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

(913) CRIMINAL BAIL APPLN. NO. 994 OF 2026

Pramod Sonu Palav … Applicant

Vs.

The State Of Maharashtra and Anr. … Respondents

WITH

(901) CRIMINAL BAIL APPLN. NO. 1057 OF 2026

Vijay Vithu Jangale … Applicant

Vs.

The State Of Maharashtra and Anr. … Respondents

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- Mr. Prithviraj Raorane, for the Applicant in BA/994/2026.
- Mr. Mihir Mondkar a/w Mr. Swapnil B. Kolgaonkar and Mr. Sanket Nevgi, for the Applicant in BA/1057/2026.
- Ms. Shubhangi N. Deshmukh, A.P.P., for the Respondent Nos.1 and 2 – State.
- Mr. C. D. Mali, A.P.P., for the Respondent Nos.1 and 2 – State.
- Officer: PSI, Mr. Pramod Patil, Sawantwadi Police Station, District Sindhudurg, present.

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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.

DATE : 30th OCTOBER, 2026.

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. Heard learned Advocates appearing for the parties.

2. Both the Applications arising out of the same Crime Number. Hence, I am deciding both these Applications by common order.

3. The Applicants are seeking regular bail in connection with Crime No. 216 of 2026 registered with Sawantwadi Police Station, District Sindhudurg, for the offences punishable under Sections 25(1)(a), 25(1)(b), 3, 5 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNS").

4. The Applicant - Pramod Sonu Palav is Accused No.4 and the Applicant - Vijay Vithu Jangale is Accused No.3 in the present Crime. Both them are arrested on 27/08/2026.

5. The Applicants are claiming parity by relying upon the order passed by this Court in the case of co-accused Chandrashekhar Rajaram Zimane. No antecedents are reported against them. No incriminating material is found against them. They are implicated in the offence relying upon the statements of co-accused Nos.1 and 3, which have no probative value.

6. Per contra, learned A.P.P. would opposes the submissions. It is submitted that incriminating material is found against the Applicants and their involvement can be substantiated. The reliance is placed on the statements of Rajaram and one of the Applicants i.e. Pramod. A chain of circumstances is established to show how the bore gun was procured. Hence, their custody is required.

7. The offence is registered on the basis of a report disclosing that, while conducting a house raid in connection with the illegal sale of liquor, a bore gun was found in the house. On further inquiry, co-accused Nos. 1 and 2, who were apprehended at the spot, were unable to account for it.

8. I have gone through the order passed by this Court on 22/10/2026 in the case of co-accused Chandrashekhar Rajaram Zimane, who is Accused No. 5, granting him bail on certain conditions. The role attributed to the Applicants is similar to that of co-accused No. 5. Hence, they are also entitled to be released on bail on the ground of parity.

9. The involvement of the Applicants is based upon the statements of the co-accused, which are not inculpatory. The statement of Rajaram, indicating the involvement of the Applicants, cannot be said to be per se

incriminating.

10. Considering overall circumstances, their further detention is not required. Hence, I pass following order:

ORDER

I. Both Bail Applications are allowed.

II. Applicant - Pramod Sonu Palav and Applicant - Vijay Vithu Jangale, shall be released on bail in Crime No.216 of 2026, dated 25th August, 2026, registered with Sawantwadi Police Station, District Sindhudurg, for the offences punishable under Sections 3, 5, 25(1)(a), 25(1)(b) of the Arms Act, 1959 and Section 3(5) of the BNS, on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000 (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) each with one or more solvent sureties in the like amount, on the following conditions.

A) The Applicants shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and contact the prosecution witnesses.

B) The Applicants shall inform their whereabouts and contact numbers to the Investigating Officer.

C) The Applicants shall surrender his Aadhar Card and PAN Card to the Investigating Officer, if any.

D) The Applicants shall regularly appears before the Trial Court.

11. Both Bail Applications are disposed of accordingly.

(SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.)