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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3680 OF 2025**

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...Applicant

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Pratik G. Tare a/w Sachin Y. Mane & Vaishnavi Swami Advocate
for the Applicant.

Mr. Anand Subhash Shalgaonkar, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 19th DECEMBER, 2025

P.C.

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.213 of 2025 registered with Karvir Police Station Dist-Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 103(2), 140(1), 238 of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that during the period from 2nd April, 2025 to 3rd April, 2024 the applicant and co-accused assaulted the deceased with Kolhapuri Chappal on his head and murdered him on the ground of financial dispute.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the

applicant is behind bar more than 8 months. Investigation is completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. The police has registered the offence on extra judicial confession of the applicant. Applicant has no antecedents, hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that applicant continuously assaulted on the head of the deceased with Kolhapuri Chappal for 50 to 60 times. Due to said continuous assault, the deceased got head injury and he died. The postmortem report supports this fact. Learned APP further submitted that there was financial dispute between applicant and deceased. The statement of witnesses shows that applicant was last seen with the deceased. If the applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

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

6. The FIR was lodged on the extra judicial confession of the applicant. The evidentiary value of the extra judicial confession of the applicant can be considered at the time of trial. The applicant is behind bar more than 8 months. Investigation is completed and chargesheet has been filed. Considering these facts, further detention of applicant is not required and I pass following order:

7. **ORDER**

- I. The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.213 of 2025 registered with Karvir Police Station Dist-Kolhapur on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
 - II. The applicant shall attend the Court dates regularly.
 - 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.
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. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)