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**IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE,**  
**PANVEL-RAIGAD**  
**ORDER BELOW EXHIBIT NO.2 IN SESSIONS CASE NO.85/2025**  
**(Dated 10/02/2026)**

The applicant Sumit Kashinath Katkari has preferred present application for regular bail application under section 483 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in C.R.No. 19/2025 registered with Khalapur Police Station for the offences p/u/sec.103(1), 331(8) and 305 of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. In short prosecution case is that on 18/01/2025 when informant Kashinath Dharma Katkari entered the house of his mother, he saw his mother was lying on the bed and she had sustained bleeding injury on her head. On seeing that the informant realized that taking advantage of her mother sleeping alone in the house, some unknown person entered her house and killed her. The informant thereafter set the criminal law into motion by lodging detailed report against unknown person. On the basis of report so lodged by informant an offence came to be registered vide C.R.No.19/2025 under above mentioned sections. During the course of investigation it was revealed that, the present applicant who is the son of informant, has committed the murder of his grandmother, therefore, he came to be arrested in connection with the crime in question.

3. Heard Ld. Adv. Shri Ankit Bangera for the applicant and Ld. APP Shri Y.S.Bhopi for the opponent State. Perused application, say filed by opponent State vide Exh.3 and other documents placed on record.

4. Ldv.Adv.Shri Bangera vehemently argued that the applicant is innocent. He has no nexus with the crime in question. The FIR was lodged against unknown person. Nothing suspicious was found on the spot of incident so as to implicate the applicant in the crime in question. There is no iota of evidence against the applicant. Shri Bangera further argued that the investigation with regard to crime in question is complete and charge-sheet has been filed in the Court. Since 20/01/2025 the applicant is languishing in jail. Considering aforesaid circumstances, further detention of applicant in jail is not required. He is ready to abide by the terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Court. Hence, Shri Bangera prayed that the applicant be enlarged on bail.

5. To substantiate his submissions Shri Bangera relied upon the Judgment delivered by Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Balkrishna Tularam Angre Vs. State of Maharashtra, 2018 ALL MR (Cri) 898 (SC) wherein, it has been observed by Hon'ble Supreme Court that the prosecution case is based on circumstantial evidence. Accused is in custody for 15 months. Charge-sheet has already been filed in a case. Hence, accused is entitled to be released on bail.

6. Per contra, Shri. Bhopi argued that the offence is serious. The applicant has committed the murder of his grandmother. There is strong circumstantial evidence against the applicant. Considering the gravity and intensity of the crime in question and role attributed to the applicant, if he is enlarged on bail, definitely he will try his level best to pressurise witnesses. The possibility of his fleeing away from the course of justice also cannot be ruled out. Hence, it is prayed by Shri. Bhopi that, the application be rejected.

7. I have carefully heard submissions advanced by both Ld. Advocates. I have also gone through material placed on record. At the outset it is pertinent to note that the applicant is accused of serious crime i.e. the crime of committing murder of his grandmother. Considering the aforesaid circumstances and role attributed to applicant, if the applicant is released on bail definitely he will bring pressure on material witnesses. The possibility of his jumping the bail also cannot be ruled out. Hence, I pass the following order.

**ORDER**

The application stands rejected.

Panvel  
Date :-10/02/2026.

( S. R. Ugale )  
Additional Sessions Judge,  
Panvel-Raigad

**CERTIFICATE**

I affirm that, the contents of this P.D.F. file judgment/ order are same, word to word, as per the original Judgment.

Name of Stenographer : S.J Sheth Steno(Grade-1)  
Name of Court : District Court-1 & Additional  
Sessions Court, Panvel  
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