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Order below Exh.1 in Cri.Bail Application No.11/2026

Applicants/accused - Akshay Babasaheb Kadam and Sujal Pratap Chougale have filed this successive regular bail application under section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. They have been arrested in pursuance of Crime No.664/2025 registration at police station, Peth Vadgaon U/Secs.309(4), 310(2), 311 r/w.3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (corresponding to Sections 392, 395 and 397 r/w.34 of the Indian Penal Code. The grounds for bail are stated in the application.

02. The application is opposed by the prosecution on the grounds that the applicants are the main culprits, muddemal is seized from their house, if they are released on bail there is life threat to the witnesses. The offences alleged against them provide for capital punishment and life imprisonment.

03. Heard both the parties.

04. It is case of the prosecution that on 22-12-2025 three persons boarded in private travel bus No.MH-09-GJ-7272 at Tawade Hotel, Kolhapur. They had disguised their faces with handkerchiefs. They got the last seat. They requested for seat in the cabin as they were feeling cold behind. Thus, they seated in the cabin. After the bus went to highway, one of the three persons drew a scythe from his bag and pointed

it at the cleaner and asked him to stop the bus. The driver stopped the bus. The cleaner and the driver were beaten. One motorcycle and one four wheeler came and 7-8 persons got down from it. At the point of knife the luggage box was opened and silver bricks of 34 kg and 26 kg in two packets as well as mobiles were robbed at the point of deadly weapons by beating the driver and cleaner. Thus, the assailants looted property of Rs.1,22,15,000/- and fled away.

05. The applicants were arrested and at their instance muddemal amounting to Rs.1,29,23,540/- was recovered, which included looted silver bricks and other valuable ornaments. The recovery of looted property and the property discovered at the instance of applicants are identical. This points out prima facie case against the applicants. The applicants did offence of dacoity on the high way between sunset and sunrise and during this, they attempted to cause grievous hurt to the victims i.e. driver and cleaner. If the applicants are released on bail, the fear will certainly instill in the minds of the victims. The applicants are not entitled to the bail in view of allegations of serious offences against them. In the result, following order.

ORDER

The bail application stands rejected.

(D.V.Kashyap)

Date: 13/01/2026

Additional Sessions Judge, Kolhapur.