

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
Cr. Bail Application No.2299 of 2026

Present:
Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro
Mr. Justice Khalid Hussain Shahani

Applicant:- Sohail @ Bablu through Mr. Muhammad Yousif
Narejo, Advocate.

Respondent:- The State through Mr. Abrar Khichi,
Additional Prosecutor General.

Date of hearing:- 13.08.2026

Date of decision:- 13.08.2026

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MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO J: Applicant was arrested on 07.05.2025 by a police team of PS Ibrahim Hyderi, Karachi, headed by SIP Imam Bux from inside street near Shajra Pump, Ibrahim Hyderi and from him allegedly 1530 grams of charas was recovered, hence he was booked in the present case.

2. In his previous bail application, vide order dated 16.01.2026 direction to the trial Court to hold expeditious trial and conclude it within three months was given but nothing has happened.

3. Learned counsel for applicant has pleaded for bail on the ground that directions have not been complied with; there is no video recording of the incident in compliance of section 17(2) of the Sindh Control of Narcotics Substance Act, 2024 and applicant is no more required for further investigation.

4. On the other hand, learned APG has opposed bail on the ground that applicant was previously involved in three cases. However, learned defence counsel has rebutted the same by submitting copies of judgments showing that in those three cases applicant has been acquitted.

5. Further, we are of the view that direction of expeditious trial has not been complied with and no progress has been made by the trial Court. The expeditious trial is right of the accused goes without saying which in this case appears to have been denied to the applicant. More

so, compliance of section 17(2) of the Sindh Control of Narcotics Substance Act, 2024 has not been done and applicant is no more required for further investigation.

6. In view of above, we accept this bail application and allow bail to the applicant subject to furnishing a solvent surety in the sum of Rs.2,00,000/- and PR Bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

7. The Bail Application is disposed of accordingly. The observations herein above are tentative in nature and shall not affect the case of either party on merits before the trial Court.

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