

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1273 OF 2025**

Sunil Budhaji Patil ... Appellant

versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

Mr. Arun Rajput i/b. Mr. Bilal Motorwala, Advocate for the Appellant.
Mr. S. S. Ghag, APP for Respondent No.1-State.

CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATE : 24th DECEMBER, 2025.

P.C. :

1. Heard.
2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the alleged accident occurred on 14th October 2025, whereas the report came to be lodged on 14th November 2025. He drew attention of the Court to the document on record indicating the incident of dog-bite occurred with the sister-in-law of the appellant. It is his submission that the said dog-bite was caused by the dog belonging to the informant. It is submitted that having regard to the same, possibility of false implication is not ruled out.
3. Considering the aforesaid facts, the liberty of the appellant deserves to be protected till respondent No.2 is heard in the matter.
4. Hence, issue notice to respondents returnable on 21st January 2026.

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5. Learned APP waives service on behalf of respondent No.1-State.
6. Till next date of hearing, there shall be ad-interim relief in terms of prayer clause (b).

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)