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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4448 OF 2025

VAISHALI
ANIL
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Natha @ Balu Vitthalray Salve
Vs.

...Applicant

State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

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Mr. Shailesh Kharat, Advocate for Applicant.
Smt. K.T. Hiwarale, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 24th FEBRUARY, 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.982/ 2024 dated 09/09/2024 registered with Wakad Police Station, District Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. It is prosecution's case that on 09/09/2024 around 8.30 a.m. Applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased on the ground that they were taking amount from the pocket of the deceased and he was resisting for him.
4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that

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incident had occurred suddenly. The deceased, Application and co-accused consumed liquor and after consuming liquor, there were quarrel between them and out of said quarrel, deceased was murdered. Applicant has no antecedents. He is behind bars more than one years and six months and there is no progress in the trial and requested to allow the Application.

5. It is contention of learned APP that Applicant assaulted the deceased when he resisted to take amount from his pocket. The Applicant made extra judicial confession before his wife. Her statement under Section 164 of Cr.P.C. is recorded and in her statement, she has stated about extrajudicial confession made by the Applicant. The deceased was last seen with the Applicant and there is cctv footage. He submits that if Applicant released on bail, he may abscond and 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.

7. It appears from record that incident had occurred out of sudden quarrel. Applicant is behind bars more than one year and six months. The value of extrajudicial confession can be considering at the time of trial. Applicant has no antecedents, yet charge is not framed.

8. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

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ORDER

- (i) The Applicant- Natha @ Balu Vitthalrav Salve be released on bail in Crime No. 982/2024 dated 09/09/2024 registered with Wakad Police Station, 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 required.
 - (v) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.
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(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)