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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4420 OF 2025**

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Vishal Ananda Chavan
Vs.
State of Maharashtra

...Applicant

...Respondent

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Ms. Pooja Agarwal (thr. VC), Advocate for Applicant.
Mr. S.M. Mangaonkar, APP for Respondent-State.
PSI S.N. Patil, Alephata Police Station, Pune Rural is present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 30th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant and learned APP for the State.
2. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 24 of 2025 registered with Alephata Police Station, Pune Rural for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 309(6), 238, 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2024.
3. It is prosecution's case that applicant and co-accused murdered the father of first informant and taken away vehicle of the deceased along with goods in it.
4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that prosecution case is based on circumstantial evidence. Applicant is behind

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bars for more than one years. The co-accused against whom similar allegations are leveled, have been released on bail. Learned counsel further submitted that the statement of shop owner from whom it is alleged that applicant had purchased cable tie which is used in crime, the said cable tie is not matching with seized one and requested to allow the application.

5. It is contention of learned APP that applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased by taking lift in his Ertiga Car and after murder, they threw his body and ran away with his car along with goods in the car. The statement of shop owner from whom Applicant has purchased cable tie is recorded, he has identified the applicant. There is a CCTV footage showing that applicant was purchasing the cable tie. The truck driver has identified the applicant, he had last seen with the deceased. If applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

6. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record, The prosecution case is based on circumstantial evidence. The two co-accused having similar allegations, have been released on bail. Applicant is behind bars for more than one year,. It take time to conclude the trial.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

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ORDER

- (i) The Applicant-Vishal Ananda Chavan be released on bail in Crime No. 24 of 2025 registered with Alephata Police Station, Pune Rural, 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.
- (iv) The Applicant shall attend the concerned police station, as and when called and cooperate with the investigating officer.
- (v) Bail Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)