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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2416 OF 2025**

Kartik Sanjayle Ingawale

... Applicant/s

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent/s

Mr. Kuldeep Nikam along with Ms. Nishi Singhvi, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. B.B. Kulkarni, APP for Respondent-State.

PSI-Gaikwad, Warje Malwadi, Police Station, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 16th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 497 of 2022 registered with Warje Malwadi Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 341, 387, 307, 506(2) and 504 of the Indian Penal Code 1860, Section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, Section 3(25) of the Arms Act, Section 37(1)(3) read with 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act and Section 3(1)(ii) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 (for short “the MCOCA”).

2. It is prosecution’s case that on 16th December 2022 around 7:25 p.m., the applicant and co-accused tried to kill the first informant by

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firing at him on the ground that the first informant escaped from their clutches when they were attempting to extort Rs.600/- from him. It is contention of the learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than three years, there is no progress in the trial. The allegation against the applicant is that he fired at the first informant, but the said bullet did not hit the first informant. It may take time to conclude the trial and requested to allow the application.

3. It is contention of the learned APP that the MCOCA is applied against the applicant. The applicant has antecedents. The entire incident is captured in CCTV footage. If the applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the first informant and prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

4. I have heard both learned counsel, perused the charge sheet and documents produced on record. The bullet fired by the applicant did not hit the first informant. The applicant is behind bars for more than three years, yet there is no progress in the trial. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order :

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 497 of 2022 registered with Warje Malwadi 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.

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- (ii) The applicant shall not enter Pune District till recording of evidence of the first informant.
- (iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
- (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.)