ORDER SHEETHIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Crl. Bail Application No.1728 of 2024

Date

Order with signature of Judges

For hearing of Bail Application.

12.09.2024.

M/s. Yar Muhammad Metlo and Mumtaz Ali Metlo, Advocates for the Applicants.

Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Awan, Addl. Prosecutor General.

Mohammad Karim Khan Agha, J:- Applicant Muhammad Shahzad was booked in FIR No.689/2024 under Section 397/34 PPC registered at PS Zaman Town, Karachi. He applied for post bail before the Court of IVth Additional Sessions Judge (East) Karachi which was declined vide order dated 29.07.2024. Hence the applicant approached this Court for post arrest bail.

- 2. Brief facts of the case as per FIR are that the complainant, who is a lady, residing in her house with her two minor children on 25.06.2024 two unknown persons entered into her house and under show off weapons threatened to kill her and robbed the complainant's gold jewelry and cash before making their escape good. Hence the aforesaid FIR was lodged against the unknown persons.
- 3. I have heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned Addl. Prosecutor General Sindh.
- 4. The maximum sentence available for the offence under which the applicant has been charged is 07 years imprisonment and the general rule is that bail should be granted in such like cases unless exceptional circumstances exist. There is no exceptional circumstance existing in this case in order to decline the bail. Applicant is not named in the FIR. The two unknown persons named in the FIR have been identified before identification parade by the complainant. The role of the applicant is not clear as according to prosecution case he was standing outside the

house keeping guard, however, this is not mentioned in the FIR. In my view this is a case of further inquiry against the present applicant Muhammad Shahzad.

- 5. As such the applicant **Muhammad Shahzad s/o Muhammad Akbar** is admitted to post arrest bail subject to furnishing his solvent surety in the sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs) and PR Bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Nazir of the concerned trial Court.
- 6. It is made clear that this order is only after a tentative assessment of the evidence available on record and would have no bearing on the trial of the applicant which shall be decided by the concerned trial Court based on the evidence placed before it.
- 7. The instant criminal bail application stands disposed of in the above terms.

JUDGE

MAK/PS