



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.02.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

Crl.O.P.(MD)No.3347 of 2022

and

Crl.M.P(MD) No.2480 of 2022

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1. Murugan

2. Shanthi

... Petitioners/Accused 1 & 2

Vs

1. The State

By the Inspector of Police
Oddanchatram Police Station
Dindigul District.

(Crime No.1142 of 2021)

... Respondent/Respondent

2.Kathiravan

... 2nd Respondent/
Defacto Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to Call for the records in respect of Crime No. 1142 of 2021 on the file of the 1st respondent and quash the same as against the accused 1 and 2.

For Petitioners

: Mr.D.Venkatesh

For Respondent
No.1

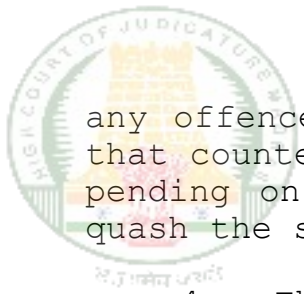
: Mr.R.M.Anbunithi
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to quash the proceedings in Crime No. 1142 of 2021 on the file of the first respondent police.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 22.10.2021 at about 12.00 A.M., they along with unnamed accused brought a JCB near to the house of the 2nd respondent and tried to demolish the Compound wall and damaged the trees standing there. When the same was questioned by 2nd respondent and his family members, the 1st accused attacked the wife of the 2nd respondent with iron rod and the 2nd accused attacked the 2nd respondent with stick. Thereafter the 2nd respondent was beaten by the 10 unnamed and they abused him with filthy language. While leaving the accused threatened him with dire consequences and also taken away a gold chain worn by the wife of the 2nd respondent.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have not committed



any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that counter case has also been registered in Crime No. 1143 of 2021 pending on the file of the first respondent. Hence he prayed to quash the same.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the investigation is almost completed and the respondent police are about to file the final report before the concerned court.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. It is seen from the First Information Report that there are specific allegation as against the petitioners, which has to be investigated. Further the FIR is not an encyclopedia and it need not contain all facts. Further, it cannot be quashed in the threshold. This Court finds that the FIR discloses prima facie commission of cognizable offence and as such this Court cannot interfere with the investigation. The investigating machinery has to step in to investigate, grab and unearth the crime in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Code.

7. It is also relevant to rely upon the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in **Crl.A.No.255 of 2019** dated **12.02.2019 - Sau. Kamal Shivaji Pokarnekar vs. the State of Maharashtra & ors.**, as follows:-

"4. The only point that arises for our consideration in this case is whether the High Court was right in setting aside the order by which process was issued. It is settled law that the Magistrate, at the stage of taking cognizance and summoning, is required to apply his judicial mind only with a view to taking cognizance of the offence, or in other words, to find out whether a prima facie case has been made out for summoning the accused persons. The learned Magistrate is not required to evaluate the merits of the material or evidence in support of the complaint, because the Magistrate must not undertake the exercise to find out whether the materials would lead to a conviction or not.

5. Quashing the criminal proceedings is called for only in a case where the complaint does not disclose any offence, or is frivolous, vexatious, or oppressive. If the allegations set out in the complaint do not constitute the offence of which cognizance has been taken by the Magistrate, it is open to the High Court to quash the same. It is not necessary that a



meticulous analysis of the case should be done before the Trial to find out whether the case would end in conviction or acquittal. If it appears on a reading of the complaint and consideration of the allegations therein, in the light of the statement made on oath that the ingredients of the offence are disclosed, there would be no justification for the High Court to interfere.

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9. Having heard the learned Senior Counsel and examined the material on record, we are of the considered view that the High Court ought not to have set aside the order passed by the Trial Court issuing summons to the Respondents. A perusal of the complaint discloses that prima facie, offences that are alleged against the Respondents. The correctness or otherwise of the said allegations has to be decided only in the Trial. At the initial stage of issuance of process it is not open to the Courts to stifle the proceedings by entering into the merits of the contentions made on behalf of the accused. Criminal complaints cannot be quashed only on the ground that the allegations made therein appear to be of a civil nature. If the ingredients of the offence alleged against the accused are prima facie made out in the complaint, the criminal proceeding shall not be interdicted."

8. In view of the above discussion, this Court is not inclined to quash the First Information Report. Hence this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. However, the first respondent is directed to complete the investigation in both the Crime Nos. 1142 of 2021 and 1143 of 2021 following the police standing order for case and counter case and file a final report within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this Order, before the jurisdiction Magistrate.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (P&A)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)



To

1. Inspector of Police,
Oddanchatram Police Station,
Dindigul District.

2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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