ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No. 1926 of 2025

DATE

ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES

For hearing of bail application.

25-09-2025

Mr. Saifullah, advocate a/w applicant.

Mr. Fazal Khan, advocate a/w complainant.

Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Awan, Additional Prosecutor General.

Zeeshan Khan, the applicant, is accused of kidnapping and marrying a minor girl. The girl's father registered F.I.R. No.266 of 2025 under section 376-B and sections 3 and 4 of the Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2013 at the Mominabad police station.

- 2. The stance repeatedly taken by the allegedly kidnapped girl is that her parents beat her, and therefore, to escape them, she married the applicant. She claims to be very happy with her husband and says that she wishes to live with her husband. Currently, the girl is confined to the Shelter Home. The investigating officer of the case is directed to record the girl's statement, and the girl should then be released to her parents by Pannah. The statement shall then be filed with a supplementary challan before the concerned learned Magistrate.
- 3. The interim pre-arrest of the applicant, who himself is a young boy, is confirmed on the same terms and conditions.
- 4. The S.H.O. Mominabad is directed to appoint a female officer to conduct surprise visits to the complainant's home every fortnight to assess the safety and well-being of the girl. A similar request is made to Pannah. In the event either is suspicious that the girl is maltreated by her parents, an

application should be made in this same bail application, apprising this Court of the state of affairs.

- 5. The investigating officer of the case is directed to bring within the ambit of investigation the lawyer who facilitated the free will marriage and the molvi who solemnized it.
- 6. The application stands disposed of in the above terms.

JUDGE