

**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI**  
**Cr. Bail Application No.1537 of 2026**

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**DATE**

**ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES**

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For hearing of bail application

**30.06.2026**

Mr. Muhammad Afzal Roshan Advocate along with Applicant  
Shahbaz Ali on bail

Mr. Ali Anwar Kandhro, Additional Prosecutor General  
ASI Syed Qaiser Abbas on behalf of SHO PS Saddar

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**Omar Sial, J.** Applicant Shahbaz Ali was granted interim pre-arrest bail in Crime No. 201 of 2026 registered under Sections 393, 394, 324, 34 PPC at Police Station Orangi Town. Today, the Applicant is present on interim pre-arrest bail and seeks its confirmation.

2. Brief facts of the case as narrated in the FIR are that on 27.03.2026 at about 8.45 PM four person on two motor cycles duly armed with pistols came at main road Qaddafi Chowk, Sector 1-D, Orangi Town Karachi and tried to rob one person present there, and during such incident, Shahbaz Ali, a bystander, present on the scene, witnessing the occurrence of the crime opened fire on the robbers with his licensed pistol. Two robbers received injuries and fell off the motorcycle while the remaining two managed to escape. It appears from the record that the robbers returned fire and, as a consequence, four passersby were injured and one lost his life.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the Applicant, the Investigating Officer, and the Additional Prosecutor General.

4. In evaluating the confirmation of interim bail, the record reflects that the applicant was possibly acting as a Good Samaritan upon witnessing a street robbery in progress. The learned Additional Prosecutor General concedes that the applicant likely lacked the *mens rea* (criminal intent) to injure or kill bystanders, and it remains

factually unclear at this stage whose gunfire actually caused the casualties. Furthermore, the applicant harbored no *mala fide* (bad faith) toward either the robbers or the unfortunate passersby. This tragic incident highlights a broader societal challenge, where an exponential rise in street crime has increasingly led armed citizens to open fire on robbers in self-defense. Consequently, because the case against the applicant requires further inquiry, the interim bail previously granted to him is hereby confirmed on the same terms and conditions.

**JUDGE**

Amjad PS