

Order Sheet

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No. 3229 of 2025

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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For hearing of Bail Application.

29.12.2025

Mr. Zakir Hussain Bughio, Advocate for Applicant.
Barrister Aamir Nazir Shaikh, Advocate along with Mr. Zain-ul-Abideen Korai, Advocate for Complainant.
Ms. Rabia Khalid, Assistant Attorney General along with I.O Asad Ali Sodher, FIA, Karachi.

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MUHAMMAD OSMAN ALI HADI J:- Through this Application under Section 497 Cr.P.C., the Applicant Muhammad Nadeem seeks post-arrest Bail in FIR No. 23/2025 registered at P.S. FIA-CCC, Karachi, for offences under Section 66 and 66A of the Copyright Ordinance 1962, read with Section 109 PPC.

Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that two other co-accused, namely, Mudasir and Muhammad Waqas have already been granted bail in this Crime vide Order dated 07.11.2025 in Cr. Bail Application Nos. 2941/2025 and 2917/2025. He further submits that the Charge against the Accused is under Section 66 and 66-A of the Copyright Ordinance 1962, which carries a maximum punishment of up to three years, for which bail is a right. He further submits that the accused has been incarcerated in prison since September 2025, and the trial is yet to commence.

Learned Counsel appearing for the Complainant submits that the Accused is habitual offender and same was also noted in the order of Intellectual Property Tribunal, and therefore the Accused / Applicant should not be allowed concession of bail. He further submits that (as per his assertion) the Accused was caught red handed, which therefore falls within the exception, and bail ought to be denied.

I have heard the learned Counsels and gone through the material available on record with their assistance. As the co-accused have already been granted bail under the same First Information Report (“**FIR**”), and since maximum punishment prescribed is up to three years imprisonment, therefore in

accordance with the Rule of Consistency, as well as under settled jurisprudence for grant of bail as enunciated by the Apex Court,¹ at this stage, it would be appropriate under the law, to grant bail to the Accused.

In view of the foregoing reasons, this Bail Application is allowed. The Applicant/Accused Muhammad Nadeem is admitted to post-arrest bail in the above Crime subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs. 200,000/- (Rupees Two Hundred Thousand only) and a PR bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court.

The observations hereinabove are purely tentative in nature and shall not prejudice the proceedings before the Trial Court, which shall decide the case strictly on the evidence led before it.

The Bail Application is disposed of.

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¹ *Muhammad Anwar v The State* 2024 SCMR 1567; *Mudassar Khursheed v The State* 2025 SCMR 1613