



CRL OP (MD) No.5271 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 21/03/2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

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Natarajan,
S/o.Ayyappan,
No.49/53, New Street,
Konuzhampallam,
Thiruvudaimaruthur Taluk,
Thanjavur District.

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

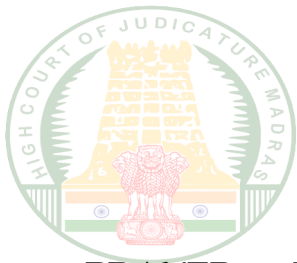
Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Panthanallur Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
Crime No.37 of 2025

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Thiyagarajan,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram,
Additional Public Prosecutor



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PRAYER :- For Bail in Crime No.37 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent-Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 19.03.2025 under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant bail.

2. The petitioner/Sole Accused was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 01.02.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) and 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act, 1985 r/w Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, in Crime No.37 of 2025, on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 01.02.2025, the petitioner herein was found in possession of 100 grams of ganja near a school with the intention to sell it to school-going children. Thereafter, the respondent-police arrested the petitioner herein and seized the ganja from him. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.A.Thiyagarajan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that a false case has been foisted against the petitioner. He further submits that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 01.02.2025 and is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Therefore, he prays for granting bail to the petitioner.

5. Per contra, Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram, learned Additional Public Prosecutor



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appearing for the respondent-police, submits that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. He further submits that 100 grams of ganja was recovered from the petitioner at the spot. He further submits that if bail is granted to the petitioner, he may abscond and thereby cause a delay in the investigation proceedings. Hence, he strongly opposes to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the case file.

7. The petitioner has permanent residence and deep roots in the society, and hence, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same, and also considering the period of incarceration and the fact that the alleged contraband has been recovered from the petitioner, and with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioner to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, however, subject to certain conditions. Accordingly, bail is granted to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner shall execute a bond for 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 learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvudaimaruthur, Thanjavur District;

(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



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Practice, 2019']. The learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvudaimaruthur, Thanjavur District, shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity;

(iii) The petitioner shall attend in accordance with the conditions of the bond to be executed under Chapter XXXV of BNS, 2023;

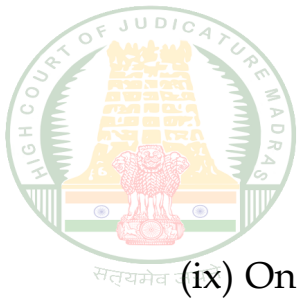
(iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of he is accused, or suspected, of the commission of which he is suspected;

(v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

(vi) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvudaimaruthur, Thanjavur District;

(vii) The petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses;

(viii) The petitioner shall appear and sign before the District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvudaimaruthur, Thanjavur District, on all working days at 10.30 a.m., and 05.00 p.m., until further orders; and



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(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvidaimaruthur, Thanjavur District, 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].

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

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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1 THE DISTRICT MUNSIF CUM JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THIRUVIDAIMARUTHUR, THANJAVUR DISTRICT.

2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL
MAGISTRATE, THANJAVUR DISTRICT AT KUMBAKONAM.

3 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
SUB JAIL, THIRUVIDAIMARUTHUR.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PANTHANALLUR POLICE STATION,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.



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

ORDER
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