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IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, RATNAGIRI

(Presided over by A.M.Ambalkar, Addl. Sessions Judge, Ratnagiri)

Sessions Case No.02 Of 2026

State of Maharashtra,
Through, Inspector of Police,
Devrukh Police Station,
Tal. Sangameshwar, Dist. Ratnagiri.
Crime No. 104/2025.

Prosecution

Versus

Pranit Sanjay Dudhane

Accused

Order Below Exh. 33

(Dictated and delivered in open Court on 16/04/2026)

(1). Applicant / accused no.4 Deepak Rajesh Lohire, in Crime No.104/2025; for the offences punishable under sections 309(4), 310(1), 311, 140(2), 127(2), 115(2), 351(2), 317(3), 61(c), 111(1)(2)(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 and sections 3(1), 25, 7, 27 of the Indian Arms Act, 1959, registered at Devrukh Police Station, Tal. Sangameshwar & Dist. Ratnagiri,

filed this bail application U/Sec. 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail.

(2). As per prosecution story, on 18/09/2025, the informant Shri. Dhanajay Gopal Ketkar lodged this report and thereby made allegations that during the night of 17/09/2025, at Devrukh-Sakharpa road, some persons kidnapped him and robbed him by taking away golden ornaments from his person.

(3). The detail story mentioned in the FIR is that the informant runs Jewelry shop. On 17/09/2025 at about 10:30 to 10:15, was returning to his Wadi from Sakharpa after celebrating birthday of his friend. He was proceeding by Kodgaon to Devrukh road. At about 10:30 to 10:45 pm, one White colour Ertiga car came from back side and it brushed to his car and stopped in front of his car. Then the driver of the said car came near his vehicle. At that time, informant was seeing as to whether there are any scratches to his car. More three persons alighted from car and they started to beat him and they forced him to sit in their car and they took him by their car by beating in the said car. Two persons were sitting on front seat. They beat him. The person sat on the back seat took away three golden chains. They forcibly took Rs.20,000/- net cash from his pant. After reaching at some place, they forcibly asked him to seat in another car. They covered his face by black cap. In that car, four other person were sitting. The name of one of

them was Shambu which was uttered by other. They gave threats and asked as to how much amount, he may pay to them. The informant told that he can pay four to five lakh which was in his house. Then they asked informant to call his house. They called to his daughter and told to her one person will come there and she shall pay Rs.5,00,000/- to that person. Thereafter 12:30 midnight, they dropped him at some place and went away. It was Watul bridge. After 15 to 20 minutes one police car was seen. He signaled the police vehicle. It stopped and thereafter he went to his village. As such all those persons robbed, committed dacoity and they had taken away Rs.20,000/- net cash and golden ornaments of Rs.16,20,000/-. Hence, the report.

(4). The report came to be lodged against total 10 unknown persons. During investigation, it revealed that present applicant with other accused has been involved in the committing the present offence. Hence, he has been arrested.

(5). Applicant submitted that he is innocent and has not committed any offence. The FIR has been lodged at belated stage. The applicant is unknown to informant and hence T.I. parade was necessary to be held which has not been done so. He has been arrested on only suspicion. Investigation is completed, charge-sheet has been filed. Nothing remained to be done. The custody of applicant is not necessary for any purpose.

The applicant is only earning member of his family. If he will be kept behind the bars for uncertain period, his family members will have to suffer a lot. He is having immovable properties and family. He will not abscond. He will not pressurize witnesses. Finally, it is prayed to allow the application.

(6). The Investigating Officer has filed his say at Exh.55 and strongly resisted the application. Investigating Officer submitted that the offence is of serious nature. There is strong evidence against the present applicant. The applicant and other co-accused conspired and committed the present offence. There is criminal history against the present applicant. Still some of the accused are absconding and they are yet to be arrested and investigation in that regard is in progress. If applicant is released on bail, he may creates hurdle in the said investigation against absconding accused. There is every possibility of giving threats or pressurizing or inducing informant or witnesses. Finally, it is prayed to reject the application.

(7). Heard learned Advocate Shri. A. L. Chavande extensively for the applicant and learned APP Shri. P. S. Shetye for the State.

(8). Learned advocate Shri. A. L. Chavande vehemently submitted that if charge-sheet is gone through, there appears so many lapses in the investigation and so many places in record

which create serious doubts as regards to involvement of present applicant in the alleged offence. He is not having any concern with other accused and alleged offence. There is no *prima facie* case against the present applicant. Mere giving chart of crime numbers to show criminal history of applicant is not sufficient to show the antecedents of applicant. The applicant is ready to abide condition imposed by the Court and if prosecution finds any breach of condition imposed, the prosecution is at liberty to apply for cancellation of bail. He prayed to allow the application.

(9). Learned APP Shri. Shetye vehemently submitted that the offence is of dacoity. Informant is the owner of jewelry shop at Devrukh. The material collected by Investigating Officer clearly shows that the applicant and other co-accused have systematically planned and procured the weapon and other accused executed the said plan which was conspired by the present applicant with other accused. The offence has been committed during night on the Devrukh Sakharpa road. The gold has been recovered from co-accused. As such, there is grave suspicion against present applicant about involvement in the present matter. Some of the accused are yet to be arrested and their search is being taken by the Investigating Officer. If the applicant is released on bail, there is grave apprehension of threats or pressure to informant or other witnesses. He prayed to reject the bail.

(10). On perusal of record, it appears that the offence has been committed during night by the group of persons including the present applicant. The weapon also appears to have been used. The said offence has been committed on the Devrukh Sakharpa road which approaches to National Highway. The charge-sheet shows sufficient material against present applicant also. There appears criminal history against the applicant. There is prima faice case against the present applicant. Therefore I am of opinion that the applicant is not entitled to grant of regular bail. Hence, I proceed to pass following order.

ORDER

1. Application (Exh.33) stands rejected.
2. Inform the concerned accordingly.

Date :- 16/04/2026.

(A. M. Ambalkar)
Additional 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.

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