

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Crl. Bail Application No. 2195 of 2023

Applicant : Rizwan Iqbal
through Mr. Muhammad Bilal Rashid, Advocate

Respondent : The State
through Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Awan, Addl.P.G.

Date of hearing : 16th October, 2023

Date of order : 18th October, 2023

ORDER

Omar Sial, J: Rizwan Iqbal has sought post arrest bail in crime number 1014 of 2023 registered under section 39-A of the Electricity Act, 1910 and section 462-J P.P.C. Earlier, on 20.09.2023, his application seeking bail was dismissed by the learned 4th Additional Sessions Judge, Malir.

2. A background to the case is that an employee of K-Electric, Rizwan Khalid, along with his team visited the applicant's house as there was information that the applicant was using electricity illegally and that he had also not paid his outstanding dues amounting to approximately Rs. 1 million.

3. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned Additional Prosecutor General. None appeared on behalf of the complainant K-Electric.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant has put on record a receipt issued by the Customer Care Centre Johar-II that shows that an amount of Rs. 311,028 has been paid by the applicant on 12.09.2023. Upon a tentative assessment it appears that the entire amount outstanding has been paid by the applicant. The F.I.R. though shows that a total of approximately 1 million was due from the applicant. None from K-Electric is present to assist. The quantum owed by the applicant to K-Electric, therefore is an aspect that requires further inquiry.

5. The applicant is admitted to post arrest bail subject to his furnishing a solvent surety in the sum of Rs. 1 million and a P.R. Bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial court.

JUDGE