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CRL.P No. 15571 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010690942026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15571 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SMT. SHEKHAMMA,
W/O. HANAMANTHA,
AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NEAR MAREMMA TEMPLE,
LADLAPUR VILLAGE,
KALBURGI TALUK,
KALBURGI DISTRICT - 585 225.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRASADA B S., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY AMRUTHAHALLI POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU CITY,
REPRESENTED BY THE
LEARNED STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI.CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P. IS FILED U/S 438 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THE PRESENT CRIMINAL PETITION FILED UNDER SECTION 482 OF THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK

SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023, BY SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 22.09.2026 PASSED BY THE LXIV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU CITY, IN CRL. MISC. NO.9293/2026, AND CONSEQUENTLY GRANT THE RELIEF OF ANTICIPATORY BAIL TO THE PETITIONER.

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 Crime No.242/2026 registered by Amruthahally Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offence punishable under Section 306 of BNS, 2023, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.242/2026 was registered by Amruthahally Police Station, Bengaluru City for the aforesaid offence against the petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 04.08.2026 received from Smt.Elizbeth Rani, wife of Lorence. Apprehending arrest in

the case, the petitioner had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.9293/2026, which was rejected on 22.09.2026. Therefore, she is before this Court.

4. Material on record would go to show that the petitioner was working as a housekeeping assistant in the house of the first informant for the last nearly 1 year 6 months. In the first information, it is alleged that on 26.07.2026, the gold bangles and earrings of the first informant totally weighing about 50.5 grams were found missing in her house.

5. The petitioner, who was working as a housekeeping assistant, allegedly had handed over one earring, stating that she had found the same while sweeping the house. Since the first informant suspected the hand of the petitioner in committing theft of her gold jewellery, she has filed a complaint against the petitioner on 04.08.2026. There is a delay of more than one week in

approaching the police in the present case. The petitioner, who is a married lady, has no other criminal antecedents. She has undertaken to co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation.

6. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter and the maximum punishment provided for the alleged offences, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following :

ORDER

i) The criminal petition is **allowed**.

ii) The respondent - Police or any other police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioner in the event of her arrest in Crime No.242/2026 registered by Amruthahally Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offence punishable under Section 306 of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) The petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer within 15 days from the date of receipt of the copy of this order and shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.

b) The petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.

c) The petitioner shall not tamper with the prosecution witness and he shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

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

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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