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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.11.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **C.V.KARTHIKEYAN**

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1.Prabakaran S/o. Ramamoorthy  
2.Sasikumar @ Sasi S/o. Rangan

...Petitioners/Accused-1 & 2

Vs.

State rep. by its  
The Inspector of Police,  
Omerabad Police Station,  
Thirupathur District.  
(Crime No.365 of 2023)

...Respondent

**PRAYER:**

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. praying to enlarge the petitioners on Bail pending investigation in Crime No.365 of 2023 on the file of respondent police on such terms and conditions.

For Petitioners : Mr.D.Dayalan

For Respondent : Mr.R.Kishore Kumar  
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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## ORDER

The petitioners seek bail in Crime No.365 of 2023, originally registered under Sections 279, 337, 379, 430 of IPC r/w 21(1) of M.M.Act, and subsequently altered to under Sections 279, 304(A), 379, 430 of IPC r/w 21(1) of M.M.Act. The petitioners had been arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 17.10.2023.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were alleged to have transported 1/4 unit of river sand in a Bullock cart. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners stated that the petitioners are innocent and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further stated that the petitioners are ready to abide by any condition imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the respondent



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stated that the petitioners have illegally transported 1/4 unit of river sand in a Bullock cart. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioners.

5. In order to curb illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioners are directed to jointly deposit a sum of Rs.7,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of District Revenue Officer, Thirupathur District, without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. Merely, because the petitioners deposits the said amount, it would not amount to admission of their guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances and the submissions made by the learned counsels, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:



8. Accordingly, the petitioners shall jointly make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.7,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand only) to the credit of District Revenue Officer, Thirupathur District, and on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Ambur 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent Police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance



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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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate, Ambur.
2. The Sub Jail, Ambur.
3. The Inspector of Police,  
Omerabad Police Station,  
Thirupathur District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,  
High Court of Madras

**C.V.KARTHIKEYAN. J.**



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