



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

Date : 24.08.2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice B.PUGALENDHI
CRL OP(MD)No.11328 of 2021

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1.S.Balaji

2.G.Annadhurai

... Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 & 2

Vs

State rep by

The Inspector of Police,

Thirumangalam Taluk Police Station,

Madurai District.

Cr.No.138 of 2021.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Haja Mohideen, Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.P.Kottai Chamy,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.138 of 2021 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 IPC in Crime No.138 of 2021, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners and other accused have illegally cut 17 palm trees from the government promboke land in survey No.117, Kaalangarai. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioner are innocents and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the co-accused were released on bail by the Court below on condition to deposit Rs.8,500/- to the credit of crime number and the petitioners are also willing to deposit Rs.15,000/- each to the credit of crime number and hence, he prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioners have cut the palm trees from the government land, without any permission and based on

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the complaint given by the Village Administrative Officer, the present case registered.

5.Considering the nature of allegations levelled against the petitioners and also considering the willingness of the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners on condition that the petitioners shall deposit Rs.15,000/- each to the credit of Cr.No.138 of 2021 before the Judicial Magistrate, Thirumangalam.

6.Accordingly, this criminal original petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thirumangalam, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees ten thousand only)each with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

[a]the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity.

[b]the petitioners shall report before respondent police daily at 10.30 am., until further orders.

[c]the petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d]the petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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 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, Thirumangalam.
- 2.Do Through
The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Madurai.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
Thirumangalam Taluk Police Station,
Madurai District.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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