



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 12.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.KALYANASUNDARAM

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ILANGO VAN

H.C.P. (MD) No.1218 of 2020

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Anthony Laser

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Superintendent of Police

Thoothukudi District

Thoothukudi

2.The Inspector of Police

Pudukottai Police Station

Pudukottai, Thoothukudi (Dist)

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of habeas corpus directing the respondents No.1 and 2 to produce the body or person of the detainee namely Jebila, daughter of Anthony Laser, aged about 19 years, before this Court and set her at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Selvakumar

For Respondents : Mr.K.Dinesh Babu

Additional Public Prosecutor

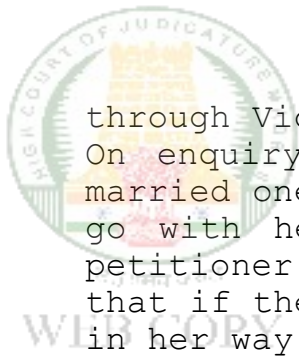
O R D E R

[Order of the Court was made by K.KALYANASUNDARAM, J.]

The petitioner has filed this habeas corpus petition seeking direction to the respondents to produce his daughter, namely, Jebila, aged about 19 years, before this Court and set her at liberty.

2. The petitioner would state that the detainee is his daughter and she was studying first year in a College at Thoothukudi. On 14.12.2020, at about 08.00 a.m., she went to College, but she did not return to the house and hence, he lodged a complaint with the second respondent Police and the same was registered in Crime No.600 of 2020 under "Woman Missing". It is alleged that the second respondent Police has not taken any effective steps to secure the detainee after registration of the case hence, he gave a representation to the first respondent on 16.12.2020 and thereafter, he has filed this habeas corpus petition.

3. Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, the detainee along with one Pankaj Kumar appeared before this Court



through Video Conferencing from the Office of the Public Prosecutor. On enquiry, the detinue would state that she is a major and she married one Pankaj Kumar on 08.01.2021 in Mangalore and she wants to go with her husband Pankaj Kumar. The father of the detinue / petitioner herein, who also appeared before this Court, would state that if the detinue wishes to go with her husband, he will not stand in her way.

4. In the light of the above statement of the detinue as well as her father, the detinue is set at liberty and the habeas corpus petition is ordered accordingly.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To:

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Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Pudukottai Police Station,
Pudukottai, Thoothukudi (Dist).
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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