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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 19/05/2021

PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr.Justice G.ILANGO VAN

CRL OP (MD) . No.6769 of 2021

P.Ramanathan

... Petitioner/Accused-2

Vs

State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Thandikudi Police Station,
Dindigul District.
Crime No.31 of 2021.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.Muthu Vijaya Pandian.P,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Muthumanickam,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.438 of Cr.P.C

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 31 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 3(1), 3(2)(a), 4(1), 4(2)(c) and 5(1)(a) of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 in Crime No.31 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. Heard both sides.

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3. The petitioner(A2) and A1 are brothers and are running Grand Peacock Hotel at Kodaikanal. On 01.03.2021 at about 11.30 p.m., when



the defacto complainant and his friends were staying at Grand Peacock Hotel, A1 showed two women and offered prostitution. Hence, this case has been registered.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and hence, he seeks anticipatory bail.

5. The learned Government Advocate (criminal side), on instructions, submitted that A1 was arrested and released on bail by the Judicial Magistrate Court.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that A1 was already released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest by the respondent police on executing personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- [Rupees Ten Thousand only] with two sureties each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the respondent police and on further condition that the petitioner shall appear before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Kodaikanal, and execute a fresh personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- [Rupees Ten Thousand only] with two sureties each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the concerned Judicial Magistrate, within a period of one month, from the date of resumption of regular work in subordinate Courts in view of the present pandemic situation and on further conditions that:

(a) 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;

(b) the petitioner shall appear before the respondent police, once in two weeks i.e., on Monday, at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

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

(d) the petitioner 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 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;



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

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, KODAIKANAL.
2. DO-THROUGH : THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
DINDIGUL DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THANDIKUDI POLICE STATION,
DINDIGUL DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER
IN
CRL OP(MD) No.6769 of 2021
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