

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.01.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Cr1.O.P.No.330 of 2022

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... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Veppan Kuppam Police Station
Vellore District
Crime No.4 of 2022

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.4 of 2022 pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Kannadasan

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 379, 430 of I.P.C., and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.4 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is the owner of the bullock cart and on 01.01.2022, the respondent police found that the said bullock cart carrying $\frac{1}{4}$ unit of river sand without valid permission from the government. Hence the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner, on his own volition, is ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.3,000/- to the Registered Advocate

Clerk Association, Vellore. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner had illegally transported $\frac{1}{4}$ unit of river sand without the permission of the Government. He further submitted that the investigation is almost completed. However, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the investigation is almost completed, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days after lifting of lockdown or the commencement of the Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier, before The Learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Vellore , on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only), with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioner shall make non-refundable deposit a sum of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) through demand draft to the Registered Advocates Clerks Association, Vellore, without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and the learned Judicial Magistrate, after perusing the challan/ receipt, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

(b) 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;

(c) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders.

(d) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(e) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(f) 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;

(g) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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10/01/2022

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.III, VELLORE

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VELLORE (FOR INFORMATION)

3 INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VEPPAN KUPPAM POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE REGISTERED ADVOCATE CLERKS
ASSOCIATION, VELLORE

CC to M/S. E.KANNADASAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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