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CRL.P No. 14174 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010637002026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 14174 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. SURESH @ SOORAPPA
S/O JAVANAIAH
AGE ABOUT 31 YEARS
R/A MEGALAHUNDI VIOLLAGE
CHAMARAJANAGARA TALUK AND DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRASANNA KUMAR B, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE BY SANTHEMARAHALLI P.S.,
REPRESENTED BY HIGH COURT
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER/ACCUSED ON BAIL IN CR. NO. 62/2024 WHICH REGISTERED IN CC.NO.1065/2024. FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 309(4), 111(1) OF BNS, REGISTERED BY

SANTHEMARAHALLI P.S PENDING IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT YELANDURU, CHAMRAJANAGARA.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused in CC No.1065/2024 pending before the Court of Civil Judge and JMFC, Yelanduru, Chamarajanagar District, arising out of Crime No.62/2024 registered by Santemaralli Police Station, Chamarajanagar for the offences punishable under Section 309(4) and Section 111(1) of BNS, 2023, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.62/2024 was registered by Santemaralli Police Station, Chamarajanagar initially for the offence punishable under Section 309(4) of BNS, 2023 and in the said case, the petitioner was arrested on

26.08.2024 and remanded to judicial custody. After completing investigation, charge sheet has been filed against him also invoking offence punishable under Section 111(1) of BNS, 2023. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.326/2025 was rejected on 22.08.2025. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. It is the case of the prosecution that, on 23.08.2024 at about 07:15 a.m., the petitioner who came in a motorbike had caught hold of the victim lady, who had gone to attend nature's call and snatched the gold mangalsutra, which she was wearing in her neck. Thereafter, by threatening her with a knife, he allegedly managed to escape from the spot in the bike in which he had arrived. During the course of investigation, the petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. The gold chain which he had snatched from the neck of the victim lady was recovered at his instance.

5. Learned High Court Government Pleader has brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner is involved in 28 other similar criminal cases, which have been registered against him not only in Karnataka State but also in Tamil Nadu State. He submits that every time the petitioner is released on bail, he indulges in committing similar offences and therefore, in the event, if he is enlarged on bail, chances of he indulging in committing similar offences cannot be ruled out.

6. During the course of investigation, the petitioner has been identified by the victim lady in the test identification parade. It is brought to the notice of this Court by the learned High Court Government Pleader that trial in the case has commenced. Considering the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and also the fact that the charge sheet material makes out a prima facie case against the petitioner for the alleged offences, I am of the opinion that at this stage, his prayer for grant of regular bail cannot be entertained.

7. Under these circumstances, this criminal petition is ***dismissed*** with liberty to the petitioner to renew his bail application before the Trial Court after CW1 is examined.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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