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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
907 CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4537 OF 2025

Vipul Umesh Solanki ...Applicant
Versus
State Of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Gaurav Bhawnani, for the Applicant.
Mr. S.S.Ghag, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM: R. M. JOSHI, J.
DATED: 8th MAY, 2026.

PC:-

1. The Applicant seeks bail in connection with Crime No. 564 of 2020 registered with Powai Police Station for the offences punishable under Section 302 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC').
2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant was arrested on 27th October 2020, and for over a period of 5 years, he is in jail without trial. It is his submission that the charge is framed on 5th February 2025, however, till date, not a single witness has been examined by the prosecution.
3. The learned APP opposes the Application by citing seriousness of the crime.
4. There is no dispute about the fact that the offence is serious. However, this would not allow the prosecution to keep the



Applicant in jail without trial over a period of 5 years. Only on the ground of long incarceration, the Application stands allowed. Hence, following order:

ORDER

(i) The Bail Application stands allowed in connection with Crime No. 564 of 2020 registered with Powai Police Station;

(ii) The Applicant be released on bail on furnishing P .R. Bond of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Trial Court;

(iii) The Applicant to attend the concerned Police Station once in a month on the first Monday of every month till conclusion of trial;

(iv) The Applicant not to interfere into the evidence of the prosecution in any manner whatsoever;

(v) The Applicant not to contact any witness in this Crime in any manner whatsoever;

(vi) The Applicant to attend all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court except exempted by a specific order by the Trial Court;

(vii) It is made clear that the observations made herein are *prima facie* and are confined to this Application and the learned Trial Judge to decide the case on its own merits, uninfluenced by the observations made herein.



5. The Bail Application stands disposed of.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)

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