

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.06.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

Crl.O.P.No.10177 of 2021

Papagowda Soundarraji

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represent by
The Inspector of Police,
Kandili Police Station,
Vellore District.
Crime No.185 of 2017.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C, prayed to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with the case in Cr.No.185 of 2017 pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.W.Camyles Gandhi

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested on 20.10.2017 and remanded to judicial custody for the offence under Section 397 of IPC @ 397, 395, 451 of IPC read with Section 34 of IPC in Cr.No.185 of 2017, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused persons entered into the house of the defacto complainant, who was working and retired from the Tamil Nadu Transport Corporation. When the defacto complainant questioned them, one of the accused had attacked the defacto complainant with iron rod and theft the cell phones, snatched Thali Saradu, chain and broke open the bureau and taken 27 sovereigns of gold articles, silver articles, Cash of Rs.1,00,000/- and also theft his car. Based on the complaint lodged by the defacto complainant, the respondent Police registered a case against the petitioner and other accused persons.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he is no way connected with the alleged offence and he has been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioner is confined in prison for more than 3 1/2 years. Therefore, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) vehemently opposed the grant of bail by stating that the petitioner remanded under P.T. Warrant and the petitioner robbed 20 sovereigns of gold and there are several previous cases pending against him in other States.

5. Considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner and also the present COVID-19 pandemic situation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(a) the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) before the Superintendent of the Central Prison, Vellore in which the petitioner is confined and on such execution the petitioner shall be released from prison;

(b) Within a period of four weeks after the release, the petitioner shall execute a bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate-II, Thirupathur;.

(c) In case of any difficulty in executing the said bond along with the sureties before the concerned Magistrate within the time stipulated above, the petitioner is permitted to file appropriate petition within a period of four week therefrom before the concerned Magistrate for extension of time for executing the bond along with sureties and if any such application is filed, the concerned Magistrate shall decide on the grant of extension of time for accepting the bond and sureties in accordance with law. Failing filing of any such application within the time prescribed above, the bail granted by this Court would stand automatically vacated.

(d) 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;

(e) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

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

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

(h) 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;

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

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28/06/2021

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.II,
THIRUPATHUR.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VELLORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, VELLORE.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KANDILI POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

5 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

+1CC to M/S.W.CAMYLES GANDHI Advocate on payment of
necessary charges SR NO.6834

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