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Crl.O.P.No.21175 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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1.Raja

2.Thamaraiselvan

3.Manikandan

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Kolathur Police Station,
Salem District.

Crime No.268 of 2025

... Respondent

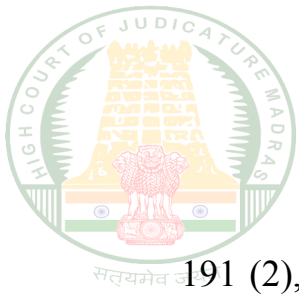
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in Crime
No.268 of 2025 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioners : Mr.C.Deepakkumar

For Respondent : Mr.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 10.07.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 126 (2), 296 (b),



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191 (2), 191 (3), 324 (4), 324 (5), 115 (2), 118 (1) and 351 (3) of BNS and Section 3 (1) of Tamil Nadu Property (Prevention of Damage and Loss) Act, 1992, as amended by Act 46 of 1994, in Crime No.268 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent, seek bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the defacto-complainant along with his neighbour and friends were travelling in a Swift Motor vehicle bearing Registration No.KA 04 MF 0440 to pick up the neighbor's brother from Karnataka. While proceeding from Kolathur towards Matheswaran Malai Main Road, Kaveripuram, and upon reaching Vijayendiran's Bridge, it is alleged a group of individuals who were consuming alcohol alleged to have compelled the defacto-complainant to halt the vehicle and thereafter began verbally abusing the defacto-complainant. They also wilfully damaged the vehicle by breaking the front and rear windows and physically assaulted the defacto-complainant. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they had been falsely implicated in this case. The petitioners are in judicial custody from 10.07.2025 and hence, further custody of the petitioners is not required. He further submitted that



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the petitioners are ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioners.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for grant of bail to the petitioners.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate -I, Mettur**, and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and



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Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of three weeks; thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[c] the petitioners shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

[d] the petitioners shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the de facto complainant and witnesses;

[e] the petitioners to give an undertaking that if required for being identified by witnesses during investigation or for police custody beyond the first fifteen days, he shall comply to the directions as may be given by the Court in this regard;

[f] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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**



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Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283];

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR
can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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Note :

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate -I,
Mettur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Kolathur Police Station,
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3.The Central Prison,
Salem.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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