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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4314 OF 2025**

Netaji Arun Jadhav

....Applicant

VERSUS

State Of Maharashtra

.....Respondent

Mr. Ajay B. Patil i/b. Mr. Vishwajeet Patil, Advocate for the Applicant.

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

PSI - Swapnil Bankar, Khadak Police Station, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 2nd FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R.No. 232 of 2025 registered with Khadak Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2), 112(2) r/w 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short “BNS Act”).

2. It is prosecution’s case that, the applicant had stolen the gold biscuits of the first informant while shifting coffer of the first informant.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that incident happened on 19.01.2025, whereas complaint is filed in the month of April. There is delay in lodging the complaint. The applicant is behind bars for nine months. The applicant has no antecedents and requested to allow the application.

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4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant was assigned the work of shifting coffer of the first informant. While shifting the said coffer, the applicant stole the gold biscuits kept in the inner side of the coffer. The first informant came to know about stolen gold biscuits in the month of April and immediately complaint was lodged against the applicant. If the applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel. Perused chargesheet and documents produced on record. The maximum sentence for the offence applied against the applicant is three years. The applicant is behind bars for more than nine months. There is no progress in the trial. The applicant has no antecedents. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R.No. 232 of 2025 registered with Khadak Police Station, Pune, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- on furnishing 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

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attempt to influence or contact the complainant,
witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of. All pending applications, if any, disposed of.

7. 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.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)