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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.09.2025

CORAM:

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

Suo Motu TR.No.9381 of 2025
(C.C.No.705 of 2015 of XVI Metropolitan Magistrate Court, George Town Taluk, Chennai)

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sugendran
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

2.The case was registered in Cr.No.532 of 2015 for the alleged offence under Section 379 I.P.C. The allegation in this case is that the accused committed theft of defacto complainant's 2 1/4 sovereign of gold chain. It is reported that the property has been recovered and handed over to the defacto complainant. The defacto-complainant submits that he does not want to pursue the case anymore. There is no previous or subsequent case against the accused. The matter has been pending since 2015.

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 summons could not be served, 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

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no useful purpose would be served.

D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

4.Accordingly, the case in C.C.No.705 of 2015 of XVI Metropolitan Magistrate Court, George Town Taluk, Chennai, 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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