

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.07.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

Crl.O.P.No.12004 of 2021

Soundarrajan

...Petitioner

Versus

The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Vellore Taluk Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.1626 of 2020)

...Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with the Crime No.1626 of 2020 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.R.Thangavel

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Section 174 of Cr.P.C later altered to 306 of IPC, in Crime No.1626 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and the deceased person are relatives. Due to pathway dispute between the petitioner and the defacto complainant. For which, the petitioner along with other accused persons had threatened the defacto complainant's son and attacked him. Thereby, he sustained injuries. The defacto complainant's son took treatment in government hospital as out patient and thereafter, on 14.11.2020, he was found hanging in tree due to the quarrel. Based on the complaint, the respondent police registered a case against the petitioner.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that co-accused have already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.7690 of 2021 dated 26.04.2021. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submits that the investigation is still pending and there is no previous case pending as against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.Considering the fact that co-accused have already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court and there is no previous case pending against the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate-1, Vellore, 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 the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(a) if the petitioner fail to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(c) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of 15 days thereafter as and when required.

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

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

(f) 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;

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

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13/07/2021

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,
NO.1, VELLORE.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VELLORE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VELLORE TALUK POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S. M.R.THANGAVEL Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.7342

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