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A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

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The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 419 and 392 of IPC in Crime No.197 of 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused persons waylaid the defacto complainant and posed themselves as police and conducted search. They also alleged to have committed theft of 20 cell phones and 1½ gold covering jewels from the defacto complainant. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and based on the confession statement of the arrested co-accused, he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the entire cell phones have been recovered from the arrested accused. He would also submit that the petitioner has no previous case against him. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner along with other accused persons had committed theft of cell phones. He would also submit that A1 has been arrested and from him 20 phones have been recovered and there is no previous case against the petitioner. However, he would vehemently oppose to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on records including the FIR.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, and the submissions made by both counsel, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the *learned Metropolitan Magistrate-V, Egmore, Chennai* on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)** with



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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 and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate/trial Court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner report before the respondent police every day at 10.30 p.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;

[e] 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, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]*; and;

[f] if the petitioner herein thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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