

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 15.03.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

Crl.O.P.No.4956 of 2021

Mani

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. By
The Inspector of Police,
Maduranthakam Police Station,
Maduranthakam.
(Crime No.1930 of 2020) Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.1930 of 2020 on the file of Respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Pandiyaraj

For Respondent : Mr.M.Prabhavathi,
Addl. Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner is a sole accused. The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.01.2021 for the offence punishable under Sections 366-A of I.P.C. read with Section 7 and 8 of POCSO Act, 2012 and subsequently, it was altered into Section 5(i), 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012 in Crime No.1930 of 2020 on the file of respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner has abducted the victim girl, aged about 17 years from her house, married her and also sexually assaulted her. Based on the complaint given by the father of victim girl, a criminal case has been registered, and the petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.01.2021. Now, this petition has been filed seeking for bail.

3. The learned counsel appearing for petitioner would submit that both the petitioner and the victim girl have fallen in love and she was on the verge of majority, the victim girl has voluntarily

left the parental house and went along with the petitioner, and there is no kidnap by the petitioner. He would submit that the petitioner has only advised her to go to her home. In the meantime, the complaint was given by the father of victim girl and he was arrested on 07.01.2021 and he is in jail for more than three months. He would submit that he is an innocent person and he is no way connected with the offence as alleged in the complaint. He would submit that he has been falsely implicated in the present case. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner has only kidnapped the minor girl and also sexually assaulted her. He would submit that the investigation is still pending and the victim has also given a statement under Sec.164 of Cr.P.C. before the Judicial Magistrate. She would also submit that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. Hence, she opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On perusal of statement of victim girl, it would show that both the petitioner and the victim girl have loved each other, she on her own has eloped with the petitioner and on the complaint given by mother, the petitioner was arrested and the victim girl was also rescued. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner from 07.01.2021, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(a) Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to 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 **learned Judicial Magistrate, Maduranthakam** and on further conditions that:

(b) 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;

(c) **the petitioner, after his release from prison, shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation;**

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

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

(f) the petitioner 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 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];

(h) 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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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
MADURANTHAKAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CHENGALPATTU. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MADURANTHAKAM POLICE STATION,
MADURANTHAKAM.

5 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, PUZHAI, CHENNAI.

+1 CC to M/S.P.PANDIYARAJ Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.3366

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