

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 228 OF 2025

Ijaj Amin Mujawar	...Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

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Mr. Kuldeep Patil a/w Mr. Nagesh S. Khedkar i/by Ms. Saili Dhuru, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. T. G. Khan, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

Mr. Anandrao Nanaso Ghadge, (A.P.I.), Sangli Gramin Police Station, present.

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CORAM	:	N. R. BORKAR, J.
DATE	:	3rd MARCH, 2025

P.C.:

1. This is an application for regular bail.
2. The applicant came to be arrested in Crime No. 298 of 2024 registered at Sangli Rural Police Station, District : Sangli for the offences punishable under Sections 64, 64(2) (m), 115(2), 351(2), 351(3) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The applicant and the victim got acquainted with each other through Instagram. It is alleged that one day in the

month of October-2023 he took her to one lodge and there against her wish committed sexual intercourse with her. It is alleged that he clicked her objectionable photographs and on the basis of said photographs he subjected her to sexual intercourse on many occasions by threatening her that he would make the said photographs viral on social media.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and learned A.P.P for the Respondent-State.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that there was a love affair between the present applicant and the victim. It is submitted that the family members of the victim were however against the said relationship and therefore they made the victim to lodge the FIR against the present applicant.

6. On the other hand, the learned A.P.P for the Respondent-State submits that considering the nature of offence the applicant may not be released on bail.

7. I have perused the charge-sheet. *Prima facie* there appears to be substance in submission of the learned counsel for the applicant. The applicant is in jail for approximately five

months. Considering the over all facts and circumstances, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail.

ORDER

- (i) Criminal Bail Application is allowed;
- (ii) The applicant is directed to be released on bail in connection with Crime No. 298 of 2024 registered at Sangli Rural Police Station, District : Sangli for the offences punishable under Sections 64, 64(2)(m), 115(2), 351(2), 351(3) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, on executing PR. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount;
- (iii) The applicant shall not enter into the limits of Taluka Palus and shall not contact the victim till conclusion of trial.
- (iv) Application stands disposed of accordingly.

(N. R. BORKAR, J.)