

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.236 OF 2024

Ranjeet D. Jagdale ...Applicant

V/s.

State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 711 OF 2025

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Ms Sana Raees Khan a/w. Ms Neha Balani and Ms Juhi Kadu for the Applicant.

Mrs. G.P. Mulekar, APP for the Respondent/State.

Ms Pooja Agarwal i/b Mr. Shubham Sane for the Intervener (through V.C.)

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 20.02.2025.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for regular bail.
2. The applicant came to be arrested in Crime No.187 of 2022 registered at Bibviewadi Police Station, Pune city for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 364, 328, 120-B and 201 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. The present applicant is accused No.2 in the aforesaid crime. It is the case of the prosecution that the deceased was Vastu Shastra Consultant. He used to hire the car of accused No.1 to go to various places for his work. It is alleged that the deceased used to wear lot of gold ornaments on his person. It is alleged that the accused No.1, thus entered into conspiracy with the present

applicant to rob the deceased. It is alleged that, thus, on the date of incident, which took place on 16.10.2022, the accused No.1 and the present applicant with a view to rob the deceased, committed his murder by strangulating him.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant, the learned APP for the respondent – State and the learned counsel for the Intervenor.

5. The case is based on circumstantial evidence. The motive for alleged crime is not attributed to the present applicant. The applicant is in jail for more than 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ years and there are no other criminal antecedents against him.

6. Learned APP for the respondent/State submits that there is enough incriminating material against the applicant. However, considering the overall facts and circumstances, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail. In the result, the following order is passed.

ORDER

A] The Application is allowed.

B] The applicant be released on bail in C.R. No. 187 of 2022 registered at Bibvewadi Police Station, Pune city for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 364, 328, 120-B and 201 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code on furnishing P.R Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees

Twenty Five Thousand) with one or two sureties in the like amount.

7. The Interim Application does not survive and the same is disposed of.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]