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**IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, SATARA.**

**Criminal Bail Application No.230 of 2026**

Sujal Ravindra Dhanawade & Ors-2 ..Applicants.

V/s.

State of Maharashtra

..Respondent

Mr. S. S. Sawant, Advocate for the applicants.

Mr. N. D. Muke, Addl. PP for the State.

**Coram: Mr. S. R. Tamboli,  
The Addl. Sessions Judge, Satara,**

**:: ORDER BELOW EXH. 1 ::**

01] In the present application, the applicant has prayed for bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

02] In brief, the case of the prosecution, as per the FIR, is that API Pharne of the Local Crime Branch, Satara, received information that Karan Chavan had come armed with a revolver and was sitting on his motorcycle bearing No. MH-11-DS-8743  
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near Shoorvir Career Academy. Hence, he directed Head Constable Swapnil Kumbhar and other police personnel to take appropriate action. Accordingly, the police staff and panchas went to the spot at about 1:10 p.m. At that time, accused Karan Chavan was found sitting on his motorcycle, and one person was standing ahead of him. On seeing the police, they started running away. However, the police apprehended them. They disclosed their names as Karan Jotiram Chavan and Bhushan Somnath Deshmukh. Upon inquiry, Karan stated that he intended to take revenge against the rival group who had assaulted him about one and a half years earlier. Accordingly, the police seized a country-made pistol, three cartridges, a kukri, a knife, an iPhone, and other electronic material from the possession of Karan Chavan, and a country-made pistol, two live cartridges, and an Apple iPhone 15 from the possession of Bhushan Deshmukh. Hence, Head Constable Sujit Bhosale lodged the FIR.

03] In the backdrop of these facts, Mr. S. S. Sawant, learned counsel for the applicant, submitted that no prima facie case is made out against the applicant. The alleged offence is not punishable with death or imprisonment for life. The name of the applicant is not mentioned in the FIR. The allegations in the FIR are against the co-accused. Co-accused Omkar Dattatray Deshmukh has been released on bail. The case of the applicant stands on the same footing. Therefore, the principle of parity is applicable to the case of the applicant. The applicant is a  
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permanent resident, and there is no likelihood of his absconding. He is ready and willing to abide by any conditions imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail.

04] Per contra, Mr. N. D. Muke, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State, opposed the application, contending that the offence is serious in nature. There exists a prima facie case against the applicant, and there is a possibility of tampering with the prosecution evidence. Accused Nos. 7 and 8 in the said crime are absconding. If the applicant is released on bail, he may assist the absconding accused in continuing to evade arrest. Therefore, he prayed for rejection of the application.

05] The name of the applicant is not mentioned in the FIR. The allegations against the applicants are that they were part of the conspiracy; however, the police papers do not disclose how the applicants are connected with the incident. There is no prima facie case against the applicants. No weapon has been seized from their possession. The mere fact that other accused are absconding is not a ground to deny bail to the present applicants. The applicants have permanent residences, and there is no material to indicate that they would abscond. The apprehension regarding tampering with evidence can be addressed by imposing stringent conditions. The offence alleged against the applicants is not punishable with death or imprisonment for life. Co-accused Omkar Deshmukh has been

released on bail as per the order passed in Criminal Bail Application No. 195 of 2026. Therefore, the principle of parity is applicable to the case of the applicants.

06] In view of the above, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicants. Hence, the following order:

**:: ORDER ::**

[1] The application is allowed.

[2] The applicants, namely, Sujal Ravindra Dhanawade, Mayur Suresh Gore, and Pranav Gananan Umbre, be released on bail in connection with Satara Taluka Police Station C.R. No. 131 of 2026, on furnishing a PR. bond and one or more sureties in the sum of Rs. 50,000/- each, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The applicants shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat, or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case and shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.

(b) The applicants shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called by the Investigating Officer till completion of the investigation.

(c) The applicants and their sureties shall furnish their residential addresses and mobile numbers to the Investigating

Officer and shall not change the same without prior intimation to the Court.

[3] The applicants shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer as and when required.

[4] A copy of this order be forwarded to the District Central Jail, Satara, by e-mail.

Date- 02.06.2026

( S.R.Tamboli )  
Addl. Sessions Judge, Satara.