

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2236 OF 2023

Vinayak Ganpat Sonawane ..Applicant

v/s.

The State of Maharashtra . ..Respondents

Mr. Vaibhav Kadam a/w. Mr. Sameer Parkar, Mr. Yash Fadtare, Mr. Sainath Asore for the Applicant.

Mrs. A.A.Takalkar, APP for the State.

API Sachin Survase from Powai Police Stn. present.

CORAM : ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI , J.

DATED : 10th AUGUST, 2023.

P.C.

1. The applicant apprehends his arrest in C.R.No.368 of 2023 registered with Powai Police Station, Mumbai, for offences punishable under Section 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and under Section 370 (3) of the Indian Penal Code.

2. Heard learned Counsel for the Applicant, learned APP for the State. I have perused the records and considered the submissions advanced by the learned Counsel for the respective parties .

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 19.6.2023 confidential information was received that Nature Thai Spa, situated at Powai Plaza Building, Powai was indulging in prostitution under the garb of

providing body massage and beauty treatment. The police team, sent a decoy and laid a trap. On getting the signal from the decoy, the police, raided and rescued some girls, who were allegedly forced into prostitution. Hence the FIR came to be lodged against the applicant and the co-accused Air Mulla for the offences as stated above.

4. The records prima facie indicate that the applicant had taken the said premises on leave and license basis, wherein he was earlier running a spa in the name of Fantasy Spa. Subsequently, the applicant entered into leave and license agreement dated 21.5.2023 with the co-accused Amir Mulla and he was running the spa in the said premises under the name Thai Nature Spa. The records prima facie indicate that as on the date of the raid the co-accused was running the spa.

5. Considering the above facts and circumstances, in my considered view, this would be a fit case to grant **interim bail** to the applicant on the following terms and conditions:-

(i) In the event of arrest of the Applicant in Crime No.368 of 2023 registered with Powai Police Station, Mumbai, the Applicant be released on **interim bail** on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twentyfive Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount;

(ii) The Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer for two days on 16th and 17th August, 2023, between 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.;

(iii) The Applicant shall keep the Investigating Officer informed of his current address and mobile/contact details, and/or change of residence or mobile/contact details from time to time.

(iv) The Applicant shall not interfere with the Complainant and the other witnesses, or tamper with the evidence in any manner.

. **Stand over to 24.08.2023.**

(ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI, J.)