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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.04.2024 for the alleged offence under Sections 294(b), 307 of I.P.C. and later altered into Sec.294(b), 302 of I.P.C. in Crime No.155 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent police was in station duty, on an information from the Government Medical College and Hospital, Krishnagiri, they went to hospital and obtained confession statement from the deceased Lakshmi, who was undergoing treatment, wherein she had stated that she is doing water can supply work and having three sons. However, she had illegal affair with the petitioner and later she came to know that he is having illegal contact with many girls, so, she stopped the affair with the deceased, enraged over that, on 24.04.2024 around 10.00 hours, when she went to bathroom, he poured



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petrol and set fire on her, due to which, she suffered serious burnt injuries and admitted in the hospital. Accordingly, he lodged a complaint against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that this is the third petition seeking for bail. He would submit that he has been falsely implicated in this case as if he poured petrol and set fire on the deceased. In fact, he has not at all committed any offence as alleged by the respondent police and he is no way connected with the offence. He would further submit that the investigation is almost completed and that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration for more than 3 ½ months from 24.04.2024. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for respondent would submit that since the victim/deceased refused to continue her relationship with the petitioner, he enraged over the same, poured petrol and set fire on her, thereby she sustained burnt injuries and died without responding to the treatment. He would also submit that if he is released on



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bail, he will tamper the witnesses and hamper the investigation and investigation is still pending. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by both counsel and considering the gravity of offence committed by the petitioner, on the date of alleged occurrence, he poured petrol on the deceased and set fire on her, thereby she sustained burnt injuries and died and the fact that investigation is still pending and if he is released on bail, he may abscond and there is possibility of tampering the witnesses and hampering the investigation and also the fact that there is no change of circumstances, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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