IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Criminal Bail Application No.1026 of 2025

Applicant : Talha Sultan son of Rahat Mehmood,

through Mr. Waseem Gul, advocate.

Respondent : The State

Through Ms.Rubian Qadir, Addl. P.G Sindh

Date of hearing : 19.05.2025

Date of order : 19.05.2025

<u>ORDER</u>

KHALID HUSSAIN SHAHANI, J. –This application seeks pre-arrest bail on behalf of the Applicant, Talha Sultan, in connection with a case bearing Crime No.72/2025, registered at Police Station, Mobina Town, Karachi Gharo, offences under Sections 380/452 PPC.

- Mr. Waseem Gul, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the Applicant, and Ms. Rubina Qadir, Deputy Prosecutor General, Sindh, represented the Respondent State. Their submissions have been duly considered.
- 3. The core contentions relevant to this application are that the applicant's name is not mentioned in the FIR. The prosecution asserts that his involvement was disclosed in the statement of a co-accused Muskan. The admissibility and probative value of such evidence, particularly in light of Articles 38 and 39 of the Qanoon-e-Shahadat Order, 1984, shall be determined by the trial court. The applicant's age is stated to be below the age of 18 years. This necessitates due consideration of the provisions of the Juvenile Justice System Act 2018, and any other relevant legislation pertaining to juvenile offenders. The case has been finalized and submitted to the competent court for trial indicating that the applicant is not currently required for further investigation.
- 4. Upon consideration of the foregoing, this Court finds that the applicant has made out a prima facie case for the grant of pre-arrest bail, within the purview of Section 497(2) Cr.P.C. The absence of the applicant's name in the FIR, disclosure of co-accused, his age and the completion of the investigation collectively justify the grant of this relief.

5. Accordingly, this application is allowed. The interim pre-arrest bail previously granted to the applicant on 21.04.2025, is confirmed, subject to the same terms and conditions as previously imposed. The applicant is directed to cooperate fully with the trial proceedings and attend all hearings as directed by the learned trial court.

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