

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.08.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.No. 13103 of 2020

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... Petitioner/1st Accused

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Vaduvoor Police Station,
Thiruvarur District.
Crime No. 1209/2020

... Respondent/Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.1209 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police - the Inspector of Police, Vaduvoor Police Station, Thiruvarur District.

For Petitioner : Mr.Swamisubramanian

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

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 14.08.2020 for the offences punishable under Sections 379 of IPC r/w. Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 in Crime No. 1209 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2 The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had illegally transported one unit of river sand by using Mahindra Pick Up, without any permit or valid licence. Hence, the complaint.

3 The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. On instruction, he would further submit that taking into consideration the Covid pandemic situation the petitioner without prejudice to his defence, is prepared to make considerable donation to any charitable Organization or Association, and that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration from 14.08.2020. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4 The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that the petitioner had illegally transported one unit of river sand in Mahindra Pick Up without any valid licence or permit. Hence he vehemently opposes to grant bail to the petitioner. He would further submit that the petitioner has no previous cases.

5 In order to curb the illegal sand mining activities and taking into consideration the voluntary submission made by the petitioner offering to donate/pay considerable amount to any charitable organization or association this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall be directed to make a payment/donation of a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to Little Drops, Oriental Bank of Commerce Branch, Moulivakkam Chennai, A/c.NO. 05811010002400, IFSC.Code: ORBC0100581 and on such payment and production of proof he shall be released on bail on executing a 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;

(a) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police every Monday and Friday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

(b) thereafter on his release within a period of two weeks after lifting of lockdown or commencement of the Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier, shall surrender before the Judicial Magistrate, No.I, Mannargudi, Thiruvavarur District and furnish two sureties for a sum of Rs.10,000/-, each failing which the bail granted by this Court shall stand dismissed automatically.

(c) Merely, because the petitioner deposits 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.

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

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

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

(g) the petitioner 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 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

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

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

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27/08/2020

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,
NO.I, MANNARGUDI,
THIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

2 THE OFFICER INCHARGE
SUB JAIL, MANNARGUDI.

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VADUVOOR POLICE STATION,
THIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

5 THE LITTLE DROPS,
ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE BRANCH,
MOULIVAKKAM CHENNAI,
A/C.NO. 05811010002400,
IFSC.CODE: ORBC0100581

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

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