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Criminal Bail Application No.93 of 2026

Archana Dnyaneshwar Bhagat Vs. State

(Phaltan Rural Police Station C. R. No. 119/2026)

ORDER PASSED BELOW EXH.01

(Dtd. 25.06.2026)

01. This is a regular bail application under Section 480 r/w. 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.
02. The applicant/accused **Archana Dnyaneshwar Bhagat** is arrested on 28.02.2026 by the Phaltan Rural Police Station in Crime No.119/2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 140(1), 3(5), 238, 61, 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
03. The prosecution case is that :
The complainant woman PSI Shivani Sandip Nagwade of Phaltan Rural Police Station lodged a complaint on 28.02.2026 that the police had found a dead body floating in Nira river at village Gokhali, Tq. Phaltan, Dist. Satara on 17.02.2026. The eye witness Mr. Vishal Sanjay Narbat identified the dead body of

Ankush Bapu Narbat resident of Dhakani, Tq. Man, Dist. Satara. The police found injuries behind the head and on the eyes of the deceased. The Post Mortem of deceased was conducted at Sub-District Hospital, Phaltan on 18.02.2026. When the police checked the call details of the deceased, they found that he was in contact with Shraddha Avishkar Bhagat resident of Pimprad, Tq. Phaltan. When the police checked the CCTV footage, they found that this woman had accompanied the deceased Ankush Bapu Narbat on his motorcycle. When the police enquired with Shraddha Avishkar Bhagat, they found that the deceased Ankush Bapu Narbat had committed rape on her sister-in-law Krutika Dnyaneshwar Bhagat age 15 years. The accused had grudge in their mind against the deceased Ankush Bapu Narbat. The accused hatched the conspiracy to kill the deceased Ankush Narbat. The accused Shraddha Avishkar Bhagat opened her Instagram account and lured the deceased and came in contact with him. She called the deceased at Phaltan on 15.02.2026. She went with the deceased towards Tatamgiri hills. The other accused Avishkar Bhagat, Nana Jadhav followed them on their motorcycle. The accused abused the deceased, assaulted him with fist and kick blows. They took him in their car to Pimprad, Tq. Phaltan, assaulted and kill him and threw his dead body into Nira river. The police registered the above offences against all the accused. The present accused Archana Bhagat is the mother or Krutika Dnyaneshwar Bhagat on whom the deceased Ankush Narbat had committed rape. The present accused is in jail since 28.02.2026.

04. The applicant accused states that this is a false complaint lodged against her. She has not committed any offence. She states that there is no eye witness to this incident. Her name is not mentioned in the FIR. She is arrested merely on suspicion. She states that there is no last seen theory against her. She states that she is in jail for last three months. The police have completed the investigation of offence. There is nothing to be seized or recovered from her. Her physical custody is not necessary. She states that, that she will obey all the terms and conditions imposed by the Court. She will not abscond. She will not tamper the prosecution evidence. Lastly, she has prayed to allow her bail application and release her on regular bail.

05. Against this application, the say of Ld. Addl. P.P. and the concerned Police Station was called. The Police and the Addl. P.P. have strongly opposed to allow the bail application. They state that this is a very serious offence of murder. There is call detail records to show that the present accused was actively involved in committing the murder of deceased. They state that the accused may tamper with the prosecution evidence, she may abscond, she may threaten and pressurize the witnesses if she is released on bail. So they have prayed to reject her bail application.

06. Heard both sides. Perused the papers filed along with the bail application and the charge-sheet. The incident occurred as the deceased Ankush Bapu Narbat had committed rape on the minor

daughter of the present accused. It is alleged in the FIR that the husband of the present accused Dnyaneshwar Bhagat and one Nana Jadhav assaulted the deceased with fist and kick blows and threw his dead body in Nira river. The accused being the housewife, there are no criminal antecedents against her. There is no possibility of repetition of the offence. There is no possibility of influencing the witnesses. The police have completed the investigation of the offence and filed charge-sheet against all the accused. The accused being a woman, and as she is in jail for last three months, as nothing is to be recovered from her is entitled to be released on regular bail. As the charge-sheet is filed, there is no question of tampering of evidence. The physical custody of the applicant/accused is no more necessary. If the applicant/accused is directed to attend Phaltan Rural Police Station twice in a month, it will serve the purpose of prosecution. Due to these reasons, I release the applicant/accused on bail subject to the following conditions :

ORDER

01] The bail application of the applicant/accused Archana Dnyaneshwar Bhagat is hereby allowed.

02] The applicant/accused **Archana Dnyaneshwar Bhagat** be released in Crime No.119/2026 registered under Section 103(1), 140(1), 3(5), 238, 61, 352 of the BNS at Phaltan Rural Police Station, District - Satara on his executing P.R. bond of Rs.50,000/- with one solvent surety in the like amount.

03] The applicant/accused should not leave Satara District without the permission of the Sessions Court, Phaltan.

04] The applicant/accused should attend Phaltan Rural Police Station on every 1st and 15th day of every month between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. till the evidence of prosecution witnesses is recorded.

05] The applicant/accused should not tamper the prosecution evidence, she should not abscond, she should attend the Court regularly on each and every date.

06] If the applicant/accused breaches the terms and conditions of the bail order, then her bail will be cancelled, immediately.

PHALTAN
Date : 25/06/2026

(P. G. Bhosale)
Addl. Sessions Judge, Phaltan.