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CRL.P No. 15216 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010682422026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15216 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MR. RAVI C.D @ KULLA
S/O DEVARAJU
AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS
(IN THE CHARGE SHEET
WRONGLY MENTIONED AS 27 YEARS)
R/AT CHIKKADODDI VILLAGE
KOPPA HOBLI, MADDUR TALUK
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 401.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SHANKAR H.S, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA BY
MADDUR POLICE STATION
REP.BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.P.C (U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN CC.NO.1274/2026 ARISING OUT OF CR.NO.187/2026 REGISTERED BY MADDUR P.S., FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 103(1) AND 3(5) OF BNS, PENDING BEFORE THE 2nd ADDL. JMFC COURT, MADDUR, MANDYA.

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 No.2 in Crime No.187/2026 registered by Maddur Police Station, Mandya for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) and 3(5) 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.187/2026 was registered by Maddur Police Station, Mandya for the aforesaid offences against Nishanth and three other unknown persons, based on the first information dated 20.05.2026 received from Sri Anil C.K., brother of deceased Sunil C.K. During the course of investigation, the petitioner herein was arrested on 21.05.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. After completing investigation, charge sheet is filed against three persons and the petitioner is arrayed as accused No.2 in the charge sheet. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.817/2026 was rejected on 19.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. FIR in the present case was registered against accused No.1-Nishanth, and unknown three persons. Undisputedly, the petitioner's name is not found in the FIR. During the course of investigation, the petitioner herein was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. In the charge sheet which is filed against three persons, it is alleged that accused No.1 had borrowed money from CW.9-Ashok and since CW.9 was repeatedly demanding repayment of the said amount, accused No.1 allegedly conspired with accused Nos.2 and 3 to commit the murder of CW.9. Accordingly, accused No.1 had kept a weapon ready in this vehicle.

5. On 19.05.2026, when accused Nos.1 to 3 were consuming alcohol in a bar and restaurant, they had summoned CW.9 to the said place. However, CW.9 appears to have informed them that he would not be coming on the said day. Deceased Sunil and his friends, CW.2 and CW.3, were also consuming alcohol in the very same bar and restaurant. It appears that, for a silly reason, there was a quarrel between accused No.1 and Sunil and it is in this background subsequently, accused Nos.1 to 3 had intercepted the motorbike

on which Sunil and his friends, CW.2 and CW.3, were traveling. Accused No.1, who had kept a weapon in his car, allegedly removed the same and assaulted Sunil with the said weapon and as a result Sunil fell down. Immediately, CW.2 and CW.3 escaped from the spot.

6. In the statement of CW.2 and CW.3, which is recorded under Section 183 of BNSS, 2023, the allegation of assaulting their friend Sunil, who is the deceased in the present case, with a weapon is found only as against accused No.1-Nishanth. They have not made any allegation against the petitioner herein of having assaulted Sunil. They have only stated that the petitioner and accused No.3 were present at the spot of crime along with accused No.1. Except the same, no other overt act has been alleged against the petitioner and accused No.3 in the present case by the eyewitnesses whose statement is recorded under Section 183 of BNSS, 2023. It is not in dispute that the petitioner has no other criminal antecedents. Investigation of the case is now completed.

7. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of regular bail

needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

i) The Criminal Petition is **allowed**.

ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.187/2026 registered by Maddur Police Station, Mandya for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) and 3(5) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) The petitioner shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) The petitioner shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts his appearance for valid reasons;

c) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses;

d) The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future;

e) The petitioner shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Trial Court without permission of the said Court until the case registered against him is disposed off.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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