

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.08.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. D. JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.No.12230 of 2020

J. Venkatesan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Singarapettai Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.
Crime No.816 of 2020.

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in Connection with the Crime No.816 of 2020 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. V. C. Arun

For Respondent : Mr. K. Prabakar,
Additional Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

(This 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 147, 148, 294(b), 324 and 506(ii) of IPC, 1860 in Crime No.816 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant one Panner is that due to pathway dispute, there was a quarrel between the petitioner and the defacto complainant due to which the petitioner along with others have abused and assaulted the defacto complainant and caused injury. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that due to enmity with regard to pathway dispute, a false complaint has been given against the petitioner and that he is no way connected in this case. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there was a pathway dispute between the petitioner and the defacto complainant due to which, the petitioner along with others, abused and attacked the defacto complainant and his wife with hands resulting them in sustaining injuries. He would further submit that co-accused in this case has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court and the victim has been discharged from the hospital and that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and submissions of the learned Counsels and the fact that co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court and the injured has been discharged from the hospital, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions;

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days after lifting of lockdown or the commencement of the Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Uthangarai**, 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 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 report before the respondent Police every day at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter every Monday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

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

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

[e] 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]**.

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

8. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

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14/08/2020

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,
UTHANGARAI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KRISHNAGIRI [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SINGARAPETTAI POLICE STATION,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

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

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