



CRL OP(MD). No.2822 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 14/02/2025

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

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Muthukumar

... Petitioner/ A2

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Watrap Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
Crime No. 289/2022.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Dr.R.Alagumani
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory bail in Crime No. 289 of 2022 on the file of the Respondent Police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 12.02.2025 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2. The petitioner / accused No.2 apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the offences punishable under Sections 457 and 380 IPC in Crime No.289 of 2022 on the file of the respondent- police.

3. The case for the prosecution is that on 11.12.2022, at about 03:00 a.m., when the defacto complainant was sleeping in the cow-shed, the petitioner, along with the other accused persons, stole two goats worth about Rs.30,000/-. Even though the petitioner and the others chased them, the thieves escaped with the goats. Hence, the case.

4. Dr.R.Alagumani, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and a false case has been foisted against the petitioner. Hence, he prays for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.



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5. *Per contra*, Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that it is a third pre-arrest bail petition and the investigation in this case has already been completed and the charge sheet is yet to be filed.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. Earlier, three pre-arrest bail petitions filed by the petitioner was dismissed on the ground that there was no change of circumstances. It is sated that now, the investigation has been completed and the charges charge sheet is yet to be filed. Considering the change of circumstances and also considering the nature of offence allegedly committed by the petitioner and considering the fact that the petitioner has permanent residence and has deep roots in the society and therefore, there is less possibility of absconding and with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioner to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner shall be released on pre-arrest bail in the event of his arrest or in the event of his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Srivilliputur,



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within a period of 15 days from date on which the order copy is made ready, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the said Magistrate.

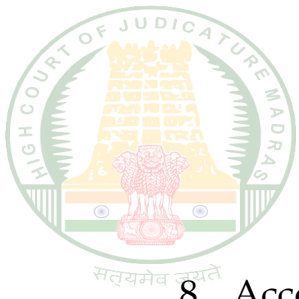
(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity.

(iii) Thereafter, the petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent-police daily at 10.30 am until further orders;

(iv) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the concerned Magistrate.

(v) The petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper the evidence.

(vi) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court as the case may be, is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by him as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala* [(2005) 13 SCC 283].



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8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated *supra*.

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I
SRIVILLIPUTHUR.

2 DO-THROUGH :
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VIRUTHUNAGAR DISTRICT AT SRIVILLIPUTHUR.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
WATRAP POLICE STATION,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.

4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

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