IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT HYDERABAD

Cr. Bail Application No.S-903 of 2026
(Ghulam Mustafa and Muhammad Hashim --- versus --- The State

Criminal Bail Application No.S-904 of 2026
(Mengho Mal --- versus --- The State)

Criminal Bail Application No.S-905 of 2026
(Imtiaz Ali ----- versus ---- The State

Date of hearing: 02.11.2026

Date of order: 02.11.2026

M/s Muhammad Hashim Laghari and Ghulam Rasool Samoo, Advocates for applicants.

Mr. Altaf Hussain Khokhar, Deputy Prosecutor General Sindh

O R D E R

OMAR SIAL, J:- Through captioned bail applications, the applicants seek post arrest bail in Crime No. 04/2026, registered under sections 409, 418, 420, 467, 471, 34 PPC r/w Section 5(2) Prevention of Corruption Act 1947 (II of 1947) at Police Station ACE, Mirpurkhas

2. The applicant Ghulam Mustafa in Criminal Bail Application No.S-903/2026, has died, therefore, his bail is dismissed. Applicant Muhammad Hashim in Criminal Bail Application No.S-903/2026 has been implicated in this case as he was a beneficiary of the alleged bogus sale deeds and allegedly he obtained the NIC of Ghulam Mustafa to support the bogus sale deeds. At the moment, there is no conclusive finding from a competent court regarding the fact as to whether the sale deeds were bogus or not. Applicant Mengho Mal in Criminal Bail Application No.S-904/2026 was the Tapedar and it is alleged that he issued a Sale Certificate in spite of the fact that there was an objection on the transfer in the record. Applicant Imtiaz Ali in Criminal Bail Application No.S-905/2026 has been implicated as ostensibly he confessed and told the investigator a modus operandi that is deployed in such cases. It is pertinent to mention, however, that the private complainant Farooq Laghari himself has stated that Imtiaz Ali has nothing to do with this case.

3. I have heard all the learned counsel and the learned Deputy Prosecutor General Sindh.

4. Admittedly, Zohaib, who was the Mukhtiarkar, and Aftab, who was the Sub-Registrar, have both been granted bail. The Mukhtiarkar is supposed to be the custodian of the records and if he has been granted bail then that benefit should also trickle down to Mengho Mal, the Tapedar. Muhammad Hashim is one of the people who provided the NIC to Ghulam Mustafa which was then used for the bogus sale deed. It is yet to be seen whether Muhammad Hashim did provide the NIC or whether his NIC was misused. Imtiaz Ali has retracted on his confession and apart from the confession there was no other evidence against him till now.

5. Given the above, the role attributed to each of the applicants, the nature of the available evidence, and the fact that the co-accused Zohaib and Aftab have already been granted bail, I am of the tentative opinion that the cases of the applicants Muhammad Hashim, Mengho Mal, and Imtiaz Ali fall within the ambit of further inquiry, as contemplated under Section 497(2), Cr.P.C. However, it would be just and appropriate to fix a higher bail for all three (03) individuals. Accordingly, all three (03) bail applications are allowed and the applicants are admitted to post-arrest bail subject to following terms:

i. Applicant Muhammad Hashim (Cr.B.A. No. S-903/2026) and Imtiaz Ali (Cr.B.A. No.S-905/2026) against surety of Rs.500,000/- each and a P.R. bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

ii. Applicant Mengho Mal (Cr.B.A. No.S-904/2026), against surety of Rs.1,000,000/- (Rupees One Million only) and a P.R. bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

JUDGE

Ali Haider