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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3037 OF 2025

Akash Bhaskar Darade

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

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Ms.Sana Raees Khan a/w Mr.Taraq Sayed, Ms.Neha Balani, for the Applicant

Ms.R.D. Humane, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr.Ankush V., PSI, Sinnar Police Station, Nashik

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 13th JANUARY, 2026

P.C.:

1. By this Application, Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.09 of 2023 registered with Sinnar Police Station, Nashik for the offences punishable under Sections 363, 364(A), 387 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' for short)

2. It is prosecution's case that, on 5th January 2023, the Applicant and co-accused kidnapped minor son of the First Informant and demanded ransom from First Informant.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that, the Applicant is an Engineering student. He is behind bar for more than three years. There is no progress in trial. The Applicant has no antecedent, and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that, the co-accused and the Applicant had kidnapped the minor son of the First Informant for ransom. If Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the First Informant and prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the Application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

6. The Applicant is an Engineering student. He has no antecedent. He is behind bar for more than three years. There is no progress in Trial. It may take time to conclude the trial.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant-Akash Bhaskar Darade be released on bail in Crime No.09 of 2023 registered with Sinnar Police Station, Nashik, on furnishing PR bond of

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Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.

(iii) The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

(iv) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)