

Shubhada S Kadam

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 696 OF 2026

Sonu Tarachand More

....Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Sachet S. Patil h/f. Mr. Premkumar Mishra, Advocate for Applicant (through VC).

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

PSI-V.B.Maskar, Shikrapur Police Station, Pune Rural, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 10th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 259 of 2022 registered with Shikrapur Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code 1860.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 13th March 2022, around 10:00 p.m., the applicant assaulted the husband of the first informant with a knife and murdered him on the ground of a family dispute.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the incident happened suddenly. The applicant had no intention to kill the deceased, as the deceased was his real brother. The applicant is behind bars for more than four years, there is no progress in the trial, and requested to allow the application.

Shubhada S Kadam

4. It is contention of learned APP that there is direct evidence against the applicant. The applicant brought a knife from his house and stabbed the deceased in the chest with the intention to kill him. The applicant is protracting the trial before the trial court. If the applicant 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. It appears from the record that the incident happened suddenly. To prove the intention of the applicant in the commission of the crime, trial is required. The applicant is behind bars for more than four years. There is no progress in the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 259 of 2022 registered with Shikrapur Police Station, District Pune, 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 tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

Shubhada S Kadam

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.)