IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No. 346 of 2026

Shiva Khariya @ Shiva Khairya, aged about 19 years, S/o Laxman Kharia, R/o Village Malviy Nagar, P.O. Gumla Karoundi, P.S. Karaundi, District Gumla (Jharkhand) through his mother natural guardian Geeta Devi wife Laxman Kharia, R/o Village-Malviy Nagar, P.O. Gumla Karoundi, P.S. Karaundi, District Gumla (Jharkhand)

.... …. Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Puti Devi, W/o Lal Kharia, R/o Village- Fasia, P.O. + P.S.-Gumla, District-Gumla .... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant : Mr. K.S. Nanda, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Arup Kr. Dey, APP

Order No.04 Dated : 27.10.2026.

Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned APP for the State.

2. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 08.10.2025 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Spl. Judge, Gumla in Misc. Criminal Application No.866 of 2025 arising out of Gumla P.S. Case No.215 of 2023 corresponding to Children Case No. 13 of 2025, registered for the offence under Sections 147, 148, 149, 302 and 201 of the IPC by which prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected. The case is presently pending before the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, Gumla.

3. The juvenile in conflict with law, is in custody since 01.07.2023, has approached this Court for release through his mother who is ready and willing to keep her child under her custody with proper care. It appears that the juvenile is accused of committing murder. From the report submitted by learned trial Court below, it appears that out of 8 charge sheeted witnesses, 2 witnesses have already been examined.

4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the juvenile has remained in custody for more than three years. Further, all the co-accused have faced the trial and they have been acquitted.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer of the appellant.

6. Considering the social investigation report submitted by the trial Court, the appellant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, Gumla in connection with Gumla P.S. Case No.215 of 2023 corresponding to Children Case No. 13 of 2025, subject to the condition that one of the bailors must be the mother of the appellant.

7. Accordingly, the present criminal appeal is allowed and disposed of.

(**Rajesh Kumar, J.**)

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