

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, RATNAGIRI
(Presided over by A. M. Ambalkar, Addl. Sessions Judge, Ratnagiri)

Session Case No. 02/2026
CNR No. MHRT010000302023

The State

Prosecution

Versus

Pranit Sanjay Dudhane etc. 3

Accused

Order Below Exh. 13

(Dictated and delivered in open Court on 18 /02/2026)

1. Applicant/accused No.1 has filed this application for granting interim custody of four wheeler i.e., White colour Scorpio bearing registration no.MH08C7090 under Section 497 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

2. Brief facts leading to filing of this application is as under :-

Applicant/accused No.1 is the owner of four wheeler i.e., White colour Scorpio bearing registration no.MH08C7090. His vehicle was seized in C.R. No.104/2025 Devrukh Police Station under offence punishable under Sections 309(4), 310(1), 311, 140(2), 127(2), 115(2) and 351(2) of the BNS. For getting interim custody of said vehicle, the application is filed before this Court. He also prayed to return the said vehicle to his father Shri. Sanjay Sitaram Dudhane.

3. Heard learned Advocate Shri. P. P. Nene for the applicant/accused No.1 and Shri. P. S. Shetye, learned A.P.P. for the State at length.

4. Perused the application and say Exh. 24. Perused the record. After perusal of the record, it reveals that the applicant/accused No.1 is the registered owner of seized four wheeler i.e., White colour Scorpio bearing registration no.MH08C7090. Copy of Registration Certificate book is also filed on record to substantiate this fact. The said vehicle is seized by Devrukh Police Station. Since then it is lying outside the police station. It is common knowledge that it will get deteriorated, damaged due to weather. Moreover, till now, most of the investigation has already been completed. Under such circumstances, no purpose would be served in further detaining the said vehicle in police station. On the contrary, if its interim custody is handed over to the applicant/accused No.1 being owner, he will take its proper care and protection.

5. It appears that, I.O. has taken objection for releasing the vehicle and submitted that the applicant may change the nature of vehicle and its colour etc. and he may use the said vehicle for committing other offence.

6. Perused the record. Heard both sides. The vehicle appears to have been seized during investigation. The said vehicle seems to be lying in the premises of police station. The lying condition of vehicle may cause damage and its deterioration and that may cause loss to the owner of the vehicle. The investigation part in respect of said vehicle has been completed. If the vehicle is released no prejudice would be caused to the prosecution. The necessary direction as regards to position of the vehicle at the

relevant time can be brought on record by obtaining photographs of the same which appears to have been done by the Investigating Officer. The stringent conditions as regards to maintaining the condition of vehicle as it is can be imposed. Hence, the following order :-

ORDER

- 1) Application Exh.13 is allowed.
- 2) Seized four wheeler i.e., White colour Scorpio bearing registration no.MH08C7090 be handed over to the father of applicant/accused No.1 namely **Shri.Sanjay Sitaram Dudhane** till conclusion of trial, subject to his executing bond of Rs. 18,00,000/- (Rs. Eighteen Lakhs only) and the following conditions :-
- 3) Applicant shall not use the said four wheeler i.e., White colour Scorpio bearing registration no.MH08C7090 for the commission of same, similar or any other offence and shall not alienate, transfer or create third party interest in any manner over it till final disposal of the said case and shall produce the same as and when directed by the Court. The applicant shall not change its colour.
- 4) Bond be executed before the concerned police for due performance of the aforesaid conditions.

- 5) The PSO of Devrukh Police Station shall prepare detailed panchanama and take photographs of seized four wheeler i.e., White colour Scorpio bearing registration no.MH08C7090 before handing over the same to the applicant after the execution of necessary bond as directed.
- 6) Inform all the concerned accordingly.

Date :- 18/02/2026.

**(A. M. Ambalkar)
Addl. Sessions Judge,Ratnagiri.**

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

Case Number		Session Case No. 2/2026 Order below Exh.13
Name of Stenographer	:-	Shri. Rajesh G. Rahate
Name of Court	:-	Addl. Sessions Judge Ratnagiri.
Date of Decision	:-	18.02.2026
Order signed by the P.O. on	:-	18.02.2026
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