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Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The petitioner herein is the Vice-President of the church in question. The statue of Mother Mary which was installed in the church was adorned with golden jewellery. On two occasions, they were stolen. Based on the complaint given by the church authorities, Crime No.273 of 2018 and Crime No.135 of 2021 were registered on the file of the fourth respondent for the offences under Sections 457 and 380 of I.P.C. The grievance of the petitioner is that till date, there has been no break through in the investigation. There was no recovery. Therefore, this criminal original petition has been filed for transfer of investigation.

3. Considering the overall facts and circumstances, the third respondent is directed to take over the investigation from the fourth respondent and file final report as expeditiously as possible. Since the place of worship has been the target of theft on two occasions, the third respondent is directed to maintain appropriate surveillance so that such crimes do not occur in future.

4. These criminal original petitions are disposed of on these terms. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AE)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To:

1. The Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli District.
2. The Superintendent of Police,
O/o. The Superintendent of Police,
Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District.



3. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
O/o. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Kanyakumari District.

4. The Inspector of Police,
Kanyakumari police station,
Kanyakumari District.

5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+2 CC to M/s.T. LAJAPATHI ROY, Advocate (SR-34992,SR-34993[F] dated
18/11/2021)

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