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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 874 OF 2026

Satish Kailas Chaudhari

... Applicant

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Akshay Bankapur, Advocate for Applicant.

Ms. Gauri Rao, APP for Respondent-State.

PI – Ms. Sarika Vitthalrao Ahirrao, Igatpuri Police Station (Through VC) present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 6th MAY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 169 of 2024 registered with Wadivarhe Police Station, Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 302 r/w 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short “IPC”) and Sections 3, 4 r/w 25 of Arms Act.
2. It is prosecution’s case on 10.05.2024, applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased on the ground of old dispute.
3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the motive is attributed to the co-accused Vaibhav Lahamge who has been released on bail by this Court (Coram : N.R.Borkar, J.). No Test Identification Parade of the applicant is taken to show his involvement in

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the crime and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant assaulted the deceased with chopper. The chopper used in the crime is recovered at the instance of the applicant. If he is released on bail, he may abscond and threaten prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel. Perused chargesheet and documents produced on record. The main accused Vaibhav Lahamge has been released on bail. No TIP is taken. Hence, applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 169 of 2024 registered with Wadivarhe Police Station, Nashik, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- on furnishing 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.
6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of. All pending applications, if any, disposed of.

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7. 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.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)