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Crl.O.P.No.25211 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.11.2022

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA**

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Ajay @ Ajay Edward Felix

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
F-5, Choolaimedu Police Station,
Choolaimedu,
Chennai.
Crime No.343 of 2022

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.343 of 2022 on the file
of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.K.Yukanth

For Respondent : Mr.C.E.Pratap

Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.09.2022, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 21(b), 25 & 29(1) of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Crime No.343 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused were found in possession of 630 Nitrovet Tablets - 346.50 grams. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that, the petitioner is a post-graduate, having completed M.S.C (Criminology and Criminal Justice) in Madurai Kamaraj University, awaiting for results. He would further submit, while the petitioner was standing along with his friends, they were picked up by the respondent police and the present false case was registered, as if the petitioner was found in possession of 630 Nitrovet Tablets. He would



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WEB COPY further submit that the petitioner was picked up for enquiry on 14.09.2022 and thereafter he was kept in the police station and the petitioner's vehicle also been seized on 14.09.2022 and the same was recorded in CCTV camera available at the neighbor house of the petitioner. However, the alleged offence is said to be taken place only on 15.09.2022. He would further submit that the petitioner is aged about 22 years, hails from a respective family and there is no previous case pending against him and he has been suffering incarceration from 15.09.2022. Hence, he seeks for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that, petitioner along with other accused were found in possession of 630 Nitrovet Tablets - 346.50 grams and the investigation is pending. He would further submit that, apart from this case, there is no previous case pending against the petitioner, however, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) and other materials available on record.



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6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the submission made by the learned counsel and also considering that the seized contraband does not come under the scheduled drug under the NDPS Act, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only)** with **two sureties (one surety shall be either Father or Mother of the petitioner)**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Principal NDPS Special Court at Chennai** and on further conditions that:

[a] 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.a.m., until further orders.

[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;



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[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]**;

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

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To

1. learned Principal NDPS Spl Court,
Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
F-5, Choolaimedu Police Station,
Choolaimedu,
Chennai.
3. Saidapet Sub Jail,
Prison.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA.,J.



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