IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 955 OF 2026

Hrushikesh Anil Shinde,
Age : 24 Years, Occu. : Labour,
R/o Bhambora, Tq. Karjat,
Dist. Ahilyanagar. .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and others .. Respondents

Shri Omkar Tole, Advocate for the Applicant.
Shri Shrikant H. Yadav, A.P.P. for the Respondent Nos. 1 and 2.
Shri Sandip Bankar, P.S.I. Karmala Police Station.

CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.
DATE : 30TH OCTOBER, 2026.

FINAL ORDER :

. Heard both sides.

2. The applicant is arrested in furtherance of offence bearing Crime No. 461/2024, registered with Karmala Police Station, District Solapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 103, 333, 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. He is behind bars since 21.07.2026. The charge sheet is filed on 18.10.2024.

3. It is reported to the police by the mother of the deceased that the complaint against accused No. 1 – Devidas Vilas Matre, who happened to be husband of the deceased was of illtreatment.

On 16.07.2024, it is alleged that unidentified persons entered in her house and started assaulting the deceased by sickle. She is stated to have been succumbed to the injuries on the spot.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that on the ground of parity as co-accused No. 4 – Pradip @ Dipak Sunial Haribhakt has been released on bail, he is entitled to bail. No incriminating material is found against him. The first information report does not refer to his name. There is hardly any direct material against him.

5. The bail application is contested by the learned A. P. P. My attention is adverted to various papers to show the involvement. It is submitted that a conspiracy is hatched amongst the accused. The main perpetrator is accused No. 1, who engaged remaining accused including the applicant to eliminate the deceased.

6. The first information report does not refer to the applicant or his role. It has been lodged against unidentified persons. Due to the confessional statement of accused No. 1 – Devidas, the applicant came to be arrayed as accused. Such piece of evidence has little probative value. There is no independent material against the applicant.

7. The role attributed to the applicant is similar to that of role attributed to co-accused Pravin, who has been enlarged on bail by

this Court vide order dated 12.03.2026 in Criminal Bail Application No. 82 of 2026. No antecedents are reported against the applicant. There is no reason to deny him bail. I, therefore, pass the following order :

O R D E R

(i) Bail Application is allowed.

(ii) Applicant - Hrushikesh Anil Shinde shall be released on bail in Crime No. 461/2024, registered with Karmala Police Station, District Solapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 103, 333, 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 on furnishing P. R. bond in sum of Rs. 30,000/- (Rs. Thirty thousands only) with one or more solvent sureties of like amount on the following conditions :

(a) The applicant shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses and tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner.

(b) The applicant shall appear before the trial on each and every date unless exempted by the concerned Court.

(c) The applicant shall submit Aadhar and Pan Cards to the Investigating Officer and detailed

address and phone numbers and two of the near relatives.

(d) In case of breach of any of the conditions by the applicant, it is open for the Prosecution to approach the concerned Court seeking cancellation of bail, notwithstanding the fact that this Court has granted bail.

(e) The applicant shall co-operate for expeditious disposal of the trial.

(iii) Bail application is disposed of accordingly.

[SHAILESH P. BRAHME J.]

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