IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Spl. Crl. Bail Application No. 157 of 2025

Applicant : Zain Abdullah

through Mr. Naseer Ahmed Khan,

Advocate

Respondent : The State

through Mr. Khalid Mehmood Rajpar, Special Prosecutor

Customs

Date of hearing : 26.06.2025

Date of Decision : 08.07.2025

<u>ORDER</u>

Omar Sial, J: Zain Abdullah seeks post-arrest bail in crime number 2 of 2024 registered under sections 2(s), 15, 16, 32, 32(1) and 131 of the Customs Act, 1969.

- 2. A proprietorship concern with the name Fate Enterprises filed an export goods declaration on 19.01.2025 for a consignment said to contain 2060 ceiling fans which were destined for Oman. Upon checking the consignment 1464 pistols were found hidden in the cavity of the ceiling fans.
- 3. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned Special Prosecutor, Pakistan Customs.
- 4. The case against Zain Abdullah is that he is the son of the proprietor of Fate Enterprises (Rozina Abdullah) and that he sits in the same office as her. Rozina, when interrogated, said that it was her husband Abdullah who would run the business and that she was completely unaware of how the pistols got into the fans. The clearing agent of the consignment was Brisking Enterprises. Upon investigating the case, the investigating officer came to the conclusion that Zain Abdullah has no

connection with the business of Fate Enterprises and that no evidence to show Zain's nexus with the consignment was found. Indeed the learned Special Prosecutor acknowledged the contents of the challan but insisted that Zain works in the same office as his parents. Both Rozina and Zain in their respective statements have categorically stated that all matters of Fate Enterprises were looked into by their husband/father Abdullah Ahmed. Weight has to be given to the findings of the investigating officer.

5. The case against Zain Abdullah is one of further inquiry. He is therefore admitted to bail upon furnishing a surety of Rs. one million and a P.R. Bond for the same amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial court.

JUDGE