

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF MADRAS

DATED : 09.06.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE.N.ANAND VENKATESH

Crl.O.P.No.8292 of 2020

1. Ulaganathan
S/o.Munnusamy

2. Nandha Kumar
S/o. Ulaganathan

... Petitioners

vs.

State rep. By
The Inspector of Police
Arakkonam Taluk Police Station,
Ranipet District
(Cr.No.323 of 2020)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Cr.No.323 of 2020 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Arakkonam Taluk Police Station, Ranipet District.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.P.Yuvaraj

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohammed Riyaz

Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 379 and

430 of IPC in Crime No.323 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that while conducting a prohibition raid by the respondent police, the petitioners have illegally transported 1 unit of sand by using a Tractor without any permit or valid licence and it was seized by the respondent police.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he did not commit any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of sand involved is 1 unit of sand. The learned counsel further submitted that there are two previous cases pending against these petitioners.

5.This Court is of the opinion that the petitioners can be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.11,000/- (Rupees eleven thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to the credit of Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerk Association, High Court, Madras, without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6.Merely, because the petitioners have deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of their guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Arakkonam, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioners 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 petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.11,000/- (Rupees eleven thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerk Association, Madras High Court, Chennai (Indian Bank, High Court Branch, A/c No.484026006, IFSC Code:IDIB000M157).

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police, as and when required for interrogation.

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

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[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners are 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]**.

[g] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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