## ORDER SHEET HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Crl. Bail Appl. No.2095 of 2024.

Date

Order with signature of Judges

For hearing of Bail Application.

## 23.10.2024.

Mr. Shafqat Gul Malik, Advocate along with Applicant Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Awan, Addl. Prosecutor General

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**Mohammad Karim Khan Agha, J:**- Applicant Shehroz Ali was booked in FIR No.179/2024 under Section 489-F PPC registered at PS Frere, Karachi. He applied for pre arrest bail before the Court of Additional Sessions Judge-II (South) Karachi which was declined vide order dated 09.09.2024. Hence the applicant approached this Court for pre arrest bail.

- 2. Brief facts of the case as per FIR in essence are that the applicant owes the complainant an amount of Rs.6-lacs. In order to settle the matter applicant issued 02 cheques each Rs.50000/-. When the complainant presented these cheques at the concerned bank same were bounced. Hence the aforesaid FIR was lodged against the present applicant.
- 3. I have heard learned counsel for the applicant. Learned Addl. Prosecutor General Sindh has opposed the grant of bail. Complainant has been served for today's hearing however he has preferred to remain absent.
- 4. The maximum sentence available for the offence under which the applicant has been charged is 03 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. The case is based on the documentary evidence which cannot be tampered with by the applicant. Challan has been submitted as such the applicant is no longer required for further investigation. The amount involved is relatively minor being Rs. 6-lacs.

- 5. Based on the above discussion I hereby confirm the prearrest bail granted earlier on 18.09.2024 to the applicant **Shehroz Ali** on the same terms and conditions.
- 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 expeditiously and no adjournment on any flimsy ground shall be allowed. In the event if the applicant misuses the concession of bail, the complainant shall be free to approach relevant forum for cancellation of his bail. Copy of this order shall be sent to Judicial Magistrate-II (South) Karachi for compliance.
- 7. The instant criminal bail application stands disposed of in the above terms.

**JUDGE** 

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