

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 14.08.2020

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.Nos.11566 & 11614 of 2020

Sridhar ... Petitioner in Crl.O.P.11566/2020

Mani ... Petitioner in Crl.O.P.11614/2020

Vs.

State: The Inspector of Police ... Respondent in both Crl.O.Ps.
Walajapet Police Station
Vellore District
(Crime No.683 of 2020)

COMMON PRAYER: Criminal Original Petitions are filed under Section 439 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioners on bail in Crime No.683 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police station.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Senthil Vel
in both Crl.O.Ps.

For Respondent : Mr.T.Shunmugarajeswaran
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

COMMON ORDER

(These cases have been heard through video conference)

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 20.06.2020, for the offences punishable under Section 420 IPC, in Crime No.683 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

2.The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant is that the the petitioners induced him by saying that if he gives an amount of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only) in the denomination of Rs.500/- and Rs.2000/- notes, they would return Rs.26,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs only) by way of Rs.100/- denomination notes, believing the words of the accused, the defacto complainant had arranged the money and at the time of handing over the same, the other accused persons posing themselves as police and came to the place of occurrence in Sumo vehicle and have taken the

amount of Rs.20,00,000/- from the defacto complainant and escaped from the scene of occurrence.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that it is a case of money dispute, which has been falsely projected as a case of cheating. He would further submit that the petitioners are in judicial custody for more than 54 days.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that there are totally ten accused in this case and in this case A2, A6, A7, A8, A9 & A10 were arrested. He further submitted that the petitioners along with other accused persons have induced the defacto complainant to arrange a sum of Rs.20,00,000/- by way of denominations in Rs.500/-, Rs.2,000/-, on the premise of returning Rs.26,00,000/- in return and at the time of handing over the money, the accused persons have posed themselves as policemen and took away the money. He would further submit that the offence has been committed in a planned manner and that though the accused have been arrested, the respondent police are unable to recover even a single rupee from the accused. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioners.

5.Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances and also considering the submissions made by the learned counsels and period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner and the co-accused in this case has been granted bail vide order dated 28.07.2020 in Crl.O.P.No.11234 of 2020, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

(a)Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on condition to execute his own bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only), before the Superintendent of the concerned prison, in which the petitioner has been confined and thereafter on his release;

(b)the petitioners shall execute **two sureties for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) each**, before the Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Walajapet, **within a period of two weeks after lifting of lockdown or the commencement of the Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier**, failing which the bail granted by this Court shall stand dismissed automatically;

(c)the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the learned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(d)**the petitioners shall on release from prison report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders.**

(e)the petitioners shall not commit any offences of similar nature;

(f)the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(g)the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(h)On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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];

(i)If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

6.With the above directions, these Criminal Original Petitions are ordered.

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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 COURT
NO.II, WALLAJAPET

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VELLORE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
WALAJAPET POLICE STATION,
VELLORE.

5 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, VELLORE.

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

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