



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.12.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Cr1.O.P.No.22940 of 2021

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... Petitioner

Versus

State Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Kadambathur Police Station,
Thiruvallur District.
(Crime No.287 of 2021)

... 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 Crime No.287 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sasikumar

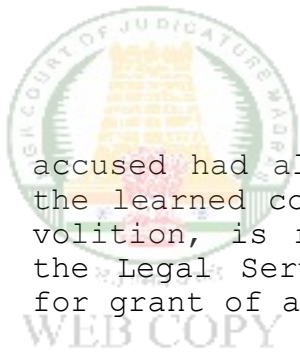
For Respondent : Mr.N.S.Suganthan
Government Advocate (Cr1.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act 1985, in Crime No.287 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the first accused was found in illegal possession of 340 grams of Ganja. Further, the first accused was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. Based on the confession of first accused, the petitioner was implicated in this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing 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 co-



accused had already been released on bail. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner, on his own volition, is ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.5,000/- to the Legal Services Authority, Thiruvallur District. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the first accused was found in illegal possession of 340 grams of Ganja. Further, the first accused was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. Based on the confession of first accused, the petitioner was implicated in this case. He further submitted that there are six previous cases pending against the petitioner and he is a history sheeter in H.S,No.19 of 2020 and the investigation is almost completed. However, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the investigation is almost completed, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Thiruvallur, 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to the credit of the Legal Services Authority, Thiruvallur District, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[b] 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.

[c] the petitioner is directed to report before the trial Court daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[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].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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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.II, THIRUVALLUR.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
THIRUVALLUR [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KADAMBATHUR POLICE STATION,
THIRUVALLUR DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
THIRUVALLUR DISTRICT.



6 THE SECRETARY,
TAMIL NADU LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

+1 CC to M/S. R.SASIKUMAR Advocate on payment of necessary
charges SR.NO.14230

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