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CRL OP No. 16773 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep by
Inspector of Police
District Crime Branch
Cuddalore District.
Crime No.18 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of their arrest by the respondent Police concerned in Crime No.18 of 2026 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.R.Parthiban

For Respondent(s):

Mr.N.Palanivel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

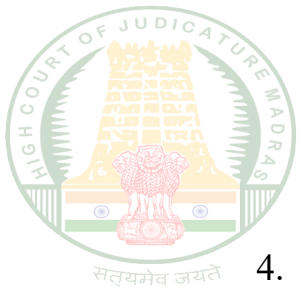
The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 318(4) of BNS and Section 16 of Tamil Nadu Pawn Brokers Act in Crime No.18 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant had pledged her gold ornaments with Credit Fine Survey, a jewellery pawn shop, on different occasions and availed loans thereon. It is alleged that, when she approached the pawn shop to redeem the pledged jewels by repaying the loan amount, the petitioner and the staff repeatedly postponed the return of the jewels. Subsequently, the petitioner is alleged to have informed the defacto complainant that the pledged jewels had been lost and could not be returned. It is further alleged that no prior notice was issued before the alleged auction of the pledged jewels and that the petitioner intentionally refused to return the jewels with an intention to cheat the defacto complainant. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court and hence, prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), appearing for the respondent Police, reiterated the prosecution case and vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

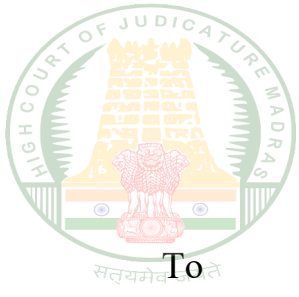
5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions.

6. From the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either side, it is seen that, in the present case, gold jewels weighing 299 grams, valued at about Rs.20 lakhs, are alleged to have been cheated. It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the said jewels were auctioned. This Court, by order dated 01.07.2026, directed the petitioner to produce the records evidencing the auction. However, the learned counsel for the petitioner is not in a position to produce any records to substantiate the alleged auction. Hence, this Court is of the view that there are no grounds to consider the present anticipatory bail petition.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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1. The Inspector of Police
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2. The Public Prosecutor
Madras High Court.



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C.KUMARAPPAN, J.

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