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IN THE JUDICATURE OF HIGH COURT AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2405 OF 2025

Naman Tegraj Pille

...Applicant

versus

The State Of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Kuldeep Nikam along with Mr. Om Latpate, Advocate for Applicant.

Ms. Kranti Hivrale, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr. Vikram Sutaria, Advocate for the First Informant.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 6th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 632 of 2023 registered with Paud Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 302 and 201 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code 1860.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 21st December 2023, the applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased on the ground that the deceased was in a live-in relationship with accused No. 6- Dolly Pereira and used to assault her. Due to continuous harassment by the deceased to accused No. 6, it is alleged that the applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased and disposed of his body by throwing it in Tamhini Ghat. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant was arrested on the basis of suspicion, his wagon car was taken on hire by Mina Rajput, member of Pereira family. The applicant has no concern with the

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said incident. Learned counsel for the applicant further submitted that when the body was disposed of at Tamhini Ghat, the applicant was not present. The applicant has no antecedents. He is behind bars for two years and three months, it may take time to conclude the trial and requested to allow the application.

3. It is contention of learned APP along with learned counsel for the first informant that the incident of entering into the house of the deceased by the applicant and co-accused is captured in CCTV footage. In the CCTV footage, the applicant and co-accused are seen carrying wrapped body of the deceased in a bed-sheet and keeping it in a vehicle. The applicant was present with the co-accused throughout the entire incident. It shows his involvement in the crime. The statement of witness shows that the applicant was part of the conspiracy to kill the deceased. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

4. I have heard all learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The CCTV footage shows the presence of the applicant with the co-accused entering into the house of the deceased and returning from his house. The allegations of disposing of the dead body are against accused Nos. 1 to 4. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the wagon car of the applicant was hired by the

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co-accused. The applicant has no antecedents. To prove the role of the applicant, trial is required. The applicant is behind bars for more than two years and three months. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 632 of 2023 registered with Paud Police Station, District Pune, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- 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 attend court dates regularly unless exempted by the Trial Court.
- (iv) 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.)