

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.01.2022

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Cr1.O.P.No.1256 of 2022

Santhi

...Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Gobinathampatti Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
(Crime No: 150 of 2021)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.150 of 2021 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For petitioner : M/s.J.Pradeep

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan
(Additional Public Prosecutor)

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.12.2021 for the offences under Sections 4(1)(a), r/w. 4(1-A) of TNP Act, in Crime No.150 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 25.12.2021 at about 12.30 hrs, when the respondent police officials were on their regular patrol duty found the petitioner in possession of 53 bottles each of 180 ml of illegal liquor. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and that she is suffering incarceration for about 26 days from 25.12.2021. Hence, he would pray for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent would raise objection stating that petitioner is the sole accused and aged about 70 years. He would further submit that the petitioner is in possession of 53 bottles of liquor but admits that the investigation is almost completed.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the age of the petitioner and that the investigation is almost completed and also considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

(a) Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing her own bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only), before the Superintendent of the concerned prison, in which the Petitioner has been confined and thereafter on his release;

(b) the petitioner shall execute two sureties for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pappireddipatty, Dharmapuri District, within 15 days from the date of commencement of the Court's normal functioning, failing which the bail granted by this Court shall stand dismissed automatically;

(c) the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the learned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar Card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

(d) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation;

(e) the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature;

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

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

(h) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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];

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

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21/01/2022

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
PAPPIREDDIPATTY, DHARMAPURI DISTRICT.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
SUB JAIL FOR WOMEN, SALEM.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
GOBINATHAMPATTI POLICE STATION,
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT.

5 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

CC to M/S.J.PRADEEP Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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Date :21/01/2022

RW 24/01/2022