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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

**Crl. OP(MD).No.14731 of 2026
and Crl.MP(MD).No.14287 of 2026**

1.Saravanan

2.Karuppaiah

....Petitioners/accused Nos 2 & 3

Vs

1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep.by the Inspector of Police
Natham Police Station
Dindigul District
Crime No.654 of 2023

....1st Respondent/Complainant

2.P.Velu Poosary

....2nd Respondent/Defacto Complainant

Prayer: This petition is filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, to call for the records relating to the charge sheet in S.T.C.No.71 of 2026 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Natham, Dindigul District and quash the same as against the petitioners herein.

For Petitioners : Mr.A.Balaji

For Respondents : Mr.P.Samuel Gunasingh
Government Advocate (Crl.side) for R1

:Mr.S.Sathya Chidambaram for R2



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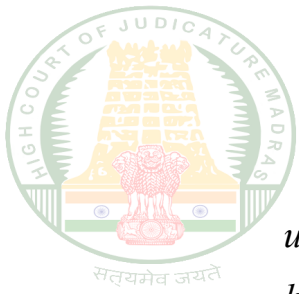
ORDER

The present petition has been filed by accused Nos. 2 & 3 in S.T.C.No. 71 of 2026 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Natham, Dindigul District seeking to quash the F.I.R wherein they are charged with the offence under Section 295 of I.P.C.

2.A perusal of the charge sheet reveals that the petitioners are said to have desecrated the idols and a complaint has been lodged by the defacto complainant. The defacto complainant has appeared and filed an affidavit in which paragraph Nos.3 and 4 are extracted as follows:

“3.I further submit that, only subsequently, I came to know that the present petitioners, namely Accused Nos.2 and 3, who are none other than my close relatives, had also been implicated in the present case. I respectfully state that they were never suspected by me at any point of time. I have now learnt that their implication is stated to be solely on the basis of the alleged confession said to have been given by the accused No.1 during investigation. Except such alleged confession, I am not aware of any independent material connecting the petitioners with the alleged occurrence.

4.I respectfully submit that the alleged confession attributed to accused No.1 appears to have been made only with an oblique motive to falsely implicate my relatives and thereby exert pressure upon my family to compromise and withdraw the complaint lodged against him. I honestly believe that the petitioners have



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unnecessarily been dragged into the criminal prosecution. They have no direct involvement whatsoever in the alleged incident.”

3. According to the learned counsel appearing for the defacto complainant, he had lodged a complaint only as against accused No.1. A1 has wantonly implicated accused Nos. 2 and 3. According to him, accused Nos.2 and 3 belong to his village. There is no reason for them to desecrate the idols. The learned counsel had further submitted that he has never made any complaint as against accused Nos.2 and 3 and they have been falsely implicated.

4. In view of the above said facts, the charge sheet in S.T.C.No.71 of 2026 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Natham, Dindigul District stands quashed as against the petitioners herein. This Criminal Original Petition stands allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate, Natham, Dindigul District

2.The Inspector of Police
Natham Police Station
Dindigul District
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3.The Additional Public Prosecutor
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court
Madurai



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