



Crl.OP(MD) No.14901 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 21.07.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

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Peter Francis

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur District, Thanjavur.

2.State of Tamilnadu Rep by
The Inspector of Police,, CCD III CCW
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District
(In Crime No .54/2026).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of BNSS Act, to withdraw and transfer the investigation in crime no,54 of 2026 from the file of 2nd respondent and hand over the same to some other police officer and further direct him to complete the investigation and to file final report within a stipulated time frame.

For Petitioner : Mr. George Paul Anto.L

For Respondents : Mr.B.Arun
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

The present petition has been filed seeking a direction to transfer the investigation in Cr.No.54 of 2026 on the file of second respondent and handover the same to some other Police Officer.

2.Perusal of the FIR reveals that it has been registered on 11.04.2026 as against unknown persons under Sections 316(2), 318(4) of BNS and 66D of IT Act, 2008. It further reveals that there was an offence of Cyber fraud and the petitioner has lost a huge sum of money.

3.According to the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, there is no progress in the investigation, therefore, seeks transfer of investigation.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submits that in this case, five accused persons have been identified and Look Out Circular (LOC) has been issued on 17.04.2026.



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5.In such view of the matter, there shall be a direction to the first respondent to monitor the investigation and the second respondent is directed to file a final report within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

6.With the aforesaid observations, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

21.07.2026

NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes/No
Internet: Yes/No
PNM

To

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur District, Thanjavur.

2.The Inspector of Police,, CCD III CCW
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District

3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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R.VIJAYAKUMAR, J.

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