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IN THE COURT OF ADDI SESSIONS JUDGE, RATNAGIRI

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 33 OF 2026.

Arjun Ramsundar Chauhan,

Age 38 years, Occu.:- Business,
R/o. Room No.11, Attar Husain Chawl,
Rawalpada, S M Dubey road,
Dahisar (East), Mumbai.

Applicant.

Versus

State of Maharashtra,

Through, Police Inspector,
Ratnagiri Rural Police Station
Crime No.15/2026

Opponent.

Order Below Exh. 01

(Dictated and delivered in open Court on 08/05/2026)

1. Applicant / accused no.2 – Arjun Ramsundar Chauhan filed this bail application U/Sec. 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in Crime No.15/2026; for the offences

punishable under Sections 318(4), 319(2), 336(2), 336(3), 340(2), 204, 3(5) r.w. sections 66(C), 66(D) of the I. T. Act, 2000, registered at Ratnagiri Rural Police Station, Tal. & Dist. Ratnagiri.

2. As per prosecution story, the informant namely Sudhakar Laxman Jadhav, aged about 61 yrs., who is the retired government servant and has been digitally arrested and an amount of Rs.25,27,000/- has been accepted from him by cheating. He alleged that after retirement he received funds and on 17/02/2026, one person called him by his mobile and he stated his name to be Sandeep Roy from Nashik Police Station and he informed that one complaint has been registered against him at Khar Police Station with allegations that informant was sending messages in filthy language and he needs to come Khar Police Station. The informant stated that he will come to Khar Police Station and show his innocence. Then the said person again gave threats that there has been money laundering on the account of informant. Thereafter he received video call and it was shown that it was from Police Officer and thereafter one person talked with him as Director of Enforcement Department and told him to co-operate to one Sanjay Pise. Then he was asked to give his details of bank account and asked him to transfer amount and not to discuss about it with anybody and gave threats to arrest his son in money laundering case. Thereafter he deposited various amounts on the accounts given by the said person and he has

been cheated.

3. During investigation, the police arrested the present applicant on 17/04/2026 with the accused no.1. During investigation, it was found that the present applicant was with accused no.1 while entering in the bank and withdrawing amount.

4. The applicant submitted that he has not committed any offence, he is innocent. He is not involved in any so-called offence. His age-old parents, brother and sister are depending upon him. He is working on contract basis in Mumbai University. His parents are suffering from ailments. There is no evidence against the applicant. There is no specific role attributed against the present applicant. There is no criminal history against him. He is ready to abide by the conditions imposed by the Court. Finally, he prayed to allow the application. The father of applicant has submitted his affidavit where by he has given specifications and details as directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. The investigating officer strong resisted the application and submitted that around 25 lakh and some amount has been extracted from a retired person by giving threats of digital arrest. Other accused are yet to be arrested. Investigation is pending. There is *prima facie* case against the present applicant. He has not co-operated during investigation.

He may abscond. Finally, it is prayed to reject the application.

6. Heard learned Adv. Smt. S. S. Shaikh and Ld. APP Smt. M. S. Nalawade for the State. Perused the application, say and documents.

7. On perusal of FIR and investigation papers, it appears that the accused has been arrested on 17/04/2026. Investigation is in progress. The bunch of documents produced by I.O., shows progress in the investigation. There appears sufficient against the present applicant. There is *prima faice* case against him. The other accused are yet to be arrested. Therefore in such circumstances, considering the nature of accusation and the amount extract from informant, I am of opinion that the applicant is not entitled to grant of regular bail at this stage. Hence, I proceed to pass following order.

ORDER

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

Date :- 08/05/2026.

(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. 33/2026
Name of Stenographer	:-	Shri. Rajesh G. Rahate
Name of Court	:-	Addl. Sessions Judge, Ratnagiri
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