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CRL.P No. 15636 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010700592026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15636 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI MUTHURAJ S
S/O SURESH
AGED ABOUT 19 YEARS,
R/AT CHANNEGOWDA LAYOUT,
2ND CROSS, MADDUR TOWN,
MADDUR TALUK,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 428

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAMESHA H.N., ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY BANNERGHATTA POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT COMPLEX, 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 CR.P.C. (U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.3 ON REGULAR BAIL IN CR.NO.155/2026 REGISTERED BY BANNERGHATTA P.S., FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 3(5), 311, 351(3) OF BNS, 2023, PENDING BEFORE THE 3rd ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC COURT, ANEKAL, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT.

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.3 in Crime No.155 of 2026 registered by Bannerghatta Police Station, Bengaluru District for the offences punishable under Section 311, 351(3) read with Section 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.155 of 2026 registered by Bannerghatta Police Station, Bengaluru District for the aforesaid offences against Girish and others, based on the first information dated 29.06.2026 received from Thrimurthy S., who is the alleged victim in the present case. During the course of investigation, the petitioner was arrested on 20.08.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed thereafter before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.5480 of 2026 was rejected on 25.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the typed first information dated 29.06.2026 submitted by the alleged victim, it is stated that about two days prior to the alleged incident he had downloaded an App in his mobile phone known as POLO Gay dating App. On 28.06.2026 a person, who had introduced himself as Girish (accused No.1) contacted the first informant over phone and asked the first informant to meet him. On 29.06.2026, the first informant had gone to meet Girish who allegedly took him to the house of Shourya (accused No.2). In the said house, accused Nos.1 and 2, after locking the door of their house, allegedly caught hold of first informant and after criminally intimidating him, they allegedly took his gold chain weighing about 30 grams. Subsequently, accused Nos.1 and 2 called accused No.3 and they together had drinks. Thereafter, accused Nos.2 and 3 took away the bike belonging to the victim, leaving behind accused No.1 and 4 in the house along with the victim, who thereafter, managed to escape from the house and approached the police. Accused No.4 has been

granted regular bail in this case by this Court in Criminal Petition No.11039 of 2026 disposed of on 24.08.2026.

5. Petitioner aged 19 years, is in custody for the last more than 2 months. Investigation of the case is completed and charge sheet is filed.

6. Considering the nature of allegations and also the aforesaid aspects of the matter, 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:

O R D E R

(i) The Criminal Petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.155 of 2026 registered by Bannerghatta Police Station, Bengaluru District for the offences punishable under Section 311, 351(3) read with Section 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

AMM, List No.: 1 Sl No.: 93