



CRL OP(MD)No.15080 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 22.07.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

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Nagavalli,
W/o.Parthiban

... Petitioner / Sole Accused

Versus

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Thoothukudi South Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No.620 of 2026)

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER :-Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in connection with the case in Crime No. 620 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Ashok S,
Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.T.Lenin Kumar,
Counsel for State of TN
(Criminal Side)



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest in connection with Crime No.620 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 406 and 420 of IPC, seeks the relief of anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that she is a relative of the de-facto complainant. Taking advantage of the ill health of the de-facto complainant, the petitioner came forward to assist her in arranging medical expenses and collected gold jewels weighing about 10 sovereigns. However, after pledging the same, she did not return the money and misappropriated the same. Hence, a complaint has been lodged.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the alleged occurrence is said to have taken place in the year 2023 and that the present case has been registered only now. The learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to cooperate with the



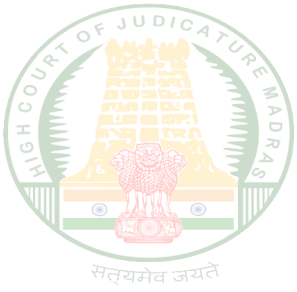
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investigation and abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Counsel for State of TN (Criminal Side) submitted that, during the course of investigation, it was revealed that the petitioner had pledged the gold jewels belonging to the de-facto complainant in a bank and the amount has not been repaid so far. He also submitted that the pledging of the jewels had taken place in the year 2023. He further submitted that the investigation in this case is pending. Hence, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court has carefully considered the rival submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of the allegations, the facts and circumstances of the case, and also the fact that the gold jewels were pledged in the year 2023 and the complaint was lodged after a lapse of about three years, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.



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7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Thoothukudi, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a) the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of three weeks and thereafter, as and when required for the interrogation;

(c) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(d) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;



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(e) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/ Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]***; and

(f) if the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS, 2023.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court No.I,
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- 2.The Inspector of Police,
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- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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