Navnath Ramchandra Pujari vs The State Of Maharashtra on 5 April, 2023

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Bench: Anuja Prabhudessai

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.966 OF 2023

Navnath Ramchandra Pujari

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Vilasini B. i/b. Mr. Jaydeep Mane for the Applicant.

Mr. Shrikant Yadav, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM: SMT. ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI, J.

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...Applicant

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DATED: 5th APRIL, 2023.

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- 1. Learned counsel for the Applicant seeks leave to implead the first informant as Respondent No.2. Leave is granted. Amendment to be carried out within a period of one week. Registry thereafter to issue notice to the newly added Respondent No.2, returnable on 26/04/2023.
- 2. Learned APP shall make an endeavour to intimate the next date of hearing to Respondent No.2 through the officer of the concerned police station.
- 3. The Applicant has sought pre-arrest bail in Crime No.113 of Megha 9_aba_966_2023.doc 2023 registered with Mangalvedha police station, Solapur (rural), for the offences punishable under Sections 363, 366A, 376 (2)(n) r/w 34 of the IPC and Sections 4(2), 4, 8, 12 and 42 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act, 2012.
- 4. The case of the prosecution is that the co-accused had kidnapped the victim girl, who was below 18 years of age and that he had taken her to Rajasthan. It is also alleged that he had sexual relations with her. The role attributed to the present

Applicant is that he had assisted the main accused in kidnapping the victim girl.

- 5. Considering the role attributed to the present Applicant and particularly his age, the Applicant is granted interim bail till the next date of hearing on the following terms and conditions:-
- (i) In the event of arrest of the Applicant in Crime No.113 of 2023 registered with Mangalvedha police station, Solapur (rural), the Applicant shall be released on interim bail on furnishing PR bonds in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one or two sureties to the like amount;
- (ii) The Applicant shall report for two days from Megha 9_aba_966_2023.doc 10/04/2023 between 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
- (iii) The Applicant shall not interfere with the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (iv) The Applicant shall keep the Investigating Officer informed of his current address and mobile contact numbers, and /or change of residence or mobile details, if any, from time to time.
- 6. Stand over to 26/04/2023.

(SMT. ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI, J.)