



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

Date : 25/11/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD). No.18449 of 2021

M.Muthurajan @ Muthuraj ... Petitioner/Accused No.3

Vs

The State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Kovilpatti East Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No.1049 of 2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.P.Naveen Kumar,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Madhavan,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side).

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

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.1049 of 2021 on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 328 IPC and Section 77 of Juvenile (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, in Cr.No.1049 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 28.10.2021 the *defacto* complainant and his party had conducted raid regarding the prevention of selling of the tobacco products and at that time the accused persons were found in possession of prohibited tobacco products worth about Rs.2,00,000/- for selling the same to small school boys. Hence, the present complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. The petitioner is not having any previous case. Co-accused were arrested and released on bail. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that investigation is not yet completed and the petitioner is not having any previous case at his credit.

5.Considering the nature of the charges levelled against the petitioner and also the facts that the properties have already been recovered, that the co-accused ie., A1 and A2 were released on bail by the Principal Sessions Judge, Thoothukudi and that the petitioner is not having any previous case for similar or serious offence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, but with certain conditions.

6.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kovilpatti on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent Police or to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a)the petitioner and 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 daily at 10.30 am for a period of one month and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

(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 absconds, 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 NO.I,
KOVILPATTI.
2. DO-THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KOVILPATTI EAST POLICE STATION,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER

IN

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