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CRL.P No. 15554 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15554 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI KARTHIK K.U.
S/O UMESH K
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
R/AT KONAMANAHALLI VILLAGE
KANAKAPURA TALUK, BENGALURU
SOUTH DISTRICT - 562 117.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SHANKAR H.S, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA BY
IJOOR POLICE STATION
REP.BY 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 438 CR.P.C (U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN THE EVENT OF ARREST IN CC.NO.79/2024 ARISING OUT OF CR.NO.24/2023 REGISTERED BY IJOOR P.S., PENDING BEFORE THE PRL. CIVIL JUDGE (SR.DN) AND CJM COURT, RAMANAGARA, FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 323,504,506,427,397,201 OF IPC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

1. Accused no.6 in Crime No.24/2023 registered by Ijoor Police Station, Ramanagara District, for the offences punishable under Sections 323, 504, 506, 427, 397, 201 IPC, 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.24/2023 was registered by Ijoor Police Station, Ramanagara District, for the aforesaid offences against Akash and others based on the first information dated 16.03.2023 received from Ananda S/o Eshappa. Apprehending arrest in the said case, petitioner had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl. Misc. No.519/2026, which was rejected on 01.08.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. It is not in dispute that petitioner's name is not found in the FIR and after completing investigation, charge sheet was filed in the present case against seven persons and petitioner is shown as accused no.6 in the charge sheet. In the charge sheet, it is alleged that on 16.03.2023 at about 2.30 a.m., CW-

1 to 5 - construction workers held by PWD Contractor were working on the road proceeding from Ramanagara towards Magadi near Kempegowda Circle in Ijoor Layout. Accused nos.2, 4 & 7 who came in a motor bike, fell down on the road. Thereafter, there was a quarrel between accused nos.2, 4 & 7 and CW-1 & 2. Subsequently, the other accused persons also joined accused nos.2, 4 & 7 and allegedly assaulted CW-1 to 5 and robbed a sum of Rs.5,000/- from them and also caused damage to the tipper lorry that was parked.

5. The incident in question appears to have taken place after the accident took place, in which accused nos.2, 4 & 7 fell down on the road under repair in which CW-1 to 5 were working. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter, I am of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner who has no other criminal antecedents, is required to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following order:

6. The petition is allowed. The respondent - Police or any other police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioner in the event of his arrest in Crime No.24/2023

registered by Ijoor Police Station, Ramanagara District, for the offences punishable under Sections 323, 504, 506, 427, 397, 201 IPC, subject to the following conditions:

1. 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.

2. Petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.

3. 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.

4. The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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