



Crl.O.P.No.13236 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.06.2023

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

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Akilan

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep by
Inspector of Police
T-7, Avadi Tank Factory
Avadi
(Crime No.242 of 2023)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.242 of 2023 on the file
of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Krishnamoorthy

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



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.05.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(C), 20(b)(ii)(B) and Section 25 of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act 1985, in Crime No.242 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 05.05.2023, the petitioner was found in possession of 2 Kgs. 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 and that the petitioner has been languishing in jail for more than one month from 05.05.2023. However, 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.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent vehemently opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner stating that



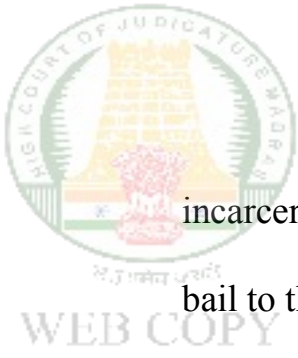
the petitioner was found in possession of 2 Kgs. of Ganja. However, he would submit that there is no previous case against the petitioner.

5. 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.

6. On considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall be directed to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) to the credit of "M/s.The Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice Fund, Kilpauk, Chennai"** without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

7. It is made clear that merely, because the petitioner deposits 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.

8. 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.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** by way of **RTGS/NEFT to the credit of "M/s.The Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice Fund, Account Number : 358001000000671, IFSC Code : IOBA0001288, MICR:600020073, Indian Overseas Bank, SME Kilpauk Branch, 20, Ormes Road, Kilplauk, Chennai-600 010"**, 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 shall be the father or mother of the petitioner**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Principal Special Court EC & NDPS Act, 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;



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[b] the petitioner shall report before the 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.

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Avadi
3. The Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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