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NC: 2026:KHC:60657
CRL.P No. 15796 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010707482026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15796 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MR. ANJINEYULU R @ ANJI
S/O RANGASWAMY
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
RESIDING AT NO.02
NEAR ARJUN GUEST HOUSE
THIPPENAHALLI, MARANNA LAYOUT
BENGALURU - 560 073.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI DEVARAJA L.K, ADV.)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA BY
PEENYA P.S REP. BY STATE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE HIM ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN CR NO.404/2026 FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCES P/U/S 304(2), 74, 115(2) OF BNS ACT 2023 OF THE RESPONDENT POLICE I.E., PEENYA POLICE PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE 31 ACJM AT BENGALURU CITY.

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.404/2026 registered by Peenya Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 304(2), 74 and 115(2) 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.404/2026 was registered by Peenya Police Station, Bengaluru City for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 22.07.2026 received from Kusuma W/o. Gurumurthy. Apprehending arrest in the case, the petitioner had filed Crl.Misc.No.7938/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 25.08.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the typed first information dated 22.07.2026 would go to show that the petitioner and the victim lady are neighbourers. On 20.07.2026, when the victim lady and another lady were sitting outside their house, the petitioner

allegedly drove his autorikshaw bearing registration No.KA-01-AS-7311 in a rash and negligent manner, and therefore, the victim lady had objected for the same. On 21.07.2026 at about 6.00 a.m., the petitioner, who allegedly came near the house of the victim lady after abusing her using filthy language, allegedly assaulted her with his hands and thereafter snatched her gold chain weighing about 42 grams which she was wearing and went away. The first information was belatedly submitted in the present case on 22.07.2026 at about 18:30 hours, which was after a lapse of more than 36 hours from the alleged date of incident.

5. Undisputedly, petitioner and the victim lady are neighbourers. Petitioner, who has no other criminal antecedents, has undertaken to co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation. Petitioner is said to be an autorikshaw driver by avocation.

6. Under these circumstances, 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 his arrest in Crime No.404/2026 registered by Peenya Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 304(2), 74 and 115(2) of BNS 2023, subject to the following conditions:

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

c) 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) Petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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