

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.10.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. D. JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.16192 of 2020

1. Sampath
2. Sudhakar

... Petitioners

Vs.

State Rep by

The Inspector of Police,
Nellikuppam Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

(Cr.No.1477 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.1477 of 2020 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.Sudhakar

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 353 of IPC and 12 of TN Gaming Act 1930, in Crime No.1477 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant is that the petitioners, during the lockdown, indulged in gambling and when it was questioned by the defacto complainant, the petitioners have abused him and prevented him from discharging his duty. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the petitioners indulged in gambling during the lockdown and when the same was questioned by the respondent police, the petitioners abused him and prevented him from discharging his duty. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant 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 petitioner subject to the following conditions;

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the copy of the order is made ready, before the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Cuddalore on condition that 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter every Monday at 10.30 am., until further orders.

[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 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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13/10/2020

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I,
CUDDALORE.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
NELLIKUPPAM POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

+1CC to M/S K.SUDHAKAR Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR NO.6827

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