

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

CRIMINAL REVISION CASE No.381 of 2016

ORDER:

The petitioner filed this Criminal Revision Case by invoking the provisions under Sections 397 and 401 of the Criminal Procedure Code being aggrieved by the returned endorsement dated 27.01.2016 passed in CrI.M.P. (SR) No.443 of 2016 in Cr. No.182 of 2015-16 by the Special Judicial Magistrate of First Class for Prohibition and Excise Cases at Kakinada.

Heard and perused the material available on record.

Petitioner herein filed the impugned application under Section 457 of the Code of Criminal Procedure before the Court below seeking to release the crime vehicle i.e., Maruthi Suzuki Swift VDI Car bearing No.AP 36 AV 1233, which was returned by the Court below vide impugned order on the ground of jurisdiction. Challenging the same, present revision is filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle and if the vehicle is kept idle for a long period, there is every possibility of it getting damaged. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to furnish sufficient surety and also produce the vehicle as and when required by the Court.

Learned Additional Public Prosecutor objected for the same, since the vehicle is involved in a crime.

Considering these circumstances, it is directed that the vehicle i.e. Maruthi Suzuki Swift VDI Car bearing No.AP 36 AV 1233, shall be released for interim custody of the petitioner, subject to final orders to be passed in the main case, on petitioner executing a personal bond for Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the Special Judicial Magistrate of First Class

for Prohibition and Excise Cases at Kakinada, and also on production of original R.C. book. It is further directed that the petitioner shall not alienate the vehicle, shall not change the physical features of the same till the disposal of the criminal case and further the petitioner shall undertake to produce the vehicle as and when required by the Court. However, it is made clear that the present order will not stand in the way of any confiscation proceedings. If already confiscation orders are passed, the order need not be given effect to.

Accordingly, the Criminal Revision Case is disposed of. Miscellaneous petitions pending if any, shall stand closed.

RAJA ELANGO, J

February 04, 2016.
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