

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.03.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

CrI.O.P.No.4454 of 2021

1. Satshathipathi ... Petitioners
2. Sripathiraja
3. Dharman
4. Thamaraikani
5. Manikavasagam
6. Ravi

Vs.

State Rep by ...Respondent
Sub-Inspector of Police,
Morappur Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
(Crime No.40 of 2021)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.40 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.P.Muthamizh Selvakumar

For Respondent : Mr. S.Karthikeyan,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioners who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences publishable under Sections 147, 148, 294 (b), 323, 324, 341, 506(i) of IPC R/w Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Women Harassment Act, 2003, in Crime No.40 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that there was a dispute between the father and son in respect of Managing the Educational Trust. Further, there was a wordy quarrel between the 1st petitioner and the defacto complainant, as a result of which, the petitioners are said to have attacked the defacto complainant and caused injuries. Hence, the complaint was registered.

3. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that there was dispute between the father and son with regard to managing the Education Trust. He would further submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and a false case has been foisted against them. He would further submit that the petitioners have given a complaint before the respondent police in Crime No.41 of 2021 against the defacto complainant and it is a case in counter. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there is a case in counter case in Crime Nos.40 & 41 of 2021 have been registered by the respondent police. He further submitted that there are no previous cases pending as against the petitioners. He would further submit that the injured person has been discharged from the hospital. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and that there is a family dispute and wordy quarrel between the father and son and there is a case in counter and the injured person has been discharged from the hospital, this court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain 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 days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Arur, Dharmapuri District, on condition that each of the petitioner 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 this petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioners and the sureties shall affix his 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 as and when required for interrogation.

[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.

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

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19/03/2021

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 COURT,
ARUR, DHARMAPURI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
DHARMAPURI [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MORAPPUR POLICE STATION,
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S.P.MUTHAMIZHSELVAKUMAR Advocate on payment of
necessary charges SR.NO.4454

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