



Suo Motu TR.(MD).No. 12221 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATE : 13.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

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**(C.C.No.31 of 2010 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Court,
Lalgudi, Lalgudi Taluk, Tiruchirappalli)**

The Sub Inspector of Police,
Kallakudi Police Station,
Trichy District.
Crime No.441 of 2007

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.Maruthai @ Maruthairaj
2.Saravanan
3.Mahesh

... Respondent

Upon perusing the documents and case records of the above **C.C.No.31 of 2010** transmitted to this Court and hearing the arguments of **Mr.S.Ravi, learned Additional Public Prosecutor**, on behalf of the State and **Mr.____**, learned counsel for the accused, and **hearing the jurisdiction probation officer** this Court passes the following

ORDER

Prelude:

“This dedicated bench is for implementing the pilot project to identify and dispose of criminal cases involving offences punishable with imprisonment up to 3 years pending at trial, appeal or revision stage for



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more than 3 years and also offences like Section 506(ii) of IPC and others, which may carry a punishment of more than 3 years in the state of Tamil Nadu with reference to the 14 Districts coming under the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court”.

2. This Dedicated Bench has taken the **C.C.No.31 of 2010** on the file of the learned **Judicial Magistrate Court, Lalgudi, Lalgudi Taluk, Tiruchirappalli**, as **Suo motu Special Tr.Case.(MD) No.12221 of 2025** in **Suo Motu W.P.(CrI.).(MD).No.1014 of 2025**, upon proper scrutiny and suitability as a fit case warranting the exercise of power under section 482 of Cr.P.C. to quash the said C.C., pending more than **fifteen years** without any precedent value in this pilot project.

3. Brief facts of the prosecution case in C.C.No.31 of 2010:

On 27.09.2007, the accused is said to have attempted to commit the offence of theft in a bank. Therefore, a case was registered in **Crime No.441 of 2007 for the offence punishable under Sections 457, 380 r/w 511 of IPC** and on investigation, final report filed and the same was taken on file in **C.C.No.31 of 2010** and the same was pending without trial for more than **fifteen years**.



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4. Discussion:

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4.1. **The occurrence is of the year 2007. Since the accused is in absconding, a non-bailable warrant has been issued against him.** The victim appeared before this court and he has not interested in prosecuting the case. Despite the best efforts made by the investigating agency, the accused has not been secured for more than **fifteen years**, and the identity of the accused remains in question. Even if the accused was secured and a trial would have been conducted, the chance of conviction is bleak, and the **case has been pending from 2007 onwards**, and the right to a speedy trial under Article 21 of the Constitution of India has also been impinged. This court is inclined to quash the matter by exercise the power under section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

5. Accordingly, this Sua Motu Special Tr.(MD). case stands closed on the following terms:

5.1. The case in **C.C.No.31 of 2010** on the file of the learned **Judicial Magistrate Court, Lalgudi, Lalgudi Taluk, Tiruchirappalli**, is hereby quashed.

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Note to the Trial Court: This order is digitally signed and communicated

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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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K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN,J.

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