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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 12/12/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V. SIVAGNANAM

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S.Paul

... Petitioner/ Accused No.2

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
Tirunelveli Junction Police Station,
Tirunelveli City.
(In Crime No.481 of 2020).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.C. Susikumar,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.RMS.Sethuraman,
Additional Public Prosecutor

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.481 of 2020 on the file of the Respondent Police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 25(1)(a) and 29(a) of Arms Act, 1959, in Crime No.481 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant is working as a Postal Action Inspector in RMS, Madurai. On 26.05.2020, while he as in arranging the speed post covers and parcels, he found that a pistol in one cover. That cover contains the name of the first accused in 'From Address' and contains the petitioner's name in 'To Address'. He informed the same to the his higher officials. They found that there is no license for pistol. Hence the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner is innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner is a antique collector and used to purchase old antique materials. From the Social Media, he purchased the said gun from the first accused. There is no need to get license for the antique gun. He already sold the several guns to his customers and he also sent a proof for that. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail.



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4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police would submit that the investigation is not yet completed and no previous case is pending against the petitioner.

5.Considering the nature of allegations levelled as against the petitioner 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 offence alleged as against the petitioner is not a case of heinous crime. Further the petitioner is having permanent residence at Tirunelveli 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 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 No.IV, Tirunelveli, 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 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 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.



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[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 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,
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TO

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.IV,
Tirunelveli.



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2. Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Thirunelveli District.

3. The Inspector of Police,
Tirunelveli Junction Police Station,
Tirunelveli City.

4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.C.SUSI KUMAR, Advocate (SR-17750[I] dated 14/12/2023)

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