

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2339 OF 2025

PIYUSH SANTOSH DHABBU
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

...
Mr. Umesh H. Pawar, Advocate for Applicant
Ms. P. S. Rane, APP for Respondent/State
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CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.

DATE : 12TH JANUARY, 2026

PER COURT :

1. By this application, the applicant seeks bail in C.R. No.333/2025, registered with Islampur Police Station, District Sangli for offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 115(2), 351(2), 3(5), 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 4 and 25 of the Arms Act

2. The prosecution case in short is that the informant was school friend of deceased Rohit Pawar. He is also acquainted with the applicant. Prior to two days of incident there was quarrel between deceased Rohit and accused Shivtej and Digvijay. They had rival terms with each other. On the day of incident i.e. 01/08/2025 in the afternoon, the informant and deceased were standing in front of R.I.T. College. The accused Houserao, Digvijay and Shivtej came there and picked up quarrel with Rohit Pawar.

Applicant stabbed Rohit with his knife. The another accused Digvijay brought iron rod and inflicted the same on the head of deceased. Thereafter accused persons fled away from the spot. The complainant and two others took injured Rohit Pawar to the hospital, where he was declared dead.

3. Heard learned advocate for applicant and learned APP for respondent / State. Perused the investigation papers.

4. Learned advocate for applicant submits that the applicant is 21 years old and is student of B.B.A. He is falsely implicated in the crime. His name is not mentioned in the FIR and he was implicated at the second remand report, only on the basis of video recording. There is no motive on the part of applicant to participate in the present crime. Nothing is to be recovered from applicant and therefore, he may be granted anticipatory bail.

5. Learned APP, on the other hand, strenuously opposed the application stating that there is sufficient material on record to show the involvement of applicant in the conspiracy of murder of the deceased.

6. With the assistance fo learned APP perused the investigation papers. There is sufficient material collected by the investigating agency showing the involvement of applicant in the

conspiracy to commit murder of the deceased. The CDRs and statements of the witnesses recorded during the investigation clearly indicate the involvement of applicant in the present crime. In the video recording applicant is seen on the driver seat of the Swift Car which was used while committing murder of the deceased. *Prima facie*, this evidence is sufficient to show the involvement of applicant in present crime.

7. Custodial interrogation of the applicant is necessary for the effective investigation. Therefore, this is not a fit case to exercise discretion in favour of the applicant. Application being devoid of merit, is dismissed.

8. At this stage, learned advocate for applicant submits that interim protection granted to the applicant may be continued for one week, so as to enable the applicant to approach the Apex Court.

9. As the applicant is granted interim protection by order dated 15/09/2025, the same is continued for the period of one week from today.

(NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.)