



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.19075 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Karthik @ Karthikeya Raja

... Petitioner / 1st Accused

Vs.

1.The State of Tamilnadu,
By The Inspector of Police,
S.S. Colony Police Station,
Madurai.
(Crime No.956 of 2023).

... 1st Respondent / Complainant

2.A.Azhagumuthu,
Sub Inspector of Police,
S.S.Colony Police Station,
Madurai.

... 2nd Respondent / Defacto Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to call for records in respect of Crime No.956 of 2023 on the file of the respondent and quash the same.

For Petitioners : Mr.B.Senthilkumar

For Respondents : Mr.R.M.Anbunithi
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

The petitioner seeks to quash the FIR in Crime No.956 of 2023 on the file of the respondent, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8 and 9 of TN Gaming and Police Laws Act, 1930 (Amendment 2021).

2. The allegation in the impugned FIR is that the petitioner and others were found playing rummy and indulged in gaming; and that sum of Rs.50,560/- was seized from the accused persons and thus committed the aforesaid offences.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the offences against the petitioner is punishable with a maximum sentence of three months imprisonment; that the respondents ought to have filed the final report within a period of one year from the date of registration of the FIR; that no final report has been filed so far; and hence the impugned FIR is liable to be quashed.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, would fairly submit that the petitioner has no bad antecedents; that the final report has not been filed so far; that the respondents have no justifiable reason for the delay in filing the final



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report; and that no other offence is made out on the allegations.

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5. As stated above, there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. The offences alleged against the petitioner are Section 8 and 9 of the Tamil Nadu Gaming and Police Laws Act. The maximum sentence that can be imposed for the offence under Section 8 of the Tamil Nadu Gaming and Police Laws Act is three months imprisonment and the maximum sentence that can be imposed for the offence under Section 9 of Tamil Nadu Gaming and Police Laws Act is one month imprisonment. The respondents, therefore, ought to have filed the final report within a period of one year from the date of commission of the offence. The respondents have no justifiable reason for the delay in the filing of the final report. Even if the respondents are now allowed to file the final report, it would be barred by limitation. Hence, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the impugned FIR pending investigation and this Court is inclined to quash the impugned FIR.

6. Accordingly the Criminal Original Petition stands allowed.

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