



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

CRL OP No. 19382 of 2026

Vaishnavi Lambiya Nagarajan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Ranipet District,
Ranipet 632 403.
2. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by The Inspector of Police,
Walajapet Police Station,
Ranipet 632 513.
3. The Inspector of Police,
CBCID,
Vellore District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of the BNSS, to transfer the investigation in Crime No.347 of 2025 pending on the file of the second respondent to the third respondent/ Crime Branch Central Investigation Department (CBCID), Vellore and consequently direct the Crime Branch Central Investigation Department (CBCID) to conduct the fresh investigation by an officer or not the below rank of superintendent of police and conclude the investigation.

For Petitioner(s):

M/s.P.Hemavathy
for Mr.K.Kably Taiyab Khan

For Respondent(s):

Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking transfer of the investigation in Crime No.347 of 2025 pending on the file of the second respondent to the file of the third respondent.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has lost 40 sovereigns of gold jewels and a sum of Rs.1,000/-. However, till date, no effective steps have been taken either to recover the stolen jewels or to resolve the case.

3. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents submitted that the claim regarding 40 sovereigns was only a subsequent version. However, he fairly submitted that the case remains undetected and that the fingerprints lifted during the course of investigation have not matched with any available records so far. It is further submitted that all possible efforts are being taken to identify and apprehend the accused.

4. Considering the submissions made on either side, this Court is of the view that the respondent police shall leave no stone unturned to detect the offence and complete the investigation at the earliest. The investigation shall be



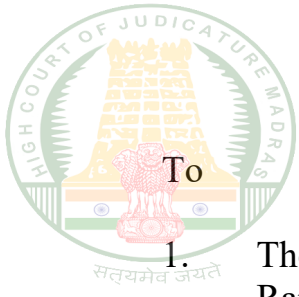
completed as expeditiously as possible, in any event, not later than five months from the date of receipt of a web copy of this order. The jurisdictional Deputy Superintendent of Police is directed to closely monitor the progress of the investigation.

5. Needless to state that, upon detection of the case and recovery of the stolen articles, the quantum of the stolen property shall be assessed without reference to the initial statement recorded, wherein it was stated that only 19 sovereigns were stolen, since the consistent case of the defacto complainant is that the stolen jewels weighed 40 sovereigns.

6. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

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Neutral Citation : Yes/No
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CBCID,
Vellore District.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras,
Chennai.

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