



Suo Motu TR.No.17301 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 15.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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(C.C.No.108 of 2017 of Judicial Magistrate IV, Salem Taluk, Salem)

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 in C.C.No.108 of 2017 was taken on the file of the Judicial Magistrate IV, Salem Taluk, Salem, for the alleged offence under Section 380 of I.P.C. The occurrence is said to have taken place on 01.02.2017. The accused committed theft of defacto-complainant's silver articles. It is reported that the property involved in this case has been recovered and handed over to



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the defacto-complainant. The defacto-complainant does not want to pursue the case any further. The case is at warrant stage.

D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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.108 of 2017 of Judicial Magistrate IV, Salem Taluk, Salem, stands quashed. This Sua 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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