ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Criminal Bail Application No. 383 of 2024

(Ali Haider Lodhi v. The State)

Date

Order with signature of Judge

For hearing of bail application

03.05.2024

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Mr. Muhammad Anwar Mahar, DDPP for the State

The facts, in brief, necessary for the disposal of the instant bail application are that a video clip was made viral on social media, whereby one Irfan was found subjecting certain ladies to rape, for which the present case was registered by ASI Aftab Hussain on behalf of the State. The applicant on being involved in the said case was arrested by the police, he sought his release on bail by filing such application, it was dismissed by learned Vth-Additional Sessions Judge Malir Karachi. It is, in these circumstances, the applicant has sought his release on bail from this Court by filing the instant application under Section 497 Cr. PC.

Heard arguments and perused the record.

The name of the applicant does not appear in the FIR; it was disclosed by co-accused Irfan; such disclosure could hardly be used as evidence against him. The only allegation against him is that he installed the CCTV Camera at the place of the incident; if it is believed to be so then it constitutes an offence punishable under Section 21/25 of the Cyber Crime Act, which is not falling within the prohibitory clause. The case has finally been challaned. There is no likelihood of absconcion or tampering with the evidence on the part of the applicant. In these circumstances, a case for the release of the applicant on post-arrest bail on point of further inquiry is made out.

Consequent upon above discussion, the applicant is admitted to bail subject to his furnishing surety in sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) and P.R bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

Instant bail application is disposed of accordingly.