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

Criminal Bail Application No.S-257 of 2023

## DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

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

14.04.2023.

Mr. Bhooro Bheel advocate for the applicant.

Mr. Abdul Waheed Bijarani Assistant Prosecutor General.

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

## ORDER

MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO, J:- In FIR bearing Crime No.67/2022, u/s 365-B, 34 PPC r/w Section 2 & 3 Prevention of Trafficking in Person Act 2018, registered at PS Umerkot City, the complainant has alleged that his daughter namely Sht. Sarda Bhai, aged about 21 years, was abducted by the applicant and others from his house, among whom, one is her husband and other her father-in-law, when she had already filed a suit for Khullah against her husband. There are at least five accused named in the FIR.

Learned defence counsel has stated at bar that all the accused have been granted either pre-arrest or post-arrest bail but bail of the applicant was dismissed only on the ground that he was absconder. Learned Assistant PG has confirmed that some of the accused have been granted pre-arrest bail by learned trial Court and apparently there is no distinction between their role and the role of the applicant.

It is settled that if the accused is otherwise entitled to bail on merits, his absconsion would not be considered as an impediment to come in way of granting him such relief, therefore, in consideration of the above facts and circumstances, the bail application is allowed and ad-interim pre-arrest bail granted to the applicant vide order dated 27.03.2023 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.