



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 28/04/2022

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD). No.6686 of 2022

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M.Manoj @ Manojkumar

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Othakadai Police Station,
Madurai.
Cr.No.632 of 2021.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.K.SUDALAIYANDI,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Muthumanikkam,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.439 of Cr.P.C.

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Crime No.632 of 2021 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Sole Accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.03.2022 for the offences punishable under Section Girl Missing @ Section 5(1), 5(j)(ii) and 6 of Protection of Child from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Section 9 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, in Crime No.632 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and the victim girl were in love and on 29.11.2021, the victim girl had eloped with the petitioner and they got married and thereafter, the petitioner had committed sexual assault on the victim girl. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner and the victim girl were in love with each other, that now the victim girl is two months pregnant and that the petitioner as well as his parents were ready and willing to conduct the marriage of the petitioner with the victim girl, after the victim girl attains majority.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that medical tests were already over, that the investigation is almost completed except receiving the medical test report and that the victim girl was aged above 16 years.

5.When the matter is taken up for hearing today, the learned counsel for the petitioner has filed an affidavit sworn by the petitioner as well as the petitioner's mother and the victim's mother, wherein, they have stated that the petitioner had agreed to marry the victim girl after she attains marital age as well as the mother of the petitioner and the victim's mother have also given an undertaking that they will arrange the marriage for the petitioner with the victim girl, when she attains marital age.

6.Considering the above facts and circumstances and also the facts that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 07.03.2022, that the medical examinations were already over, that investigation is almost completed except receiving the medical test report and that the petitioner is not having any bad antecedents, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

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 each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Sessions Judge, Principal Special Court for Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Madurai District.

(i)the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Sessions Judge/concerned court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

(ii)the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

(iii)the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness;

(iv)the petitioner shall not abscond during trial;

(v)On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Sessions Judge/concerned 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 Sessions Judge/concerned Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]***.



(vi) If the accused / petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1 THE SESSIONS JUDGE,
PRINCIPAL SPECIAL COURT FOR TRIAL OF CASES UNDER POCSO ACT,
MADURAI.

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
OTHAKADAI POLICE STATION,
MADURAI.

3 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
VIRUDHUNAGAR SUB JAIL,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.

4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1 CC to M/s.S.RAJENDRAN, Advocate (SR-3966[I] dated 28/04/2022)

ORDER

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