## ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Cr. Bail Appl.No.2617 of 2025

Date Order with signature of the Judge Present: Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro. Mr. Justice Syed Fiaz ul Hassan Shah. Deedar Ali .....Vs. ..... The State

01.12.2025.

Mr. Aijaz Hyder, Advocates for applicant

Mr. Ali Haider Saleem, Addl. P.G.

## ORDER

MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO J: Applicant was arrested by police of P.S. SIU Malir Karachi from katcha Paka road, Sarhandi Goth, near National University, Shah Latif Town, Karachi and from him 310 grams ice was recovered. The recovery was duly video recorded in compliance of section 17(2) of CNS Act, 2024, hence he was booked in Cr. No.118/2025 U/s 9(2) 4, CNS Act, 2024.

- 2. Learned counsel for applicant submits that applicant is innocent and his criminal record is immaterial insofar as right of bail is concerned as in similar circumstances bail has been granted; regarding video recording, he submits that unless it is verified by a forensic expert, its validity is not beyond the doubt; lesser punishment is to be considered at bail stage, hence applicant is entitled to concession of bail. He has relied upon 2022 P Cr. L J Note 64, 2023 P Cr. L J Note 37, 2024 SCMR 205, 2022 SCMR 1764.
- 3. On the other hand, learned Addl. P.G. referring to his criminal record has opposed the bail.
- We are of the same view that against the applicant as many as seven cases of 4. Narcotics have already been registered. In the present case prima facie evidence of video recording is also available unless its authenticity is challenged in the trial, the same cannot be discarded at this stage. Applicant appears to be habitual criminal and is not entitled to concession of bail. His bail application is, therefore, dismissed. The trial court is, however, directed to expedite the trial and conclude it within three months. After that in any case, applicant shall be at liberty to repeat his bail application which shall be decided on its own merits.

The observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and would not prejudice case of either party at trial.

The Cr. Bail Application is disposed of.

**JUDGE**