



CRL OP(MD)No.19115 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 31.10.2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble MR JUSTICE V.SIVAGNANAM

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1.Prasath
2.Sudharsan
3.Mani
4.Jeyabalachandran @ Jeyabalachandar
5.Guruprabhu

... Petitioners/ Accused No.1 to 5

Vs

State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Palanichettipatti Police Station,
Palanichettipatti,
Theni District.
(Crime No.461 of 2023)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.N.Pragalathan, Advocate
For Respondent : Mr.R.Suresh Kumar,
Government Advocate(Crl.side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.438 of Cr.P.C

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.461 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 147, 294(b), 447, 379, 506(i) IPC in Crime No.461 of 2023, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant is running online business in a rental building situated at KMC Plot, Palanichettipatti, Theni District. After handing over the original sale deed, he obtained loan from the second petitioner through the first petitioner to the tune of Rs.5,00,000/-. Subsequently, after returning the above said amount to the second petitioner, he again borrowed a sum of Rs.1,50,000/- from the second petitioner. The said amount was also repaid along with interest. But the second petitioner demanded further amount. Moreover, the petitioners have taken away the blank cheque, laptop, TV, table, Chair from the above said KMC Plot. Hence the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the fifth petitioner and the defacto complainant entered into a rental agreement with one Padmavathi for the purpose of starting an online business. Due to financial problems, the defacto complainant borrowed money from the petitioners 1 to 4 herein. Since the defacto complainant did not return the amount, the third and fourth petitioners herein filed the cheque



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cases in STC.Nos.165, 167 of 2022 on the file of the Fast Track Court, (Magisterial Level), Theni against the defacto complainant. Therefore, the defacto complainant foisted a false case. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail.

4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that the investigation is pending.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and taking into consideration the principles stated by the Honourable Supreme Court in Gurubaksh Singh Sibbia Etc., vs. State of Punjab reported in 1980 AIR 1632 and Lal Kamendra Pratap Singh vs. State of Uttar Pradesh and others reported in (2009)4 SCC 437 and Joginder Kumar vs. State of U.P. and others reported in (1994)4 SCC 260 and taking into consideration the origin of crime, it is seen that the offence alleged as against the petitioners is not a case of heinous crime. Further the petitioners are having permanent residence at Theni District. Hence the principles stated in Hussainara Khatoon & Ors vs. Home Secretary, State Of Bihar reported in AIR 1979 SC 1360 is taken into consideration. In that case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has cautioned that pre-trial detention is not to be encouraged nor is to be encourageable pre-trial release on sureties; that if the Court is satisfied after taking into consideration that the accused has his roots in the community and is not likely to abscond, he can safely be released on his personal bond.



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6. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Theni, Theni District on condition that the petitioners shall execute a own bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) 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 petitioners shall affix his photograph 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 daily at 10.30 am., until further orders.

[c] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioners shall not abscond 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 with



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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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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, THENI, THENI DISTRICT.

2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, THENI DISTRICT.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, PALANICHETTIPATTI POLICE STATION,
THENI DISTRICT.

4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

+1 CC to M/s.N.PRAGALATHAN, Advocate (SR-15751[I] dated 01/11/2023)

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