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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 610 OF 2026

Kunal Raghunath Patil

....Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Akshay Bankapur, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. S. R. Agarkar, APP for Respondent-State.

PSI-B.S. Chavan, Killa Police Station, Malegaon, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 10th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 57 of 2025 registered with Malegaon Killa Police Station, District Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 310(2), 324(4), 352, 61(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 23rd March 2025, when the first informant and his brother were travelling by car along with cash and other documents, the applicant and co-accused intercepted their car, broke the glasses of the car, and robbed the cash amount from the car by threatening the first informant and his brother.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than one year and there is no progress in

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the trial. The Test Identification Parade conducted of the applicant was not as per the guidelines. It may take time to conclude the trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that some cash amount, out of the robbed amount, was recovered at the instance of the applicant. The applicant has one antecedent. If he is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year. There is no progress in the trial. It may take time to conclude the trial. To prove the role of the applicant in the crime, evidence is required. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 57 of 2025 registered with Malegaon Killa Police Station, District Nashik, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with 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 enter Malegaon Taluka till the recording of evidence of the first informant.

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- (iv) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of.

6. 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.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)