THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

Criminal Bail Application No.S-555 of 2022.

DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

For orders on office objections. For hearing of main case. 02.09.2022.

Mian Taj Muhammad Keerio advocate for the applicant. Mr. Ghulam Abbas Sangi Assistant Attorney General. Ms. Sana Memon, Assistant Prosecutor General, Sindh. Applicant is present on ad-interim pre-arrest bail.

ORDER

MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO, J:- Complainant, belonging to Ahle-Tashee, having found a post uploaded by applicant derogatory to his sect reported the matter to police of P.S. Tando Bago Badin on 21.02.2022 alongwith screenshots of post prompting an investigation which has culminated in submission of report under Section 173 CrPC incorporating the same story and offences under Sections 298-A and 295-A PPC.

Learned defence counsel has pleaded for bail on the ground that Cyber Crime FIA has not conducted any inquiry into genuiness of post or the I.D. which was used for uploading post, hence, this case requires further inquiry and malafide on the part of complainant belonging to a different sect than the applicant cannot be ruled out. Learned APG and Assistant Attorney General have however opposed the bail.

Apart from finding submissions forwarded in defence worth consideration as there is no expert opinion either on I.D. used or genuiness of post, malafide on the part of complainant to report the matter cannot be ruled out. Therefore, this bail application is allowed and ad-interim pre-arrest bail granted to the applicant vide order 29.04.2022 is hereby confirmed on the same terms and conditions.

The observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and shall not influence the trial court while deciding the case on merits.