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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1266 OF 2025**

Shekhar Khandu Giranje

....Applicant

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Ms. Sahana Manjesh, Advocate for Applicant.

Ms.Sangeeta D. Shinde, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 11th FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 123 of 2022 registered with Lonavala Police Station, Pune Rural, District Pune, for the offence punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code 1860.

2. It is prosecution's case that the applicant murdered his own father on the ground of a dispute. It is alleged that at the time of the dispute, both of them were in a drunken state.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than three years and six months. The prosecution's case is based on circumstantial evidence. The applicant has no antecedents and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant murdered his own father. There are eye-witnesses who had seen the applicant with the deceased. There was a dispute between the applicant and the deceased, and on that ground, he murdered the deceased. If the applicant is released

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on bail, he may threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The prosecution's case is based on circumstantial evidence. To prove it, evidence is required. The applicant is behind bars for more than three years and six months, there is no progress in the trial. The applicant has no antecedents. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 123 of 2022 registered with Lonavala Police Station, Pune Rural, District Pune, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.15,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
- (iii) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of.

6. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

7. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)