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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO.5249 OF 2024

Dattatraya Namdev Ramane ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Tejas Hilage for Applicant.

Mr. Avinash A. Naik APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 20th AUGUST 2025

P.C.

1. By this Application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.144 of 2024 registered with Radhanagari Police Station, District, Kolhapur for the offence punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 22nd April 2024 at around 12:30 p.m. the mother of the first informant was murdered by unknown person by giving a blow of stone. The offence was registered against unknown person. After one and half month of the incident applicant came to be arrested in connection with the murder of deceased, on the ground that he had quarrelled with the deceased on the day of incident.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant has been falsely implicated in this case. There is no evidence against the applicant. Initially the offence was registered against unknown person. After one and half months of the incident, applicant is arrested in connection of the crime. Only on the basis of suspicion, applicant is behind bar for more than one year. Investigation is completed, charge-sheet has been filed. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that applicant murdered the mother of deceased on the ground of old dispute. He was last seen with the deceased. The dog squad led to the grass where applicant was working which shows his involvement in the crime. If applicant is released on bail, he may threaten prosecution witness or may abscond. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents placed on record. Admittedly, initially offence was registered against unknown person. During investigation, after one and half months, applicant is arrested in connection of the crime. The prosecution case is based on circumstantial evidence. It is alleged that on the date of incident, there was quarrel between applicant and deceased. To prove the role of applicant in present crime, evidence is

required. Applicant is behind bar for more than one year. Considering these facts, his further detention is not required. Hence, I pass the following order :

ORDER

i. Application is allowed.

ii. Applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.144 of 2024 registered with Radhanagari Police Station, District, Kolhapur on executing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

iii. The applicant shall attend Trial Court regularly on the date of hearing of the case.

6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of.

7. 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.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)