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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.3949 OF 2026

Akshay Rajendra Golambare .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Manish Dubey a/w. Mr. Satish Dubey, Advocates for Applicant.
- Ms. Sangeeta E. Phad, APP for Respondent.
- PSI – Dnyaneshwar Potkule, Mhasala Police Station.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 19, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Dubey, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Phad, learned APP for Respondent.

2. This is an Application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking Bail in connection with C.R. No.55 of 2024 registered with Mahsla Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 302 and 201 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 3, 5, 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959.

3. The Applicant is implicated in the present crime for committing the murder of his best friend with whom the Applicant used to regularly go on hunting trips and repair their air guns together.

4. The prosecution's case stems from the fact that the victim

was murdered and it is purely based on circumstantial evidence more specifically the last seen theory, when the Applicant and the deceased victim were spotted together exchanging vibes and planning a hunting trip together a couple of days prior to the incident in question. The father of the deceased victim filed the report upon retrieving the body of his son. Role attributed to the Applicant is on the basis of circumstantial evidence. There is no eyewitness to the incident in question. The victim was shot two times in the body and there is no direct evidence connecting the Applicant. The Applicant has been in incarceration for the past 30 months.

5. Hence, in view of above *prima facie* observations and findings, Bail Application of Applicant is allowed subject to the following terms and conditions:-

(i) Applicant – Akshay Rajendra Golambare is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with CR. No.55 of 2025;

(ii) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen Thousand only) with one or two sureties in the like amount;

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at Mahsla Police Station, once every month, on the first

Monday of the month between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. until commencement of trial and thereafter shall attend all dates of hearing before the Trial Court;

(iv) Applicant shall cooperate with the conduct of the trial and remain present before the Trial Court on all dates, unless specifically exempted. Applicant shall not seek unnecessary adjournments. Any such conduct shall entitle the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail;

(v) Applicant shall not leave the State of Maharashtra without prior permission of the Trial Court;

(vi) Applicant shall not influence any of the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner;

(vii) Applicant shall keep the Investigating Officer informed of his current residential address and mobile telephone number and shall forthwith inform the Investigating Officer of any change in his residential address or mobile telephone number, as and when such change occurs; and

(viii) Any breach or infraction of any of the aforesaid conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail granted to the Applicant.

6. It is clarified that the observations made in this order are limited for the purpose of granting bail only and I have not made any observations on merits of the case. The trial shall be adjudicated on the strength of the evidence led and strictly on its own merits being uninfluenced with any of the *prima facie* observations made hereinabove in this order.

7. Bail Application is allowed and disposed in the above terms.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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