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CRL.P No. 16311 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010734142026

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. 16311 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. RAJESH ANAND POOJARI
S/O ANAND POOJARI,
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
R/AT NO.76, CHIPAGERI,
DODDABENA, JAKKOLLI, KUNDARGI,
UTTAR KANNADA - 581 402.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRAJWAL M. BHARADWAJ, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. MOHANKUMARA D, ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY YELAHANKA NEW TOWN PS,
BENGALURU
REPRESENTED BY ITS
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT COMPLEX,
BENGALURU - 560 001

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER / ACCUSED NO.1 ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL, IN EVENT OF HIS ARREST BY

THE RESPONDENT - YELAHANKA NEW TOWN POLICE STATION, BENGALURU, IN CONNECTION WITH CRIME NO.0424 OF 2026 FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 108 OF THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023, WHICH IS PENDING ON THE FILE OF LEARNED LV ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, 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 No.1 in Crime No.424 of 2026 registered by Yelahanka New Town Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offence punishable under Section 108 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 parites.

3. FIR in Crime No.424 of 2026 was registered by Yelahanka New Town Police Station, Bengaluru City for the aforesaid offence against the petitioner and another, based on the first information dated 03.10.2026 received

from M.D. Mastan Ali, brother of deceased Apsana. Apprehending arrest in the said case, the petitioner had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.10086 of 2026, which was rejected on 22.10.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information would reveal that deceased Apsana, who is the sister of the first informant, was working as a Constable in CRPF Campus Yelahanka and was staying in the staff quarters. She had committed suicide by hanging herself in her house on 03.10.2026. It is alleged that she had left behind a death note mentioning that the petitioner, who was also working as a Constable in CRPF was responsible for her death.

5. Records would reveal that the deceased and the petitioner were having illicit relationship. Neither in the first information nor in the death note, there is any mention about any act committed by the petitioner immediately prior to Apsana committing suicide, which

would have either abetted or instigated her to take the extreme steps of committing suicide. Petitioner has undertaken to co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation. Accordingly, the following:

O R D E R

(i) The criminal 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.424 of 2026 registered by Yelahanka New Town Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offence punishable under Section 108 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

AMM
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