



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

948 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 430 OF 2026

Manoj Sanjay Khedkar,
Age 26 years, Occ. Labour,
R/o. Bhaskar Nagar, Pachora,
Tq. Pachora, Dist. Jalgaon.

... Applicant

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra,
Through Investigating Officer,
Pachora Police Station

... Respondent

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Harshal Prakash Randhir
Addl.PP. for Respondents: Mr. A. R. Kale
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CORAM : SHAILESH P BRAHME, J.

DATE : 26.03.2026

PER COURT :

Heard both sides.

2. The applicant is seeking regular bail in connection with Crime No. 152/2022 registered with Pachora Police Station, Dist. Jalgaon for the offences punishable under Section 302, 201 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. It is alleged that applicant and his brother Pratik committed assault on their father by knife who succumbed to the injuries. It is alleged that deceased was suspecting fidelity of their mother and harassing her, hence the offence is committed.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that even if the allegations

are taken as they are no offence under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code is made out. The crime is not premeditated one. It can be said that it is due to grave and sudden provocation.

5. The learned A.P.P. submits that there is cogent material against the applicant. The medical evidence corroborates the prosecution story. Number of injuries are seen on the person of the deceased. The brutality can be established from the papers.

6. It reveals from record that deceased was suspecting fidelity of his wife. Applicant and his brother/co-accused are grownup children. In all probabilities, the harassment at the instance of deceased might have compelled the accused to take drastic step. It can not be said that the offence is committed by premeditation. The knife was not being carried by the accused, but it was found with the deceased.

7. Considering the relationship between the parties, I find that there could not have been any *mens rea* to do away with the life of the deceased. The co-accused has been released on bail. I find that case is made out to grant bail to the applicant.

8. Bail Application is allowed.

9. The applicant shall be released on bail in connection with Crime No. 152/2022 registered with Pachora Police Station, Dist. Jalgaon for the offences punishable under Section 302, 201 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, on following conditions:

(a) The applicant shall furnish P.R. bond of Rs. 15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen Thousand only) with one solvent surety of like amount.

(b) The applicant shall not tamper with prosecution

evidence or contact with the prosecution witnesses in any manner.

(c) The applicant shall furnish his mobile/cell number and address to the investigating officer.

10. Bail application is disposed of.

(SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.)

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