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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 15/11/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V. SIVAGNANAM

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Gurunathan,

... Petitioners/ Accused No.2

Vs

State Rep.by

The Inspector of Police,

Thiruchuli Police Station, Virudhunagar

District. Crime No.126/2023..

... Respondent/ Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Mohamed Ibrahim, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.Sureshkumar,

Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.126/2023 on the file of the Respondent Police

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/ A2, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 120(B), 406, 420 IPC in Crime No.126 of 2023



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on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the third accused sold a vehicle bearing Reg.No.TN-30-BR-8327 without original documents to the defacto complainant and received a sum of Rs.5,00,000/-. The first accused created the sale agreement between them. Thereafter, it was found that the vehicle registration is belonging to Kerala. Hence, the defacto complainant returned the vehicle to the accused Nos.1 and 3 and asked money. However, they did not return money. The petitioner/A2 is the owner of the vehicle. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner/A2 sold the vehicle on 18.08.2021 itself to the first accused and there is no transaction between the petitioner and the defacto complainant. Hence, he prays for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (criminal side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that totally there are three accused in this case and



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this petitioner is the second accused and he is the owner of the disputed vehicle.

Hence, he strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner/ A2.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on the record.

6. 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 Kamlendra 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 alleged offence against the petitioner is not a case of heinous crime. Further, the petitioner is having permanent resident at Ramnad 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 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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7. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruchuli on condition that the petitioner 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 petitioner shall affix his photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of his Aadhar Card or Bank Pass Book to ensure his identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the trial Court on summons.

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

[d] the petitioner 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 petitioner in accordance with
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law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner 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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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THIRUCHULI.
- 2 DO THROUGH:
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT @ SRIVILLIPUTHUR.
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
THIRUCHULI POLICE STATION,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.



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

+1 CC to M/s.J.MOHAMED IBRAHIM, Advocate (SR-16396[I] dated 16/11/2023)

ORDER
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