

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 268 OF 2026

Martha Lawrence Fernandes

....Petitioner.

Vs.

State of Maharashtra
(Through Mahim Police Station)
and Anr.

....Respondents.

Mr. Akshay Deshmukh with Mr. Sumit Chaudhary i/b Mr. Sanket Kadam, Advocates for the Petitioner.

Mr. K.V. Saste, APP for the Respondents/State.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, ACJ. &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 9TH JUNE, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard for some time. We expressed our disinclination.

2. The learned Advocate for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner would file a complaint under Section 175(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. Leave to withdraw the Petition is sought.

3. In view of the above, **this Petition is disposed off as withdrawn** on instructions. If the Petitioner lodges a complaint under Section 175(3) of the BNSS, we would expect the concerned Authority to deal with the same in accordance with the procedure laid down by law. Withdrawal of this Petition would not be an impediment.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.] [ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE]