



CRL OP(MD)No.15038 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 11.09.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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M.Dhanushkodi

... Petitioner/ Accused No.1

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Forest Range Officer,
Srivilliputhur Forest Department,
Srivilliputhur.
(WLOR.No.12 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Karuppasampandian

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

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in WLOR No.12 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Officer.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.08.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 51(1) of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 (2022 Amendment) and Section 25(1)(A) of the Arms Act, 1959, in WLOR No.12 of 2025 on the file of the Forest Range Officer, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 24.08.2025, at about 11.00 p.m., when the respondent was on patrol duty, the respondent heard the sound of gun shot in the reserved forest and it was found that the petitioner, who was found with country made gun having live cartridges. 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 24.08.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner had attempted to hunt a deer and when the same was questioned by the respondent Officer, the petitioner tried to attack the forest officers. 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:



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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 Judicial Magistrate-II, Srivilliputhur, and on further conditions that :-

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity.

[b] The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and contact number to the learned Judicial Magistrate-II, Srivilliputhur. If the petitioner changes his residential address, he shall report the same to the learned Judicial Magistrate-II, Srivilliputhur;

[c] the petitioner shall stay at Ramanathapuram, appear and sign before the Ramanathapuram Police Station, daily at 10.30a.m. until further orders.

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

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



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[f] 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 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].

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

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(C.S. I / II / III / IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

- 1 The Judicial Magistrate-II,
Srivilliputhur.
- 2 Do Through the Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur.
- 3 The Superintendent,
Sub Jail, Virudhunagar.

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4 The Forest Range Officer,
Srivilliputhur Forest Department,
Srivilliputhur.

5 The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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The Inspector of Police,
Ramanathapuram Police Station,
Ramanathapuram.

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