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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4271 OF 2025

VAISHALI
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DATTA LAXMAN PATEKAR

...Applicant

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

...Respondent

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Ashraf Ali Shaikh (thr. VC), Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. P.P. Jadhav, APP for Respondent-State.

PSI Dhiraj Jagdale, Wakad Police Station.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 27th FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant, learned APP for the State.
2. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 1052 of 2021 registered with Wakad Police Station, Dist. Pune for the offences punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
3. It is prosecution's case that on 11/12/2021, Applicant murdered the brother of first informant.
4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that incident occurred suddenly. Applicant had no intention to kill the deceased. Applicant is behind bars more than four years and two months.

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He has no antecedents and requested to allow the Application.

5. It is contention of learned APP that Applicant assaulted the deceased with iron angle and murdered him. If Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the Application. Charge is framed.

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

7. The Applicant is behind bars more than four years and two months. There is no progress in the trial. It appears from record that incident had occurred suddenly. To prove the intention of the Applicant, evidence is required. Applicant has no antecedents.

8. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant- Datta Laxman Patekar be released on bail in Crime No. 1052 of 2021 registered with Wakad Police Station, Dist. Pune, on furnishing PR bond of 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.

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(iv) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when required.

(v) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)