## IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, LARKANA Cr. Misc. Appln. No.S-31 of 2025

Date of Hearing

ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

04.02.2025.

For orders on M.A. No.583/2025.

For orders on office objection.

For orders on M.A. No.584/2025.

For hearing of Main Case.

Mrs. Akhtiar Begum, advocate for the applicant.

This is a challenge to an order dated 27.01.2025 passed by the learned VII-Additional Sessions Judge, Larkana in his capacity as Ex-Officio Justice of Peace. Sanaullah the applicant seeks direction that an FIR be registered on information which he has. The learned Ex-officio however did not agree with his contention

Under Section 154, Cr.PC any person who has information of a cognizable offence is entitled to approach the police station of competent jurisdiction with his information. It is then up to the police man to be SHO to determine whether the information provided reveals an offence and if it does, whether the offence falls under the cognizable or non-cognizable category. The Cr.PC and the Police Rules provide ample guidance to SHOs in all such eventuality. The right of a person which has been given to him or her under the law to provide information cannot be curtailed.

Accordingly, the applicant is at liberty to approach the police station with the information. It is clarified however that orders of similar nature are interpreted by the police to mean that a direction to mandatorily register an FIR has been made by the Court. This is not the case. This order shall not be interpreted to mean that a mandatory direction is given. In the first instance it is up to the SHO to decide whether an offence has been committed or not. Notice has not been issued in this case because the only direction being given is for the police to perform its lawful duties.

Application is disposed of in the above terms.

