



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 26/05/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR
CRL OP(MD). No.7098 of 2021

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... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

The State By
The Inspector of Police,
Eriodu Police Station,
Dindigul District
Crime No. 325/2021.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Venkatesh D,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.S.Ravi,
Additional Public Prosecutor

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory bail in Crime No 325/2021 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 379 and 511 I.P.C, in Crime No.325 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is on 16.05.2021, the defacto complainant received information about sand theft and during the raid it is found that the petitioner had illegally excavated the earth by using JCB bearing Registration No.TN-57-AQ-9015. Hence, the complaint.

3.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.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on instructions, would submit that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner and the property has also been recovered.



5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent police.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that JCB vehicle was recovered and that attempt to commit theft was only made and considering the impact of Covid-19 pandemic situation and the consequent efforts not to congest the prisons, this Court is of the view that the arrest of the petitioner at this point of time is not necessary and not warranted in the interest of public at large, hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on certain conditions.

7. The petitioner shall be released in the event of arrest by the respondent police or on his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vedachandur, within a period of one month from the date of resumption of regular work in the Court below, on bail, on execution of bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the the Judicial Magistrate, Vedachandur 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 report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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]**.

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

Sd/-

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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,
VEDACHANDUR.
2. DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
DINDIGUL DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ERIODU POLICE STATION,
DINDIGUL DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

ORDER

IN

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