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CRL.P No. 16607 of 2026
C/W CRL.P No. 16583 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010741952026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16607 OF 2026
C/W
CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16583 OF 2026

IN CRL.P No. 16607/2026:

BETWEEN:

1. MAHESH
S/O DORESWAMY
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
R/AT HOSAHALLI VILLAGE
KEELANAPURA POST, VARUNA HOBLI
MYSURU TALUK PIN - 570 010.

2. SRI H.R. PRAVEEN KUMAR
S/O RAMALINGEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS
R/AT HEGGURU VILLAGE
BANNUR HOBLI, T. NARASIPURA TALUK
MYSURU - 571 124.

...PETITIONERS

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

(BY SRI SUDEEP BANGERA, ADV.)

AND:

STATE BY T. NARASIPURA P.S.
MYSURU DISTRICT (REPRESTENT BY
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR)
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.438 (FILED U/S.482 BNSS) CR.P.C PRAYING TO GRANT ANTICIPATORY BAIL TO THE PETITIONERS BY DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT POLICE TO RELEASE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ARREST IN CRIME NO.302/2026

ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE PRL. CIVIL JUDGE (SR.DN) AND C.J.M COURT AT T NARASIPURA MYSORE DIST. FOR THE OFFENCE P/US/ 108,45 R/W SEC.3(5) OF BNS 2023 BY ALLOWING THIS PETITION.

IN CRL.P NO. 16583/2026:

BETWEEN:

SRI RAVIKUMAR M @ VIKKI
S/O MALLIKARJUNASWAMY
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
R/AT KAHALLI VILLAGE
GEJJAGANAHALLI POST
NANJANGUD TALUK
MYSURU DISTRICT PIN - 573 101.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SUDEEP BANGERA, ADV.)

AND:

STATE BY T. NARASIPURA P.S.
MYSURU DISTRICT
(REPRESTENT BY STATE
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR)
HIGH COURT BUILDINGS
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO GRANT ANTICIPATORY BAIL TO THE PETITIONERS BY DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT J.NARSIPURA POLICE STATION TO RELEASE THE PETITIONERS ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ARREST IN CRIME NO.302/2026 ON THE FILE OF HONBLE PRL. CIVIL JUDGE (SR.DN) C.J.M COURT AT T NARASIPURA MYSORE DIST, FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLEVOCAT UNDER SECTION 108, 45 R/W SECTION 3(5) OF B.N.S,2023 BY ALLOWING THIS PETITION.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

1. Accused Nos.2 to 4 in Crime No.302/2026 registered by T. Narasipura Police Station, Mysuru, for the offences punishable under Sections 108, 45 read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023, are before this Court in these two petitions filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.302/2026 was registered by T. Narasipura Police Station, Mysuru, for the aforesaid offences against Santhosh Kumar and others based on the first information dated 22.08.2026 received from Malleshaiah N M, police officer attached to T. Narasipura Police Station, Mysuru. Apprehending arrest in the case, petitioners had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court and since, their bail applications were rejected, they are before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information and other material available on record would go to show that deceased Prasanna K P had committed suicide on 24.08.2025 by jumping into a water canal. It appears that subsequently, UDR case in UDR

No.29/2025 was registered and during the course of enquiry in UDR No.29/2025, investigation officer had come across whatsapp chat based on which he had recorded further statement of the relatives of the deceased and thereafter, FIR was registered against petitioners and another for the aforesaid offences. Allegation now made against the accused in the present case is that they were demanding high rate of interest for the loan borrowed by deceased for the purpose of purchasing the car and even though he had repaid the entire loan amount, they were still demanding money and therefore, Prasanna had committed suicide. First information in the present case is submitted after a lapse of nearly one year from the alleged date of suicide committed by Prasanna. Petitioners have undertaken to cooperate with the police for the purpose of investigation. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter, the following order:-

5. The criminal petitions are allowed. The respondent - Police or any other police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioners in the event of their arrest in Crime No.302/2026 registered by T. Narasipura Police Station,

Mysuru, for the offences punishable under Sections 108, 45 read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Petitioners 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/- each with two sureties for the likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.

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

3. Petitioners shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses and they shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

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

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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