



Suo Motu TR.No.7384 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17.09.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

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(C.C.No.282 of 2003 of Judicial Magistrate Court No.1, Dharmapuri Taluk,
Dharmapuri)

The Sub Inspector of Police,
Dharmapuri Police Station.

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.Devaraj

2.Manoharan

... Respondents

For Petitioner

: Mr.S.Sugendran

Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Sua Motu Case is dealt with in an extraordinary manner by the
Dedicated Bench, pursuant to Sua Motu W.P.(Crl.) No.618 of 2025.

2.The case, Cr.No.694 of 2003 was registered for the alleged offence
under Section 379 I.P.C. The occurrence is of the year 2003. The allegation in
this case is that the accused committed theft of mobile phone from the defacto-
complainant. It is reported that the property has been recovered and handed
over to the defacto-complainant. There is no previous or subsequent previous
case against the accused. The matter has been pending since 2003.



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3.Considering the factual matrix, context of the case, the antecedents of the accused, the reason for absence from his usual place, and the submission that, despite best efforts, the warrant could not be executed, it is evident that even if the accused is brought to face trial, it would impinge upon his right to a speedy trial. Due to the passage of time, a meaningful trial is unlikely, and no useful purpose would be served.

4.Accordingly, the case in C.C.No.282 of 2003 of Judicial Magistrate Court No.1, Dharmapuri Taluk, Dharmapuri stands quashed. This Suo Motu Transfer Case is disposed of.

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Note to the Trial Court: This order is digitally signed and communicated electronically alone. The Trial Court shall take note of the order and accordingly classify the case pending before them as allowed / dismissed / disposed of, etc, and while doing so, consider any applications such as disposal of properties, etc., and pass appropriate orders, as may be necessary. Further, the Court below is directed to dispatch the copy of this order to all concerned.



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