

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH,
CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD.

Criminal Miscellaneous Application No.S- 224 of 2026

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE
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1. For orders on office objection.
2. For hearing of main case.
3. For hearing of MA 3458/2026.

21.05.2026.

None present for applicant.
Ms. Sana Memon, A.P.G for State.
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The applicant is aggrieved by order dated 24.04.2026 passed by the Ex-Officio Justice of Peace/Additional Sessions Judge-II, Dadu. As per the narrative of the impugned order this matter concerns a bounced cheque and the Ex-Officio Justice of Peace had simply ordered recording of statement of the respondent No.3 Deedar Ali to determine whether it constitutes a cognizable offence or not.

The impugned order dated 20.04.2026 passed by the Ex-Officio Justice of Peace, Dadu well recognizes the trite principle and finds that as per law any person who has information of an offence having been committed is entitled under the law to provide such information to the Police Station. Once such information is provided it is upto the police officer to determine whether any offence is revealed and if an offence is revealed whether it is cognizable or a non-cognizable. The Criminal Procedure Code and Police Rules provide ample guidance to police officers to proceed in either situation, as well as the situation where false information has been provided. The police official shall apply his own mind and act in accordance with law.

In view of the above observations, the impugned order dated 20.04.2026 is well reasoned and I do not find any illegality or irregularity to interfere in the same. The police authorities are at liberty to record and act

upon the statement of complainant/respondent No.3 as deemed appropriate and/or take further action in accordance with law within ten (10) days from today including, inter alia, recording further statement of the complainant, as the case may be with the police official's actions guided by his independent application of mind. For clarification, none of the observations concerning the case will influence the police authorities. Additional Prosecutor General shall communicate the aforesaid timeline to the concerned SHO.

This Criminal Miscellaneous Application stands **dismissed** in the above terms along with pending application.

JUDGE

Tufail