

**THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY**

**Criminal Petition No.9198 of 2022**

**Order:**

This Criminal Petition, under Sections 437 and 439 of Cr.P.C., has been filed by the petitioner/A-17, seeking regular bail, in Crime No.1129 of 2022 of Patamata Police Station, Vijayawada City.

2. A case has been registered against the petitioner herein and others for the offences punishable under Sections 306, 386 IPC and Section 67A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

3. The allegations against the petitioner and other accused are that they, being the loan app organizers, used to harass the deceased to repay the loan amount, threatened him with dire consequences that they would send his morphed nude photos to all his contacts and defame him in the society and harassed him mentally, even he paid much more amount than the loan app amount. Due to their unbearable harassment, on 13.10.2022, the deceased committed suicide by hanging to the roof top iron rod with a chunni.

4. Heard. Perused the record.

5. The accusation against the petitioner herein is that some messages were received from the phone numbers of the accused to the phone of the deceased threatening him to repay the loan amount, and because of the same, the deceased had committed suicide. The petitioner was arrested on 27.10.2022 and since then he is in judicial remand. Petitioner herein is A-17 in the above crime. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor submitted that as many as 17 witnesses were examined in the present case and RFSL report is awaited and

the accused Nos.1 to 9 are absconding and they are to be apprehended by the police. Since the petitioner is in jail since more than 30 days, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed. The petitioner herein shall be released on bail on his executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned IV Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Vijayawada. Petitioner shall appear before the Station House Officer, Patamata Police Station, Vijayawada City once in a week i.e., on every Sunday between 10.00 AM and 01.00 PM till filing of the charge sheet. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly contact or threaten witnesses and shall not tamper the evidence and shall co-operate with the investigation.

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**K. SREENIVASA REDDY, J**

Dated:29.11.2022

**Note:**

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