



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 3441 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. RAVI @ RAVIKUMAR N.R.,
S/O RAJESH, AGED ABOUT 25 YEARS,
R/AT.121/5, KANAKAGIRI,
VIDYARANYAPURAM,
MYSORE - 570 008.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. GAURAV SUBRAMANYAM., ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA, BY VARUNA P.S,
MYSURU DISTRICT.
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT COMPLEX,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI.RANGASWAMY R., HCGP)

THIS CRL.P. IS FILED U/S.439 (FILED U/S.483 BNSS) CR.P.C PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN S.C.NO.184/2025 IN CRIME NO.95/2025 OF THE RESPONDENT NO.1 VARUNA POLICE STATION, MYSURU FOR THE OFFENCE P/US/ 189(2), 191(2), 191(3), 61, 103(1), 49, 238, 190 OF BNS PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE III ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, COURT AT MYSURU.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:





CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused No.6 in S.C.No.184/2025 pending before the Court of III Additional District and Sessions Judge Court, Mysuru, arising out of Crime.No.95/2025 registered by Varuna Police Station, Mysuru for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 189(2), 190, 191(2), 191(3), 238 & 61 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, is before this Court seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned High Court Government Pleader on behalf of the respondent-State.

3. FIR in Crime.No.95/2025 was registered by Varuna Police Station, Mysuru initially for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) and 3(5) of BNS, 2023 against Ananda and others based on the first information dated 05.05.2025 received from Rangaswamy S/o Gopalswamy. During the course of investigation, the petitioner herein was arrested on 06.05.2025 and



remanded to judicial custody. After completing the investigation, charge sheet has been filed as against seven persons and petitioner is arrayed as accused No.6 in the charge sheet.

4. The bail application filed by the petitioner before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in S.C.No.184/2025 was rejected on 21.01.2026. It is under these circumstances, he is before this Court.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that CW.2 and CW.3, who are the eyewitnesses, have not spoken about the presence of petitioner at the spot of crime. Even in the charge sheet there is no allegation made against the petitioner about his overt act. The petitioner who has no other criminal antecedent is in custody for the last one year. Accordingly, he prays for allowing the petition.

6. Per contra, learned HCGP opposes the petition and submits that the entire incident is recorded in a CCTV footage. Petitioner had come to the spot along with



accused Nos.1, 3 and 5 in his vehicle and therefore he had played vital role in committing the crime. Accordingly, he prays for dismissal of the petition.

7. The material on record would go to show that the FIR in the present case was initially registered against three named persons and others. Undisputedly petitioner's name is not found in the FIR. During the course of investigation he was arrested on 06.05.2025 and remanded to judicial custody. As per the charge sheet allegations, the deceased-Karthik who was a rowdy sheeter and accused No.7-Lakshmi both were in relationship for the last two years and accused No.1 was friend of deceased-Karthik. Subsequently, accused No.1 developed intimacy with Lakshmi and in this background, deceased-Karthik had quarreled with accused No.1-Praveena and accused No.7-Lakshmi. Therefore, accused Nos.1 and 7 had vengeance against Karthik. It is in this background all the accused persons had conspired together to commit the murder of Karthik.



8. In furtherance of such a conspiracy, on 05.05.2025, accused Nos.1, 3 and 5 came in the jeep belonging to accused No.6 which was allegedly driven by accused No.6 to the spot where the deceased-Karthik had parked his vehicle and was talking to accused No.2. Accused Nos.1 to 5 are alleged to have assaulted Karthik with deadly weapons which they had brought to the spot and had committed his murder. Kathik, who had sustained 14 injuries as a result of assault made by accused Nos.1 to 5 had died at the spot. In the charge sheet, there is no allegation against the petitioner herein about assaulting the deceased-Karthik. CW.2 and CW.3, who are the alleged eye-witnesses to the incident in question, do not speak about the presence of the petitioner at the spot of the crime. Undisputedly, petitioner has no other criminal antecedents. He is in custody from 06.05.2025 onwards. Accused Nos.1 to 5 who are the assailants in the present case have also been arrested and remanded to the judicial custody. Accused No.7 has been granted regular bail by



the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Crl.P.No.17735/2025 dated 20.02.2026. It is not the case of the prosecution even in the charge sheet that the petitioner had got down from his vehicle and therefore, it is difficult to believe at this stage that his presence was found at the spot of crime.

9. Considering the above said aspects, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of regular bail is to be allowed.

10. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

The Criminal Petition is ***allowed***.

The petitioner-accused No.6 is directed to be enlarged on bail in S.C.No.184/2025 pending before the Court of III Additional District and Sessions Judge Court, Mysuru, arising out of Crime.No.95/2025 registered by Varuna Police Station, Mysuru for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 189(2), 190, 191(2), 191(3), 238



& 61 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh only) with two sureties for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) The petitioner shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts his appearance for valid reasons;

c) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses;

d) The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE