## THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

Criminal Bail Application No.S-161 of 2023

## DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

For orders on office objection. For hearing of main case.

## <u>15.05.2023</u>.

Mr. Muhammad Sulleman Unar and Mr. Asad Ali Jatoi advocates for the applicant. Barrister Muhammad Azmatullah Channa advocate for the complainant. Ms. Sana Memon, Assistant Prosecutor General, Sindh.

Applicant is present on ad-interim pre-arrest bail.

## ORDER

MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO, J:- Complainant is a landlord so is applicant. Their lands are situated adjacent to each other. It is the case of the complainant that applicant had obtained loan of one crore rupees from him between years 2018 to 2020 against which she issued him a cheque of same amount (rupees one crore) which on presentation in the bank was dishonored. Hence FIR No.31/2020 u/s 489-F PPC was registered against her. In the case, on the basis of compromise, she was acquitted and she issued a fresh cheque of Rs.01 crore 15 lacs to the complainant which too on presentation in the bank was dishonored. Hence, this FIR u/s 489-F PPC.

Learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that in previous FIR No.31/2020 she was acquitted on merits vide judgment dated 28.04.2022 (available at page 283). After the judgment the story was manipulated by the complainant in a bid to register a fresh case against her. There is already civil litigation between the parties pending in different courts over sale of land, cancellation of sale deed, cancellation of cheque, etc. Therefore, false implication of the applicant cannot be ruled out.

His arguments have been rebutted by learned counsel for the complainant stating that in the first case she was acquitted on the basis of compromise, and after registration of this case applicant herself has filed two applications u/s 22-A CrPC for registration of

FIR against the complainant which is a testament that she is likely to temper with the evidence. Learned APG submits that except dishonored cheque no other document is available to show that she has obtained any loan from the complainant or in the previous case she was acquitted on the basis of compromise.

I have heard submission of the parties and perused material available on record. The judgment in the previous case Crime No.31/2022 PS Cantt Hyderabad shows that the applicant after a full dressed trial was acquitted by the trial Court. In the evidence, the complainant, prima facie, had fully implicated the applicant and it was only on the basis of appreciation of evidence, the Court came to the conclusion that the prosecution had failed to prove the case against her. In addition, admittedly there is civil litigation between the parties. Both the parties are landed family and their lands are situated adjacent to each other over the sale and purchase of which, they are at odds with each other. In these circumstances, false implication of applicant cannot be ruled out and her case requires further inquiry into the question as to whether after acquittal in the first case regarding the same loan amount, she can be arraigned in subsequent case filed in respect of return of the same loan amount. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed and ad-interim pre-arrest bail granted to applicant vide order dated 17.02.2023 is hereby confirmed on the same terms and conditions.

The observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and shall not influence the trial court while deciding the case on merits.

JUDGE

Irfan Ali