

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3542 OF 2025

Kavita Santosh Mane ...Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Sangram Nikam, Mr. Saiprasad Patil for the applicant

Mr. S. H. Yadav, APP for the State

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 12th DECEMBER 2025

P.C.

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.7 of 2019 registered with Dhebewadi Police Station, District Satara for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 201, 120-B r/w Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC") and Section 3 of Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and Other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013.

2. It is prosecution's case that the applicant along with co-accused murdered her own daughter by slitting her throat as human sacrifice to get prosperity and hidden wealth. The allegations against

the applicant are that at the time of incident, she was at home. She had conspired to sacrifice her daughter. Accordingly, co-accused murdered her daughter.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that this Court has released co-accused Mohansing Naik and Kamal Mahapure on bail, who has higher role than the applicant and requested for bail on the principle of parity. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant is the mother of murdered deceased. She had conspired with the co-accused to kill her daughter as human sacrifice. She was aware about the incident. If she is released on bail, she may threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents placed on record. The applicant was not present at the incident spot. The co-accused having higher role than the applicant have been released on bail. Considering these facts, the applicant is entitled for bail on the principle of parity. Hence, I pass the following order:

ORDER

(i) Application is allowed;

(ii) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.7 of 2019 registered with Dhebewadi Police Station, District Satara, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

(iii) The applicant shall attend the nearest police station where she is going to reside, once in a month till conclusion of trial.

(iv) The applicant shall inform her latest place of residence and mobile number immediately after being released and/or change of residence or mobile details, if any, from time to time to the Investigating Officer.

(v) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

(vi) The applicant shall not enter Satara District till conclusion of trial except attending the Court.

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

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

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.)