



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 31.01.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

CRL.O.P.No.1920 of 2022

Vengadapathy

... Petitioner

Versus

State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Thirukkanur Police Station,
Thirukkanur, Puducherry.
(Crime No.09 of 2022)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in the Crime No.09 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Chandra Gupthan

For Respondent : Mr.V.Balamurugane,
Additional Public Prosecutor (P)

O R D E R

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Section 379 of IPC r/w 3 of Prevention of Damages to Public Property Act 1984 in Crime No.09 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 15.01.2022 while the Sub Inspector of Police attached to the respondent received reliable information that some unknown person have taking the river sand from Sankarabarani river bed Kodathur, Puducherry. With the Bullock cart, when the respondent rushed to the spot the petitioner escaped from the spot leaving the bullock cart with loaded sand the respondent police had seized the bullock cart with sand and took them to the police station and registered the present case and collected the petitioner details. Hence this 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 has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence he prays for grant of anticipatory bail.



4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor (P) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner illegally seized the sand without permission and no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed 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 Court No.IV, Puducherry, 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to the credit of the Registered Advocate Clerk Association, Pudhucherry District within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[b] 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.

[c] the petitioner is directed to report before the respondent police daily 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 anticipatory 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].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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31/01/2022

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

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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE COURT NO.IV,
PUDUCHERRY.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
PUDUCHERRY [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THIRUKKANUR POLICE STATION,
PUDUCHEEY.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
PUDUCHERRY.

5 THE REGISTERED ADVOCATE CLERK ASSOCIATION,
PUDHUCHERRY DISTRICT.

+1CC to M/S S.CHANDRA GUPTHAN Advocate on payment of
necessary charges SR.NO.1728

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Date :31/01/2022

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