 registered with Rahimatpur Police Station, District: Satara, 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 not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

(iv) The applicant shall not enter into jurisdiction of Rahimatpur Police Station till filing of charge-sheet except attending the trial Court dates.

(v) The Applicant shall attend the Trial Court dates, regularly.

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

9. 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.

10. In view of disposal of bail application, interim application is also disposed off accordingly.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)