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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **09.02.2026**

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.2910 of 2026

Arunkumar

... Petitioner

-VS-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
S.H.O. Kattumannarkoil Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No.294 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.294 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.BarathaAmbethkar

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.12.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections, 115(2), 118(1), 296(b) and 351(3) of BNS @ 111(2)(b), 115(2), 118(1), 296(b) and 351(3) of BNS, in Crime No.294 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that, in a drunken mood, he assaulted the defacto complainant with a beer bottle on the hip. Hence, a complaint was lodged and the petitioner was arrested..

3. Earlier, this Court dismissed the bail petition in CrI.OP.No.698 of 2026 dated 12.01.2026 on the ground that the petitioner has five previous cases and that the investigation is pending.

4. Now, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody for more than 60 days and that the investigation is not yet completed. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the period of incarceration, and the overt act attributed to the petitioner and though the petitioner has five previous cases, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with two sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Kattumannarkoil** and on further conditions that:

[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 report before the respondent daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

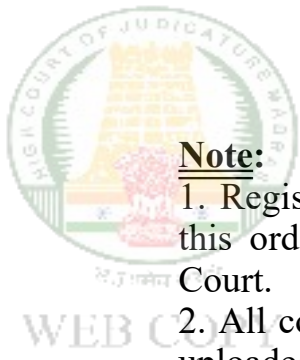
[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] 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];

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Kattumannarkoil.
2. The Inspector of Police,
S.H.O. Kattumannarkoil Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Cuddalore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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