

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.09.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. D. JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.14875 of 2020

1. Kumar
2. Chellakannu

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Mayiladuthurai Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.
(Cr.No.1274 of 2020)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Connection with the Crime No.1274 of 2020 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.V.Sakkarapani

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

ORDER

(This case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioners who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 294(b), 323, 324, 354, 506(2) & 379 of IPC, in Crime No.1274 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners are the husband and mother-in-law of the defacto complainant. On 21.08.2020, the petitioners assaulted the defacto complainant with wooden log and had taken household articles and a Tata Ace Vehicle. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the marriage between the first petitioner and the defacto complainant was solemnized twenty years back. Due to matrimonial dispute, a false case has been given. Therefore, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the defacto complainant is the wife of the first petitioner and the second petitioner is her mother-in-law, who had assaulted her and taken the household articles and a Tata Ace vehicle. However, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and submissions of the learned Counsel, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions;

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their 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 - I, Mayiladuthurai, on condition that the each of the petitioners 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 first petitioner shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter on every Monday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders and the second petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required.

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

[d] the petitioners 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 absconds, 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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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, MAYILADUTHURAI.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

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

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

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