ORDER SHEETHIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Crl. Bail Appl. No.1549 of 2024.

Date

Order with signature of Judges

For hearing of Bail Application.

16.10.2024.

Mr. Abdul Qayoom Khan, Advocate along with Applicant

Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Awan, Addl. Prosecutor General Sindh.

Mr. Amir Hussain, Counsel for the K.E./Complainant.

Mohammad Karim Khan Agha, J:- Applicant Muhammad Farooq was booked in FIR No.270/2024 under Section 462-(i)/337-A(i) PPC Electricity Act registered at PS Mominabad, Karachi. He applied for pre arrest bail before the Court of Additional Sessions Judge-IV (West) Karachi which was declined vide order dated 10.07.2024. Hence the applicant approached this Court for pre arrest bail.

- 2. Brief facts of the case as per FIR are that on 21.05.2024 complainant was busy in checking with technical team/line man for removing the illegal hooks/kunda and when at about 12 pm hours reached outside the House No.KS-A-792, Sector 4-F, Mominabad Orangi Town, Karachi saw that the applicant using electricity through illegal hook and when the lineman tried to disconnect the same by climbing the ladder applicant came and pull down the ladder due to which lineman fall down. Thereafter quarrel started between the applicant and K. Electric staff whilst police arrived to save the lineman from the applicant. Hence the aforesaid FIR was lodged against the present applicant.
- 3. I have heard learned counsel for the applicant, learned counsel for the K-electric and Addl. Prosecutor General Sindh.
- 4. The offence for which the applicant has been charged carries maximum sentence 02 years imprisonment and the general rule is that bail should be granted in such like cases unless exceptional circumstances exist. There is no exceptional circumstance existing in this case in order to decline the bail. Ladder was not recovered

from the crime scene from which the lineman was fallen down which in any event a case of further inquiry. The charge has already been framed as such the applicant is no longer required for investigation.

- 5. Based on the above discussion I hereby confirm the prearrest bail granted earlier on 12.07.2024 to the applicant **Muhammad Farooq** on the same terms and conditions.
- 6. It is made clear that this order is only after a tentative assessment of the evidence available on record and would have no bearing on the trial of the applicant. It the challan has approved the concerned trial Court shall proceed and decide the same expeditiously.
- 7. The instant criminal bail application stands disposed of in the above terms.

JUDGE

MAK/PS