

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Cr. BA No. 1624 of 2026

Applicant : Shahbaz Rehman S/o. Abdul Rehman
Through Mr. Umar Khan, Advocate

Respondent : The State
Through Ms. Najma Latif Golo, A.P.G

Complainant : Liaquat Khan son of Qaim Shah
in person,

Date of hearing : 11.08.2026.

Date of order : 11.08.2026.

ORDER

Jan Ali Junejo, J.— Applicant Shahbaz Rehman son of Abdul Rehman seek pre-arrest bail in a case bearing Crime No. 69/2025, for offence under section 324 PPC of P.S Methadar, Karachi. Prior to this, the applicant had sought the same relief before the learned Additional Sessions Judge-X, Karachi South, which was declined vide order dated 18.05.2026. He was admitted to interim pre-arrest bail by this court vide order dated 25.02.2025, now the matter is fixed for confirmation of interim bail or otherwise.

2. The prosecution case, in brief, is that the complainant namely Liaquat Khan S/o Qaim Shah, resident of the address mentioned in Column No.2 of the FIR and engaged in private employment, are that on 24.04.2026, he, along with his friend Ahtisham S/o Khalid, was travelling on a 70cc motorcycle from Burhani Hospital towards Tower, and at about 02:00 a.m., when they reached I.I. Chundrigar Road near SP City Railway Office, Karachi, Shahbaz @ Shaboo S/o Rehman, whom he already knew, was standing there along with his friend, who was a police official. On seeing the complainant, Shahbaz called him, whereupon he stopped. Shahbaz then made an aerial firing and approached the complainant, maltreated him and struck him on the head with the butt of a pistol, causing a bleeding injury. Thereafter, Shahbaz made 5/6 straight shots and fled from the scene on a motorcycle. The complainant then called Police Helpline 15, proceeded to the police station, obtained a medical letter for treatment at Civil Hospital, and approached the police for registration of the report and legal action.

3. As per the contention of the learned counsel for the applicant, the applicant has been falsely implicated with mala fide intention. He contends

that applicant was involved in this false case on the instigation of Ali Tanoli who is a police man due to professional jealousy, personal grudge and enmity who is best friend of the complainant and that the applicant has joined investigation and have not misused the concession of interim protection; therefore, he prays that the pre-arrest bail be confirmed.

4. The A. P. G. Sindh while not opposing the grant of bail, recorded his no objection to the instant application in view of the affidavit of no objection filed by the complainant Liaquat Khan, same is taken on record, wherein he expressly raised no objection to the applicant being admitted to bail.

5. Notably, the complainant has since submitted an affidavit in which he has raised no objection to the grant of bail to the applicants. This has resulted in two conflicting versions, one set forth in the FIR and the other contained in the complainant's affidavit. Such divergence creates a situation where the veracity of the complainant's statement and his credibility can only be determined at the time of trial, after the recording of evidence. The law is very liberal especially when it is salutary principle of law that in the offences which do not fall within prohibitory clause, the grant of bail is a rule while its refusal is merely an exception. Accordingly, the interim bail already granted to the applicant vide order dated 25.05.2026 is confirmed on same terms and conditions.

6. Needless to mention here that the observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and would not influence the trial Court while deciding the case of the applicant on merits. However, in case the applicant misuses the concession of bail in any manner, the trial Court shall be at liberty to cancel the same after giving him notice, in accordance with law.

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