

CRL OP(MD)No.13440 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 02.09.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Ketheepan

... Petitioner/ Accused No.9

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Virudhunagar Rural Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
(Crime No.44 of 2017)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Ponkarthikeyan

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in S.C.No.170 of 2025 on the file of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 13.06.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 397, 400, 395 and 109 of IPC in



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S.C.No.170 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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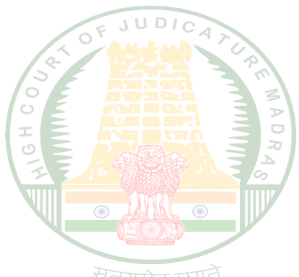
2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with the other accused persons entered the defacto complainant's mill and committed theft of copper bars weighing about 400 kilograms and also threatened the watchman by showing a weapon. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 13.06.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner along with other accused persons committed theft of copper bars weighing about 400 kilograms. He further submitted that the petitioner had been absconding for the past eight years. Therefore, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge,



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Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur, and on further conditions that :-

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[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur .

[c] If the petitioner changes his residential address, she shall report the same to the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur.

[d] the petitioner shall report before the trial Court daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[g] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed



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and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560].

[h] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS.

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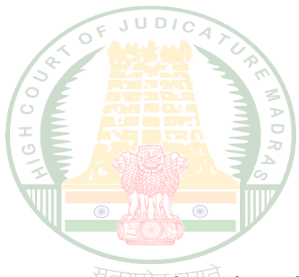
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Sub-Assistant Registrar
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

- 1 The Principal District And Sessions Judge, Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur.
 - 2 The Officer Incharge, District Jail, Virudhunagar.
 - 3 The Inspector of Police, Virudhunagar Rural Police Station, Virudhunagar District.
 - 4 The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
- +1 CC to M/s.R.PONKARTHIKEYAN, Advocate (SR-9497[I] dated 02/09/2025)

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