

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :03.08.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Cr1.O.P.No.11478 of 2020

Karthick Deepak
S/o.Balasubramanian

... Petitioner/A1

Vs.

The State Rep. By
The Inspector of Police,
Kuthalam Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.
(Crime No.685 of 2020)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C.,
praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest
in Crime No.685 of 2020 on the file of the Inspector of Police,
Kuthalam Police Station, Nagapattinam District.

For Petitioner : M/s.P.S.Amala Raj
For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz,
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 273, 328 of IPC and Section 6 r/w Section 24(1) of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act 2003, in Crime No.685 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was found in possession of 60 bags of Prohibited Hans. Hence, a case was registered against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case based on the confession statement given by co-accused. He would also submit that the co-accused granted anticipatory bail in Cr1.O.P.NO.9029 of 2020, dated 25.06.2020. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner was found in possession of 60 bags of Prohibited Hans. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. Considering the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) as non refundable deposit to the Bar Council of Tamilnadu and Puducherry (BCTNP) Advocates Relief Fund, Indian Bank A/c.No.6873278505, IFSC: IDIB000M157, Madras High Court Branch, 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. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) as non refundable deposit to the Bar Council of Tamilnadu and Puducherry (BCTNP) Advocates Relief Fund, Indian Bank A/c.No.6873278505, IFSC: IDIB000M157, Madras High Court Branch, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready and on such deposit the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate No-I, Mailaduthurai, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two blood relative 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 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 deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to the Bar Council of Tamilnadu and Puducherry (BCTNP) Advocates Relief Fund, Indian Bank A/c.No.6873278505, IFSC: IDIB000M157, Madras High Court Branch, and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter 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 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,
NO.I, MAILADUTHURAI

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KUTHALAM POLICE STATION,
NAGAPATTINAM DISTRICT.

4 THE BAR COUNCIL OF TAMILNADU
AND PUDUCHERRY[BCTNP] ADVOCATES RELIEF FUND,
INDIAN BANK,MADRAS HIGH COURT BRANCH

CC to P.S.AMALA RAJ Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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