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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.08.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Alex Ebinezer

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
AWPS Sooramangalam,
Salem District.
(Crime No.19 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.19 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Arul

For Respondent : Mr.R.Vinothraja
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 13.06.2025 for the offences punishable under Section 9(m)(d) r/w 10 of POCSO Act, 2012 in Crime No.19 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is a driver of the school bus, in which the victim was also travelling to school in the same school bus. On 6.11.2024, at about 8.25 a.m, while the victim was seated near the entrance of the bus, at that time, the petitioner allegedly misbehaved with him. Hence the case.

3. The contention of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that due to previous enmity between the petitioner and the defacto complainant, a false case has been foisted against the petitioner. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for granting bail to the petitioner. He further submitted that the investigation has been completed and the charge sheet in Spl.S.C.No.202 of 2025 dated 25.05.2025 has also been filed before the trial Court.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the submission made by the learned counsel appearing on either side and taking note of the



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period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing 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 **Sessions Judge, Principal POCSO Court, Salem** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and 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 petitioner shall report before the Trial Court on all hearing dates without fail.

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

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

[e] the petitioner 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;



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[f] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned 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)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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To

1. The Sessions Judge,
Principal POCSO Court, Salem.
2. The Inspector of Police,
AWPS Sooramangalam,
Salem District.
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Salem.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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