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Vishnu Rastogi

--Applicant

Versus

State Of Uttarakhand

--Respondent

Hon'ble Pankaj Purohit, J.

Mr. Saurabh Kumar Pandey, learned Counsel for the applicant.

2. Mr. Bhaskar Chandra Joshi, learned AGA for the State.

3. Applicant, who is in custody in connection with FIR/Crime No.121 of 2025 for the offences u/s 3(5), 103(1), 238, 309(6) and 317(2) of BNS 2023 registered with P.S. Kichha, District U.S. Nagar, has sought his release on bail.

4. The FIR was lodged on 21.04.2025 by the informant with the averments that on 15.04.2025, his wife had gone to work with the applicant; informant also had a Whatsapp call with his wife at 1:30 PM but she did not return after work; even on repeated persuasions, applicant did not state the clear location of deceased; on 20.04.2025, dead body of wife of informant was recovered from a river whose skull had been broken whereas the gold ornaments worn by his wife were also missing.

5. Learned Counsel for the applicant submits that it is a case based upon circumstantial evidence; he has been falsely implicated; there is no independent witness of occurrence; he is in jail since 23.04.2025 having no criminal history; charge-sheet has already been filed and now there is no chance of tampering the witness.

			6. Per contra, learned State Counsel submits that the applicant attacked the deceased by a brick and hammer and co-accused Bittoo attacked the deceased with a baton and killed the deceased and concealed her body inside the bed; thereafter the applicant took out the gold and silver ornaments worn by victim and then threw her body in a river; on the pointing out of applicant, the weapon used in commission of crime besides the looted ornaments of victim were recovered; and the offence is serious in nature. 7. The accused is named in the FIR. After perusing the CDR of mobile number of applicant, on 15.04.2025, location of applicant and that of deceased was found nearby the place of occurrence. Looking to the gravity of offence, it is not a fit case to enlarge the applicant on bail at this stage. 8. The bail application is, accordingly, rejected. 9. It is however, observed that the Court below would try to expedite the trial and conclude the same as early as possible. 10. Pending application, if any, stands disposed of. **(Pankaj Purohit, J.)** 29.10.2026 *R.Dang*