

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.06.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

Cr1.O.P.No.9601 of 2020

1.Murugan

2.Mahadevan

... Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 & 2

Vs.

The State Rep. by

The Station House Officer,

Aanaikkaranchathiram Police Station,

Nagapattinam District.

Cr.No.390 of 2020

... Respondent/complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., praying to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.390 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.C.Vishwanth

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz,
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 379, 430 of IPC read with 21(1) of Mines and Minerals Act, in Crime No.390 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioners are alleged to have transported half unit of sand illegally. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they are not habitual offenders. Hence, they pray to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of sand involved is half unit of sand. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. This Court is of the opinion that the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) jointly as

non refundable deposit to the credit of the Chief Justice Relief Fund, Madars High Court, Chennai without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court. 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.

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) jointly as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Chief Justice Relief Fund, Madars High Court, Chennai, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready and on such deposit the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Sirkazhi, on condition that each of 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 shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) to the credit of the Chief Justice Relief Fund, Madars High Court, Chennai, and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter 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.

[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 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 229A IPC.

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
SIRKAZHI

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
AANAICKARANCHATHIRAM POLICE STATION,
NAGAPATTINAM DISTRICT.

4 THE SECTION OFFICER,
ACCOUNT SECTION, CHIEF JUSTICE RELIEF FUND,
MADRAS HIGH COURT, CHENNAI.

CC to M/S. S.C.VISHWANTH Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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