ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI Crl. Misc. Application No. 640 of 2023

DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES

For hearing of Main Case

<u>11.12.2023</u>:

Mr. Ghulam Asghar Pathan Advocate for the Applicant Mr. Zahoor Shah, Additional Prosecutor General Sindh Zareef Abbasi, the Respondent No.5 in person

Learned counsel for the applicant says that his grievance is that even though the applicant has information regarding an offence, the police are reluctant to entertain him and that when he approached the learned Ex-Officio Justice of Peace with his grievance, she too dismissed the application filed under sections 22-A and B Cr.P.C. on 29.08.2023

I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned Assistant Prosecutor General. The respondent no. 5 was present, though did not engage a counsel.

A person who claims to have information regarding the commission of an offence cannot be stopped from going to a police station to give the relevant information. It is up to the police to analyze the information to determine whether an offence is made based on the information, whether the information is accurate and correct, whether the information discloses the commission of a cognizable or non-cognizable offence, and proceed further in accordance with the law. The application is disposed of with the above observations. It is clarified, however, that no part of this order should be interpreted to mean that directions are given for the mandatory registration of an F.I.R. Simply, what is being ordered is that the police act in accordance with law if, and when approached by the applicant.

JUDGE