ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Cr. Bail Appl.No.1973 of 2025

Date
Order with signature of the Judge

Present:
Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro.
Mr. Justice Syed Fiaz ul Hassan Shah.
Shakeel Usman
17.11.2025.

Mr. Shoukat Hayat, Advocates for applicant Mr. Musharaf Azhar, Special Prosecutor ANF.

ORDER

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MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO J: While combing through ANF Examination area of SAPT Port, Karachi on 16.09.2025, ANF party spotted three containers bound for Srilanka in which ostensibly onions were loaded but on search 9.600 K.Gs heroin was found. Accordingly, FIR bearing Cr. No.21/2025 U/s 6,9, 14,15 CNS Act, 1997 of P.S. ANF Clifton Karachi was registered. In the investigation, applicant and other accused were found to have rented a Godown where the onions were kept. It also transpired that applicant and other accused had purchased the onions from the market and applicant was also responsible for getting onions loaded in the trucks.

- 2. Learned counsel for applicant submits that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case; there is no direct evidence against him; co-accused namely Muhammad Nadeem has been granted bail. He has relied upon 2021 SCMR 1804, 2019 SCMR 1651, 2024 YLR 2359, 2022 SCMR 2068 and 2024 SCMR 1716,
- 3. On the other hand, learned Special Prosecutor ANF has opposed the bail.
- 4. We have considered arguments of the parties and perused material available on record. Investigation report shows that different witnesses at different stages have prima facie involved the applicant in their 161 Cr.P.C statements to be the person, who got Godown on rent, purchased the onions, kept them there and finally had got them loaded in the trucks. P.Ws Munir Ahmed @ Babu, Zaheerullah, Shakeel Osman, Zahid Gul and Zafar Iqbal have *prima facie* supported these allegations against the applicant. Besides, the impugned order shows, that applicant is a previous convict of life imprisonment in an identical case. The case of co-accused is on different footings, hence rule of consistency is not applicable. We, therefore, do not find the applicant entitled to the concession of bail. His bail application is dismissed. The trial court is, however, directed to expedite the trial and conclude it as soon as possible.

The observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and would not prejudice case of either party at trial.

The Cr. Bail Application is disposed of.

JUDGE