

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.06.2020

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THE HON'BLE Mr.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CRL.O.P.No.8877 of 2020

Muthukumar @ Muthukumarasamy

...Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. By

...Respondent

The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvenkadu Police Station,
Nagapattinam District
Cr. No.58 of 2020

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent Police in Crime No.58 of 2020 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Vinoth

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohammed Riyaz
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 IPC and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.58 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that while conducting a prohibition raid by the respondent police, the petitioner has illegally transported one 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 he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent police submitted that the quantity of sand involved is one unit. The learned counsel further submitted that

there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

5.This Court is of the opinion that the petitioner can be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to the credit of the Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerks Association, High Court, Madras, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court. Merely because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

6.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of his arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Sirkazhi on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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 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 Aadhaar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to the credit of the **Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerks Association, Madras High Court, Chennai (Indian Bank, High Court Branch, A/c. No.484026006, IFSC Code:IDIB000M157).**

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

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

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

[f] 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].**

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

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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
SIRKAZHI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NAGAPATTINAM.

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THIRUVENKADU POLICE STATION,
NAGAPATTINAM DISTRICT.

5 TAMIL NADU ADVOCATE CLERKS ASSOCIATION,
MADRAS HIGH COURT, CHENNAI (INDIAN BANK,
HIGH COURT BRANCH, A/C. NO.484026006, IFSC
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CC to M/S.M.VINOTH Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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