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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.204/2026

DAVID ANDREW DSOUZA … PETITIONER

Versus.

STATE OF GOA THR THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND 2 ORS … RESPONDENTS

Mr D. Lawande and Mr Jay Mathew, Advocates for the Petitioner.

Mr Nikhil Vaze, Additional Public Prosecutor for Respondent – State.

Mr Rohan Desai, Advocate for Respondent No.3.

CORAM: ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATED: 27th OCTOBER 2026

P.C. :

1. Heard, Mr D. Lawande, learned Advocate for the Petitioner, Mr Nikhil Vaze, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State and Mr Rohan Desai, learned Advocate for Respondent No.3 (Complainant).

2. By this Petition, the Petitioner has sought the following reliefs in terms of prayer clauses (a) to (c), reproduced below in verbatim:

"a) That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to call for the records with respect to the First Information Report No. 44/2025 dated 27.02.2025 registered at the Anjuna Police Station and after perusing the propriety, legality, correctness and validity of the same, be pleased to Quash and set aside the Impugned First Information Report No. 44/2025 dated 27.02.2025 against the Petitioner herein;

b) Pending hearing and final disposal of the present Petition, that this Hon 'ble Court be pleased to stay the further investigation and operation of the Impugned First Information Report No. 44/2025 dated 27.02.2025 registered at the Anjuna Police Station against the Petitioner;

c) Pending hearing and final disposal of the present Petition, that this Hon 'ble Court be pleased to direct the Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 to not take any coercive steps against Petitioner, including but not limited to arrest of the Petitioner;"

3. Mr Nikhil Vaze, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State, submits that, upon investigation of FIR No. 44/2025 dated 27.02.2025 registered at Anjuna Police Station, the Investigating Officer has dropped the Petitioner from charge-sheet No. 89 of 2026 dated 24.09.2026. To clarify, he submits that although the Petitioner was initially named in the FIR, the Investigating Officer, upon investigation, found no material against the Petitioner and the Petitioner has now been cited as

Prosecution Witness No. 8 in charge-sheet No. 89 of 2026 dated 24.09.2026.

4. Based on the statement made by Mr Nikhil Vaze, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State, Mr D. Lawande, learned Advocate for the Petitioner, states that the reliefs in this Petition are rendered infructuous and he requests for disposal of this Petition.

5. Mr Nikhil Vaze, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State and Mr Rohan Desai, learned Advocate for Respondent No.3, do not oppose the said request made by Mr Lawande, learned Advocate for the Petitioner.

6. In view of the above, the Criminal Writ Petition No.204/2026 is disposed of as infructuous.

ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

Signed by: SUCHITRA NANDAN SINGBAL
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