

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Special Criminal Bail Application 165 of 2024

Abdul Rahim Billo

vs.

The State

For the Applicant : Mr. Muhammad Adnan Moton
Advocate
Mr. Abdul Rahim Billo,
Applicant
Date of hearing : 04.12.2024
Date of announcement : 04.12.2024

ORDER

Agha Faisal, J. (1) Urgency granted. (2) Exemption granted subject to all just exceptions. (3) The applicant seeks protective bail, in respect of F.I.R./C.No.Appg-158/DCI/R&A/Hometex Industries/FIR/2021, registered on 03.09.2021 before DG I&I Customs Regional Office Karachi, pertaining to offence/s under Section/s 2(s), 19,32(1),(2), 32A and 79(1) punishable under Clauses (8), (10A), (14) and (14A) of Section 156(1) of the Customs Act, 1969, read with Sections 3, 6, 7A, 33 and 34 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, further read with Section 148(1) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

Learned counsel submits that the applicant's name is erroneously mentioned in the final challan, whereas, Non-Bailable warrant has been issued against the applicant dated 04.10.2024, copy whereof has been placed on record and applicant intends to surrender before the trial Court, however, in order to be enabled in such regard seeks to be admitted to protective bail.

In view of the foregoing, and without adverting to the merits of the case¹, the applicant is admitted to protective bail from the date hereof till end of Court hours on 13-12-2024 or upon surrender of the applicant before the trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) and a personal recognizance bond, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court. This Special Criminal Bail Application stands disposed of accordingly. The warrant issued against the applicant stands suspended in the tenancy hereof.

JUDGE

¹ *Mukhtar Awan vs. The State* reported as 1990 PCrLJ 617; *Sabir Hussain vs. The State* reported as 1999 MLD 2208.