

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1459 OF 2025

Siddesh Rupesh Belkar

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

.. Respondent

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- Mr. Aniket Vagal a/w. Mr. Munsif Khan, Advocates for Applicant.
- Mr. Rushikesh M. Pethe, APP for Respondent appearing through Video Conferencing.
- Mr. Rohan Surve, Advocate for Intervenor.
- PI – Korke, Kherwadi Police Station.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 09, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Vagal, learned Advocate for Applicant; Mr. Pethe learned APP for Respondent and Mr. Surve, learned Advocate for Intervenor.

2. Applicant is a young offender of 23 years old and at the outset Mr. Vagal would submit that an unfortunate accident has taken place due to swirling of car driven by Applicant over divider and landing on the opposite lane resulting him in colliding with a scooter being driven by two young victims, both being 25 and 21 years of age. He would submit that accident took at 01:30 a.m. and 02:00 a.m. on the intervening night of 07.03.2025 on Vakola Bridge, Santacruz.

3. He would persuade the Court to consider two aspects namely

that accident occurred due to over speeding when the Applicant lost his control and most importantly that Applicant was fully conscious and not under the influence of any substance.

4. Mr. Surve, learned Advocate enters appearance on behalf of deceased – victims through their parents. He would persuade the Court to allow him to intervene and place on record substantive material, *prima facie* to show that Applicant has been indicted in offences for over speeding in the past also and therefore the Court should consider that two precious young lives have been lost in the accident.

5. Mr. Pethe, learned APP appears for Respondent through Video Conferencing and would persuade the Court to consider Application of the various provisions of Indian Penal Code, 1860 under which Applicant is indicted which would probably led to *prima facie* conclusion that Applicant was not following due process of law.

6. Be that as it may, Mr. Surve is permitted by the Court to file his Intervention Application to place on record the material, if any. If said Intervention Application is filed, copy of the same shall be served on Mr. Vagal to enable him to consider the same.

7. Stand over to **18th June, 2025 for hearing and disposal.**