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Crl. O.P. No.12279 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.04.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Manikandan S/o. Natarajan

... Petitioner / Accused

Vs.

The State represented by:

The Inspector of Police,
W-23 All Women Police Station,
Royapettah, Chennai.
(Crime No.7 of 2025).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with the Crime No.7 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr. G. Magesh Raj

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner/accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 26.03.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.7 of 2025 registered for the offences under Sections 77 of B.N.S. and Section 66 of IT Act.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and the defacto complainant are neighbours; that when the defacto complainant was taking bath, the petitioner videographed the same in his mobile phone; and that the mobile phone was seized from the petitioner. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are false; that he has been falsely implicated in this case; that the petitioner is in custody from 26.03.2025; and that further custody is not required for the purpose of investigation. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case and confirmed that the mobile phone was seized from the petitioner.

5. Considering the aforesaid facts, nature of allegations, period of incarceration, the fact that the mobile phone was seized and that since further custody is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to



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grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **XVIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai** and on further conditions that:

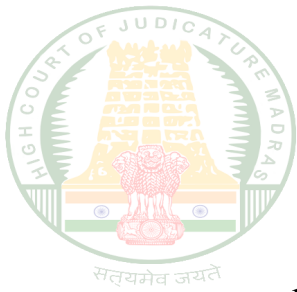
[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall stay at Vellore and report before the Vellore North Police Station, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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



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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 B.N.S.

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To

1. The XVIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
W-23 All Women Police Station,
Royapettah, Chennai.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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