

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 208 OF 2024

Sagar Shankar Jadhav] ... Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Maharashtra]
2. Anita Mukesh Pawar] ... Respondents

★ *Mr. Pranav M. Borgave a/w. Ms. Dnyaneshwari Utpat, Mr. Panjabrao Kanse, Mr. Sagar Waghmode, Mr. Ajit Kapale & Mr. Ajinkya Dubal for the Appellant.*

★ *Mr. A.A. Naik, A.P.P. for the Respondent No.1-State.*

**Coram : R.G. AVACHAT &
AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, JJ.**

Date : 18th February 2026.

P.C. (PER : R.G. AVACHAT, J.)

1. For the reasons recorded separately, following Order is passed :

- (i) The Appeal is thus allowed.
- (ii) The judgment and order dated 22nd January 2024 in Sessions Case No. 9 of 2020 passed by the learned District and Addl. Sessions Judge, Karad, convicting the Appellant for the

offences punishable under Section 302 of I.P.C. and consequently, sentencing him to suffer imprisonment for life is hereby set-aside.

- (iii) The Appellant stands acquitted of the offence punishable under section 302 of I.P.C..
- (iv) Fine amount, if paid, be refunded to the Appellant immediately.
- (v) The Appellant shall be set at liberty forthwith, if not required in any other case.

[AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, J.]

[R.G. AVACHAT, J.]

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