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Crl.O.P.No.13258 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.06.2023

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

**Crl.O.P.No.13258 of 2023**

Sriram @ Sri

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep by  
The Inspector of Police  
P2, Otteri Police Station,  
Chennai.

Crime No.179 of 2023

... Respondent

**PRAYER:** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,  
pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.179 of 2023 on the file  
of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Tamilselvan

For Respondent : Mr. C.E.Pratap  
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

**ORDER**

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody  
on 26.04.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B)  
of NDPS Act, in Crime No.179 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police,  
seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that on 26.04.2023, the petitioner along with another accused were found in possession of 1.900 grams of Ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel 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 even as per the prosecution, there is no recovery from this petitioner and the alleged contraband has been recovered only from A1. He would also submit that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration from 26.04.2023. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent vehemently opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner stating that the petitioner, who is arrayed as A2, along with another accused was found in possession of 1.900 grams of Ganja. He would further submit that one previous case is pending against the petitioner registered for the offence under IPC.

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that without prejudice to his defence, the petitioner is ready and



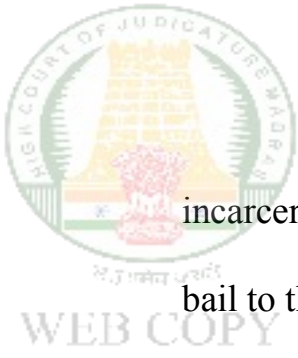
willing to deposit a substantial amount to any welfare scheme run by the Government as may be directed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

6. Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record including the FIR.

7. On considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) to the credit of "**The Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital, Kilpauk, Chennai**" without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

8. Merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

9. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and the period of



incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant of bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

10. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to make a non refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) by way of **Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT to the "The Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital, Kilpauk, Chennai, "Hospital Maintenance Fund", Canara Bank, Kilpauk Branch, A/c.No.1650101005396, IFSC Code : CNRB0001650, MICR Code : 600015050"** without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)** with **two sureties**, (out of which, one surety should be the blood relative of the petitioner), each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Metropolitan Magistrate No.X, Egmore, 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



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**respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.**

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[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 petitioners 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

**15.06.2023**

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To

1. The Metropolitan Magistrate No.X, Egmore, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police  
P-2 Otteri Police Station, Chennai.
3. The Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor,  
High Court of Madras.



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**A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA,J.,**

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