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CRL.P No. 16567 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010747052026

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. 16567 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MURULI M.S (ACCUSED NO.4)
S/O SOMAIAH
R/AT MURUKANAHALLI VILLAGE
AGED ABOUT 20 YEARS
SHEELANERE HOBLI, K.R. PETE TALUK
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 812.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SHRIDHARA K, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY K.R.PETE TOWN POLICE STATION
MANDYA, REP BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
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.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THEM ON AN ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN CR.NO.202/2026 K.R.PET TOWN P.S. PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE CIVIL JUDGE (JR.DN) AND J.M.F.C K.R.PET MANDYA DIST. FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 126(2),352,118(1),115(2),109(1),351(3),190 OF BNS 2023 AND SEC.27(1) OF ARMS ACT 1959.

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

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused No.4 in Crime No.202/2026 registered by K.R. Pet Town Police Station, Mandya for the offences punishable under Section 126(2), 352, 118(1), 115(2), 109(1), 351(3) and 190 of BNS, 2023 and Section 27(1) of Arms Act, 1959 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.202/2026 was registered by K.R. Pet Town Police Station, Mandya for the aforesaid offences against Danush and others, based on the first information dated 04.09.2026 received from Sri. Varun H.R., who is one of the injured victims in the present case. Apprehending arrest in the case, the petitioner had filed Crl.Misc.No.5355/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 28.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. Material on record would go to show that accused No.2 was arrested in the present case during the course of investigation and he had approached this Court in

Crl.P.No.15283/2026. Apprehending arrest in the case, accused Nos.1, 3 and 5 had approached this Court in Crl.P.No.15253/2026 and Crl.P.No.15362/2026. The aforesaid petitions were allowed by this Court on 16.10.2026. In paragraph Nos.5 to 7 of the order passed in the aforesaid criminal petitions, it is observed as follows:

> *"5. FIR in Crime No.202 of 2026 was registered by K.R. Pet Town Police Station, Mandya for the aforesaid offences against petitioners herein and another, based on the first information dated 04.09.2026 received from Varun H.R., who is the brother of injured victim Tarun. In the said case, accused No.2 was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court was rejected and therefore, he is before this Court in Crl.P.No.15283 of 2026. Apprehending arrest in the case, accused Nos.1, 3 and 5 had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court seeking anticipatory bail. Since their bail applications were rejected, they are before this Court in Crl.P.No.15253 of 2026 and Crl.P.No.15362 of 2026.*
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> *6. In the first information submitted by the elder brother of injured victim Tarun, it is stated that on 04.09.2026, he received a phone call from his brother who informed him that he was assaulted by the accused persons and therefore, he had gone to K.R. Pete hospital for taking treatment. Immediately thereafter, the first informant went to the said hospital and on enquiry, his younger brother, who is the injured victim allegedly informed him that on 04.09.2026 at about 04:30 p.m., when he was in K.R.Pete, his friend Shivu informed him over phone that accused Nos.1 and 3 had caught hold of him and they were asking Tarun to come to their place. Accordingly, Tarun and his friend Abhi went in a motorcycle to the place where accused Nos.1 and 3 had summoned him. On their way, the accused persons, who came in the motorcycle allegedly intercepted their motorcycle and after abusing him,*

assaulted him with weapons and caused injuries. It is alleged that, as a result of the assault made by the accused persons injured victim Tarun had suffered injuries on his left hand and therefore, he was taken to the hospital.

7. The photographs of the injured victim which is now produced by the learned counsel for the petitioner would go to show that he is found playing volleyball and no injuries are found in his hands."

5. The reasoning assigned by this Court while granting anticipatory bail to accused Nos.1, 3 and 5 is squarely applicable to the case on hand.

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.202/2026 registered by K.R. Pet Town Police Station, Mandya for the offences punishable under Section 126(2), 352, 118(1), 115(2), 109(1), 351(3) and 190

of BNS, 2023 and Section 27(1) of Arms Act, 1959, 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

SHS/List No.: 1 Sl No.: 35