

ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, AT KARACHI

Crl. Bail Application No.1823 of 2026
[Abdul Wahab son of Shoaib Khan The State]

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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For hearing of bail application.

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05.10.2026.

Applicant present on interim pre-arrest bail.
Malik Sadaqat Khan, Special Prosecutor SSGC a/w Mr. Noman Iqbal,
Law Officer, SSGC.
Mr. Ali Haider Saleem, Addl. P.G.

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Shamsuddin Abbasi, J.- Through this bail application, applicant Abdul Wahab son of Shoaib Khan seeks pre-arrest bail in Crime No.70 of 2023 registered at Police Station SSGC, Karachi, for offences under Sections 5/24 of the Gas Theft Control and Recovery Act, 2016 after his application for pre-arrest bail was declined by the learned Gas Utility Court, Karachi Division vide order dated 11.09.2025.

2. The prosecution case as set out in the FIR lodged by complainant Dr. Abdul Rasheed Kalhoro, Deputy Manager, SSGC, Karachi, is that on receipt of spy information he, along with the technical staff and police personnel conducted raid at Plot No.L-381, Street No.14, Sector-1, Pakhtoon Abad, Manghopir, Karachi, where a Nimco and Chips factory was found in operation being run by means of stolen gas through 18 feet spring pipe connected with the service/auxiliary line of SSGC and a bhatti was being operated through the said illegal gas connection. It is further alleged that a locally manufactured 15 KVA generator blue and black in colour fitted with battery and gas kit was also found operational through a direct gas line for generation of electricity for the factory. The proprietor of the factory was disclosed as Abdul Wahab son of Shoaib Khan, whereupon the present FIR was lodged against him.

3. The applicant is present in person and states that he is willing to abide by and comply with the revised installment plan agreed upon by SSGC for payment of the outstanding amount. Learned counsel appearing for SSGC as well as the learned APG present in Court have no objection to

confirmation of applicant's interim pre-arrest bail subject to his compliance with the agreed payment schedule. Learned counsel for SSGC has produced letter dated 29.09.2026 whereby SSGC has agreed to accept the outstanding amount in 10 equal installments, relevant extract is reproduced below:-

“In compliance of Hon’ble High Court order dated 21.09.2026 in Cr. Bail App No.1823/2026, following revised schedule of payment comprising 10 installments, out of which the accused has already paid 2 installments and now the accused will pay the balance amount of Rs.2,754,800/- as per following schedule.

S. NO.	INSTALLMENT	DATE	AMOUNT RECOVERABLE	AMOUNT RECOVERED
1	Ist installment	20.04.2026	740,000/- (paid)	1,040,000/-
2	2 nd Installment	18.09.2026	300,000 (paid)	
3	3 rd installment	18.10.2026	331,850/-	
4	4 th installment	18.11.2026	331,850/-	
5	5 th installment	18.12.2026	331,850/-	
6	6 th installment	18.01.2027	331,850/-	
7	7 th installment	18.02.2027	331,850/-	
8	8 th installment	18.03.2027	331,850/-	
9	9 th installment	18.04.2027	331,850/-	
10	10 th installment	18.05.2027	331,850/-	
TOTAL			3,694,800/-	
BALANCE			2,654,800/-	

4. The applicant, who is present in person, has undertaken to strictly adhere to and comply with the aforesaid payment schedule. In view of the said undertaking, the no objection expressed by learned counsel for SSGC and the learned APG and the circumstances presently attending the matter, this bail application is allowed. Consequently, the interim pre-arrest bail granted to the applicant vide order dated 15.06.2026 is hereby confirmed on the same terms and conditions. It is, however, made clear that the applicant shall remain bound by the payment schedule agreed upon with SSGC and shall make each installment within the stipulated period. In the event of any default or failure on the part of the applicant to comply with the said undertaking, SSGC shall be at liberty to approach the learned trial Court by filing an appropriate application for cancellation of bail whereupon the learned trial Court shall examine and decide the matter strictly in accordance with law. Needless to observe that the observations made herein are tentative in nature and shall not prejudice either party at the trial. The learned trial Court shall decide the case independently strictly on the basis of the evidence brought on record and in accordance with law.

JUDGE