



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

Date : 07/09/2022

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mrs.Justice R.THARANI

CRL OP(MD) . No.16147 of 2022

Nagoor Meeran

... Petitioner/1st Accused

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Kadayanallur Police Station,
Tenkasi District.
(Crime No.285/2022).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Venkatesh D,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

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

PRAYER :- For Bail in Crime No.285/2022 on the file of the
Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/A1, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 14.08.2022 for the offence punishable under Section 328 IPC and Section 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, in Crime No.285 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.The case against the petitioner is that the petitioner and other accused were found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.26, 183/-. Hence, the complaint.

3.On the side of the petitioner, it is stated that a false case was foisted against the petitioner. A2 and A3 were already released on bail by this Court. The petitioner is in judicial custody from 14.08.2022 and prayed the petitioner to be released on bail.

4.On the side of the prosecution, it is stated that the petitioner is having four previous cases, which is not similar in nature. A2 and A3 were already arrested and released on bail by this Court and the properties were already seized.



5.It is seen that the petitioner has filed a bail petition before the Principal Sessions Court, Tirunelveli in Crl.M.P.No.7765 of 2022 and the same was dismissed on 18.08.2022.

6.Considering the period of incarceration and on considering the quantity of the contraband and also considering the fact that the co-accused were already released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed on condition that the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of Crime No.285 of 2022 before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Tenkasi without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt/acknowledgment before the trial Court.

8.On such deposit being made, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, on executing a bond for a sum of 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Tenkasi and on further conditions that:

(i)the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate/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., for a period of one month and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

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

(iv)the petitioner shall be present before the Court on hearing dates and before the respondent police as and when required;

(v)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]**.

(vi)If the accused / petitioner thereafter absconds, 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 JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TENKASI.
2. DO-THROUGH : THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.
3. THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, PALAYAMKOTTAI.
4. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KADAYANALLUR POLICE STATION,
TENKASI DISTRICT.
5. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

ORDER

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