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IN THE COURT OF JUDGE, SPECIAL COURT, RATNAGIRI

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 14 OF 2026.

Shri. Nandakumar Ravindra Panchal,
Age 45 years, Occu.:- Carpenter,
R/o. Kurne, Sutarwadi, Tal. Lanja,
Dist. Ratnagiri.

Applicant.

Versus

State of Maharashtra,
Through, Police Inspector,
Lanja Police Station,
Tal. Lanja, Dist.Ratnagiri.
Crime No. 16/2026.

Opponent.

Order Below Exh. 01

(Dictated and delivered in open Court on 18/04/2026)

(1). Applicant/accused Nandakumar Ravindra Panchal filed this bail application U/Sec.483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail in Crime No.16/2026; for the offences punishable under section 103(1)

of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, registered at Lanja Police Station, Tal. & Dist. Ratnagiri.

(2). On 21/01/2026 one Shyam Laxman Padye lodged report before police station Lanja and informed that his cousin brother Suresh Ramchandra Padye, aged about 45 yrs., resident of Kurane, Padyewadi, Tal. Lanja, Dist. Ratnagiri resides in the separate house which is at the distance of around 400 meters from his house. He is having three daughters and they are married. There being cross-terms between the said Suresh and his wife, she has been residing in Mumbai since 15 years. Hence, Suresh resides alone. He does labour work. He is addicted to liquor. One Nandkumar Panchal the present applicant resident of his village also works with Suresh and both of them are having visiting terms to each other's houses.

(3). On 19/01/2026 at about 9:15 pm, he received telephonic call of Sushma, the daughter of Suresh, hence she told that she was calling to her father Suresh since four days and Suresh was not receiving call and she asked him to go and see at the house of Suresh. Therefore he went at the house of Suresh. Front door of house was locked. He saw inside the house through window with the help of torch, then he found dead body of Suresh in decomposed condition. Therefore on 20/01/2026, he informed about the death to police and requested to make inquiry.

(4). Police came to the house and they prepared panchanama of the house. It was seen that there were blood stains in the Devghar, kitchen and the backside door of house. The dead body was sent for postmortem and police prepared panchanama there. He came to know there that there was grievous injury to the left hand wrist. Therefore he felt that somebody assaulted him.

(5). The said Suresh and Nandkumar Panchal used to be together and used to do labour work together and also used to drink liquor together. The informant was knowing that both of them used to drink liquor in the house of Suresh and used to quarrel with each other. Therefore informant inquired about Nandkumar Panchal and his brother Suresh and he came to know that on 15/01/2026 many of villagers of village Paadyar saw the accused Nandkumar and Suresh together at about 1:30 pm. He also saw to both of them at about 3:00 pm while going by motorcycle of Nandkumar towards the house of his brother Suresh. Therefore he is having grave suspicion that on 15/01/2026, after 3:00 pm on the count of some reason Nandkumar assaulted on the left hand wrist of Suresh by means of some weapon and caused grievous injury and because of heavy bleeding, Suresh died. Hence the report.

(6). Applicant submitted that he has not committed any offence and he is innocent. He has been arrested after six days of death of Suresh Padye on suspicion. There is no evidence as

regards to committing of offence against the applicant. Applicant is the sole earning member of his family. Applicant is ready to co-operate the investigating machinery if he released on bail. There is no any criminal antecedents against the accused. Necessary recoveries has been done including clothes of applicant and deceased, blood samples and weapon. He is resident of village Kurne, Sutarwadi, Tal. Lanja, Dist. Ratnagiri. He will not abscond. He has been arrested on 21/01/2026 and since then he is in jail. He will not meet or contact to the prosecution and any other witnesses. Investigation is completed and finally, it is prayed to allow the application.

(7). Investigating Officer strongly resisted the application by filing say at Exh.8 and submitted that applicant/accused has admitted his guilt and as per his narration investigating is going on and evidence has been collected. Applicant/accused and deceased were the close friends and they used to go for labour work together and consume liquor. They both were going to each others houses. They were in regular contact by mobile phone, but on or after 15/01/2026 there was no contact between them. Therefore it is seen that in the said period he has committed the said crime. Weapon of offence, blood samples and steel glass have been recovered from the spot of incident. The finger prints occurred on steel glass and same has been sent for examination to finger print expert and report yet to be received. The offence is

serious one. He will abscond and he may pressurize or induce the witnesses. Finally, it is prayed to reject the application.

(8). Heard learned Advocate Shri. A. A. Kadam for the applicant and learned APP Shri. A. A. Phansekar for the State.

(9). On perusal of record, it appears that investigation is almost completed. The learned APP produced investigation papers consisting of statements of various witnesses and also medical papers. On perusal of these papers, it is clear that there is sufficient evidence to show that the accused and deceased were seen together lastly prior to death of Suresh. The other material collected by I.O. also supports prosecution case. The offence is serious one. The prescribed punishment is imprisonment for life and death. There appears *prima facie* case against the applicant. Therefore considering the nature of accusations, seriousness of offence, manner of committing offence, prescribed punishment, I am of opinion that applicant is not entitled to grant of regular bail. Hence, I proceed to pass following order.

ORDER

1. Application stands rejected.
2. Inform the concerned accordingly.

Date :- 18/04/2026.

(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.

Case Number		Cri. Bail Appln. No.14/2026
Name of Stenographer	:-	Mr. Rajesh G. Rahate
Name of Court	:-	Addition Sessions Court, Ratnagiri.
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