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C.V.KARTHIKEYAN,J.

The petitioner/A8 seeks bail in Crime No.524 of 2023, registered by the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 147, 148, 302 & 120(b) of IPC and Section 3 of Explosive Substance Act, 1908.

2.This Court had granted bail to A12, A13 and A14 but had dismissed the application seeking bail for A9.

3.It is stated that A1 to A7 had been detained under Act 14 of 1982.

4.It is the case of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is the college student, who has no connection with A1 to A7, except remote friendship. It is stated that one of the accused had come over to the lodge where the petitioner is staying and the two other accused had followed him and stayed in the lodge overnight and thereafter, they had committed the offence.

5.It is stated that the petitioner was ignorant about the entire issue. However, it is the case of the respondent that the petitioner had given shelter to the accused persons, who had committed the act of murder.



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6. So far as A12, A13 and A14 are concerned, bail had been granted to them on the ground that they had only business rivalry but it is A4, who was the main accused person and who had engaged the other persons.

7. The learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner is innocent of the offence but, the petitioner had given shelter to the accused. Even if it is for only one night, it would only imply that he had knowledge about the fact that they had committed the offence and if he had such knowledge, and if he is an innocent, he ought to have informed the respondent about the presence of the accused in his place.

8. In view of that particular fact, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner herein. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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