

**THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI**

**Special Criminal Bail Application No. 57 of 2025**

[Muhammad Junaid v. The State]

Applicant : Muhammad Junaid son of Noor Muhammad through Mr. Muhammad Hanif Qureshi, Advocate.

Respondent : The State, through Mr. Altaf Ahmed Sahar, Assistant Attorney General for Pakistan along with I.O. Mr. Shaikh Suhail Mehboob, FIA, AHT Circle, Karachi.

Date of hearing : 18-03-2025

Date of decision : 18-03-2025

*FIR No. 311 of 2024  
U/s: 156(1)(8) of the Customs Act, 1969  
Read with Section 420 and 109 PPC  
P.S. FIA, AHT Circle, Karachi*

**ORDER**

**Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry J.** - The Applicant seeks post-arrest bail in the aforesaid crime after the same has been declined by the Special Judge (Customs, Taxation & Anti-Smuggling-I), Karachi by order dated 18.02.2025.

2. Heard learned counsel and perused the record.

3. FIR dated 17.12.2024 emanated from an inquiry conducted by the FIA, AHT Circle, Karachi on a complaint made by Mst. Mehmooda Bano against Abdul Shakoor *alias* Shahzaib Naqshbandi and Junaid (Applicant). The Complainant alleged that her son booked a trip to Saudi Arabia for performing Umrah through a travel agent namely Abdul Shakoor, who duped her son into carrying two packets of Tramadol Tablets (200 strips) on the pretext that such medication was required for his friend's ailing mother at Jeddah. However, upon arrival at Jeddah Airport, the Complainant's son was taken in custody by Saudi Authorities, apparently over charges for trafficking a controlled substance such as Tramadol Tablets. Per the Complainant,

when she contacted Abdul Shakoor, he informed her that the tablets were supplied to him by Junaid, the Applicant.

4. The allegation that it was the Applicant who supplied Tramadol Tablets to Abdul Shakoor for onward carriage to Jeddah, was made by the Complainant upon information given to her by Abdul Shakoor, the main accused, who is still absconder. Apart from that, no evidence has come forth against the Applicant during investigation. Furthermore, it has yet to be seen whether Tramadol Tablets are a controlled or psychotropic substance in Pakistan, and if so whether the offence could still fall under the Customs Act.

5. For the foregoing reasons, the case against the Applicant Muhammad Junaid is one of further inquiry, falling within the ambit of sub-section (2) of section 497 Cr.P.C. Therefore, he is granted bail in the aforesaid FIR subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs. 500,000/- [Rupees Five Hundred Thousand only] alongwith P.R. Bond in like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Needless to state that the observations herein are tentative, and shall not be construed to prejudice the case of either side at trial.

**JUDGE**

Karachi

Dated: 18-03-2025

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