

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 5283 OF 2024**

Ankush Ramchandra Khilare ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra And Anr ...Respondents

Mr. Jaydeep D. Mane for the applicant
Ms. Kanchan Pawar (through VC) for respondent no. 2
Mr. S. S. Chaudhari APP for the State

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 24th SEPTEMBER 2025

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1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 392 of 2024 registered with Pandharpur Taluka Police Station, District: Solapur for offences punishable under Sections 363, 376(J)(K)(N) of the Indian Penal Code and under Sections, 4, 8 and 12 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. It is the prosecution's case that applicant kidnapped daughter of the first informant who was minor and sexually

assaulted her on various occasions.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant is behind the bar for more than one year. There is no progress in trial. At the time of incident, victim was more than 17 years old. There is delay in lodging F.I.R. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is the contention of learned APP alongwith learned counsel for respondent no. 2 that applicant is married, having two children. Inspite of that, he kidnapped the minor daughter of the first informant and sexually assaulted her by threatening her that he will viral her video having sexual act with him. Due to threat, victim could not file complaint against the applicant. If applicant is released on bail, he may threaten prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. It appears from the record that victim stayed with the applicant for couple of days. There is delay in lodging F.I.R. At the time of incident, victim was more than 17 years old. Applicant is behind the bar for more than one

year. There is no progress in trial.

6. Considering these facts, further detention of applicant is not required and I pass following order :

ORDER

- I. Application is allowed.
 - II. Applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 392 of 2024 registered with Pandharpur Taluka Police Station, District: Solapur on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
 - III. Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.
 - IV. Applicant shall not enter Pandharpur Taluka till recording of evidence of the victim, except attending 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.]