



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 03/11/2020

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PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr.Justice G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRL OP(MD). No.11961 of 2020

C.Gurumoorthy

... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

The State Rep by.
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Srivaikundam, Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No.19 of 2020)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.P.Banuprasath,
Advocate.

For Respondent : K.Suyambulinga Bharathi,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Section 438 of Cr.P.C

PRAYER :-

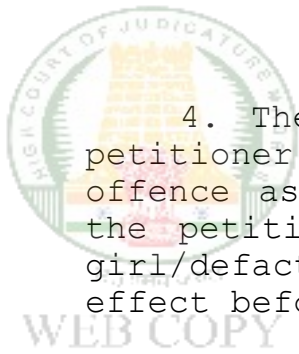
For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.19 of 2020 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/A1 apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under sections 5(j)(ii) r/w 6 of POCSO Act, 2012 and 9, 10 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, in Crime No.19 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner fell in love with the victim girl aged about 16 years and their marriage was solemnized by their family members on 13.05.2020. Thereafter, the victim girl got pregnant and now she is in eighth month of her pregnancy. While being so, the petitioner demanding dowry from the victim girl, had driven her out from the matrimonial home and failed to take care of her. Hence, the complaint.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent.



4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is now ready and willing to take back the victim girl/defacto complainant and also ready to file an affidavit to that effect before the respondent police.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that it is the matrimonial dispute. There is no dispute in respect of the marriage between the petitioner and the defacto complainant, but it is stated that the petitioner harassed the defacto complainant demanding dowry.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that the petitioner is ready and willing to take back the victim girl, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the Special Court for POCSO, Thoothukudi 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 to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioner and his parents shall file an undertaking affidavit to take care of the victim girl without any condition before the respondent police;

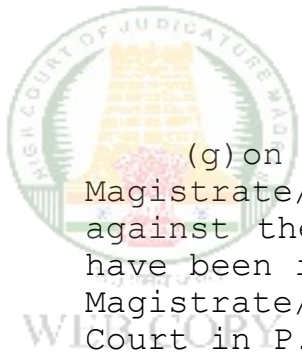
(b) If the petitioner is failed to take care of the victim girl in future and if he made any dowry demand from the victim girl, the respondent police is directed to secure the petitioner and proceed in accordance with law;

(c) 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;

(d) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

(e) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

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



(g) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned 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 5560]; and;

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

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1. THE JUDGE,
SPECIAL COURT FOR POCSO,
THOOTHUKUDI.
2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
SRIVAIKUNDAM,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
3. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1CC to M/s.P.BANU PRASATH, Advocate (SR-7272[I] dated 04/11/2020)

ORDER
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