



Sessions Case No.68/2024
CNR:MHST010019352024

Kumar Eknath Panhalkar	...Applicant/ Accused No.7
V/s.	
State of Maharashtra	...Prosecution
(Through Borgaon Pol. Stn.)	

ORDER BELOW EXH.37

1. Gone through the application, say and documents.
2. In short the prosecution case is that, the informant who is maternal uncle of deceased Rohidas lodged the report alleging that, unknown person committed murder of his nephew Rohidas on 16.06.2024. Later on, the informant came to know about the scuffle took place between the deceased and accused on account of having affair of deceased with sister of one of the accused. The accused persons were also seen in the company of deceased on 16.06.2024. Thus, by way of supplementary statement, the report is lodged against accused persons.
3. The Ld. Adv. for the accused submitted that, after rejection of earlier application, the Hon'ble Bombay High Court granted regular bail to two co-accused who were having role of assault to the deceased by wooden log. So far role of present accused is concerned, he had caused to disappear the cellphone of deceased. Thus, the ld. advocate prayed for grant of bail on the ground of parity.
4. Per contra, the Ld. APP by filing say (Exh.57) strongly opposed the application. It is submitted that, the accused have brutally

assaulted the deceased on account of suspicion and thereafter, they caused to disappear the evidence. The accused are from neighbouring village of the prosecution witnesses. In case the accused is granted bail, the possibility of tampering cannot be ruled out. Thus, prayed for rejection of the application.

5. The Hon'ble Bombay High Court vide two orders passed on same day i.e. on 06th October, 2025 in Criminal Bail Application Nos. 2836 and 3079 of 2025 have released co-accused Sahil Pimpale and Devendra Ghadge considering their role. Thereafter, this Court vide order dated 29.10.2025 passed below Exh.28 had granted bail to accused No.4 Aditya Pawar on the ground of parity. That apart, as per the charge-sheet, the role attributed to those accused is of assault by wooden rod. So far role attributed to present accused is concerned, the same is of causing disappearance of the evidence. The role of present accused, as such is seems to be lesser than the co-accused who are already granted bail. Thus, the accused deserves the benefit of parity. Therefore, the subsequent bail application has to be entertained in the light of above noted orders of Hon'ble High Court and accused needs to be enlarged on bail on the very same terms and conditions as imposed by Hon'ble High Court. Thus, following order:-

ORDER

1. Application is allowed.
2. The Applicant/accused No.7 Kumar Eknath Panhalkar be released on bail in connection with C.R. No.294 of 2024 registered with Borgaon Police Station, District: Satara, on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
3. The Applicant shall mark his attendance with the concerned police station as and when required.

4. The Applicant shall remain present before the trial Court on each date unless exempted by the Court.
5. The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witness or any person concerned with the case.
6. The Applicant shall inform his latest place of residence and mobile number immediately after being released and/or change of residence or mobile details, if any, from time to time to the Investigating Officer.

Satara
Date : 26.11.2025.

(A.M. Shete)
Additional Sessions Judge, Satara.