

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 296 OF 2026

Vijay Prabhakar Vaidya

....Applicant

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra and Ors.

....Respondents

Mr. Sanket Ghag a/w Ms. Gayatri Mandavkar, Mr. Vardhaman Kadam and Mr. Satish Nalawade, for Applicant.

Mr. S. H. Yadav, APP, for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Umesh H. Pawar, for Respondent No.3.

PSI, K. S. Dudhale, Ratnagiri Rural Police Station, present.

CORAM : RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.

DATE : 28th MAY, 2026.

(VACATION COURT)

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1. Learned advocate for the Applicant seeks leave to amend the application so as to implead the complainant as a party Respondent No.3.

2. Leave is granted.

3. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.

4. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 8th June, 2026.

5. Advocate Mr. Umesh H. Pawar waives service of notice on behalf of the Respondent No.3 and undertakes to file his Vakalatnama within a period of one week.

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6. Learned advocate for the Applicant submits that, at the first instance, an A.D.R. was registered on 11th March, 2026, wherein the statement of the father of the deceased was recorded. The statement of the mother of the deceased came to be recorded on 21st March, 2026 i.e. after a period of 10 days. It is further submitted that after the A.D.R. proceedings, the F.I.R. came to be registered after 53 days.
7. Learned APP seeks time to take instructions and file a reply.
8. Learned Advocate Mr. Umesh H. Pawar, newly added for Respondent No.3, also seeks time to take instructions, and file a reply, and place other relevant documents on record.
9. Learned advocate for the Applicant undertakes to serve a copy application to the other side.
10. Considering the above submissions, the Applicant shall be protected from arrest till 8th June, 2026.
11. In the event that a copy of the application is not served or the amendment is not carried out, the interim relief granted herein shall stand vacated without further reference to this Court.
12. Stand over to 8th June, 2026 (High on Board).

(RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.)