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Crl OP No.2605 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **04-02-2025**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL OP NO. 2605 of 2025

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S/O. Thirthamalai, No.1035A, Thalayari
Street, Ponnur, Tiruvannamalai
District.No.1035A, Thalayari Street, Ponnur,
Tiruvannamalai District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep By
No.1035A, Thalayari Street, Ponnur,
Tiruvannamalai District.Inspector Of Police,
Pew Cheyyar Police Station, Tiruvannamalai.
Cr.No. 8/2025

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

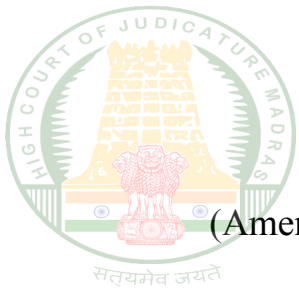
E.Sathiyaraj Elangovan

For Respondent(s):

Mr.S.Balaji,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The Petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 4(1)(i) of TN Prohibition Act and Section 4(1)(A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition



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(Amendment) Act, 2024 in Crime No.8 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused was found to be in illegal possession of 35 bottles of Black Pearl Brandy in a two wheeler bearing Registration No.TN-97-Z-8607, without any valid permission. Hence the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner, aged about 29 years, is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that based on the confession of the arrested accused, this petitioner was arrayed as an accused; that the co-accused/A1 was already released on bail and that the custodial interrogation is not required in this case. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that on 27.01.2025 at about 7.00 a.m, when the respondent police was on patrol duty, at the time they found that the petitioner along with other accused was found to be in possession of 35 bottles of Black Pearl



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Brandy without any license and against the petitioner herein, there is no previous case.

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5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) for the respondent and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of allegations; that the petitioner has no previous cases; that the petitioner is arrayed as accused based on the confession of the co-accused, that the co-accused was already released on bail, and that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(a) 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 of receipt of a copy of this order, before the **Judicial Magistrate, Vanthavasi, Tiruvannamalai District**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only), with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to



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the satisfaction of the said Magistrate, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m until further orders.

[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 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 269 of BNS.

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To
1. Inspector Of Police,
Pew Cheyyar Police Station,
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