

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 22.12.2020

CORAM :

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

CRL.O.P.No.20523 of 2020

1.Vadivel
2.Velmurugan

... Petitioners

Vs.

State by:-

The Inspector of Police,
Bargur Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.
(Crime No.952 of 2020)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in Crime No.952 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Jayachandran

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

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.12.2020 for the offence punishable under Section 328 of IPC r/w 7 and 20(1) of COTPA Act, 2003 and under Section 52, 59 of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, in Crime No.952 of 2020, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found to be in illegal possession of 500 Kgs of Gutka. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have been falsely implicated in this case. On instructions, he would further submit that taking into consideration of the Covid pandemic situation, the petitioners without prejudice to their defence, are prepared to make considerable donation to any charitable Organization or Association, and that the petitioners have been suffering incarceration from 05.12.2020.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent would vehemently oppose stating that the petitioners were illegally found in possession of 500 Kgs. of Gutka worth about Rs.30,000/-.

5. In order to curb the illegal activities and taking into consideration of the voluntary submission made by the petitioners offering to donate/pay considerable amount to any charitable organization or association this Court is of the opinion that the petitioners shall be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, as non-refundable deposit through RTGS/NEFT in favour of the The Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c.No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856, on such payment and production of proof, they shall be released on bail on further condition to execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each, with two sureties each for a likesum sum to the satisfaction of the the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Krishnagiri, and on further conditions that;

(a) Merely, because the petitioners deposit the said amount, it would not amount to admission of their guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently;

(b) the petitioners shall report before the respondent police every day at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

(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 Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

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

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

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

(g) 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];

(h) 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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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, KRISHNAGIRI

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KRISHNAGIRI (FOR INFORMATION)

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

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

5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
SUB JAIL, KRISHNAGIRI

6 THE DEAN, RAJIV GANDHI GOVERNMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL,
CHENNAI, BEARING A/C.NO.10273425961, STATE BANK OF INDIA,
PARK TOWN (CHENNAI), 68, EVENING BAZAAR ROAD,
CHENNAI, IFSC:SBIN0001856, सत्यमेव जयते

CC to M.JAYACHANDRAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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