HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1952 OF 2026

Sanjay Rambhau Udhan .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Priyal S. Sarda a/w. Ms. Seema S. Dighe, Advocates for Applicant.
- Mr. Yogesh M. Nakhwa, APP for Respondent.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 14, 2026

P.C.:

1. Mentioned out of turn at the time of rising in view of the fact that Applicant is Advocate of this Court.

2. Heard Mr. Sarda, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Nakhwa, learned APP for Respondent.

3. This is an Application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking Bail in connection with C.R. No.2 of 2024 registered with Kothrud Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 302, 307, 120B, 201, 202, 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860; Sections 3, 7, 25, 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Sections 37(1)(3) read with Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951 and under Sections 3(1)(i), 3(2), 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 (for short '**MCOC Act**').

4. The deceased was a gangster. According to the prosecution there was a rivalry between the gang of the deceased and the gang led by co-accused Ganesh Marne and Vitthal Shelar. It is alleged that due to said rivalry, the said Ganesh Marne and Vitthal Shelar along with their other members of organised crime syndicate on 5.1.2024 committed the murder of the deceased. According to the prosecution, the assailants were in contact of co-accused Advocate Ravindra Pawar. It is alleged that after the alleged incident Applicant Sanjay Udhan contacted said Advocate Ravindra Pawar. The present applicant and the said co-accused Ravindra Pawar were apprehended when they both were with the alleged assailants. According to the prosecution, the present applicant and co-accused Sanjay Udhan were helping the assailants to escape to a safe place. Ravindra Pawar is enlarged on bail by this Court.

5. The learned Advocate for the Applicant submits that there is no material to show that prior to the incident the Applicant was in contact of any of the co-accused. It is submitted that the Applicant is in jail for more than 2 years and 9 months and there are no other criminal antecedents. It is submitted that the Applicant is not likely to abscond.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP submits that the Applicant was in the contact with the co-accused and there is a

material to that effect in the form of CDR. It is therefore, submitted that considering the nature of crime the Applicant may not be released on bail.

7. I have perused the charge-sheet. There is no material to show that prior to the incident the Applicant was in contact of the other co-accused. It is not disputed that the applicant is practicing Advocate. It appears that he was called at the place, where they were apprehended, by co-accused Ravindra Pawar. Considering these facts and circumstances, I am inclined to release the Applicant on bail on subject to following conditions:-

(i) Applicant is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with Crime No. 2 of 2024;

(ii) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Thousand only) with one or two surety / sureties of the like amount;

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at the concerned Police Station, once every month on the first Monday of the month between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.;

(iv) Applicant shall co-operate with the conduct of trial and attend the Trial Court on all dates, unless specifically

exempted and will not take any unnecessary adjournments, if he does so it will entitle the prosecution to apply for revocation of this order;

(v) Applicant shall not leave the State of Maharashtra without prior permission of the Trial Court;

(vi) Applicant shall not influence any of the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner;

(vii) Applicant shall keep the Investigating Officer informed of his current address and mobile contact number and / or change of residence or mobile details, if any, from time to time, as applicable; and

(viii) Any infraction of the conditions shall entail cancellation of bail granted to the Applicant.

8. It is clarified that the observations made in this order are limited for the purpose of granting Bail only and I have not made any observations on merits of the case. The trial shall be adjudicated on the strength of the evidence led and strictly on its own merits being uninfluenced with any of the *prima facie* observations made hereinabove in this order.

9. Bail Application is allowed and disposed of in the above terms.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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