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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

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Francis James Scott
S/o.James Scott,
Residing at Door No. 1/131,
Saroja Illam,
Telephone Colony,
Vinayagampatti,
Kannangkurichi,
Salem District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Director General of Police
Tamil Nadu Police,
Chennai -600004.

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 BNSS to direct the respondent to ensure that Mr.Saravanakumaran, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Salem District continues as the investigating officer in Crime No. 03/2025 until completion of the investigation, and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Gajendiran

For Respondent(s): M/S. LEONARD ARUL JOSEPH SELVAM
ADDITIONAL PP
Assisted
Ms.Harshana.T



ORDER

This petition is filed seeking direction to the respondent to ensure that Mr.Saravanakumaran, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Salem District continues as the Investigating Officer in Crime No. 03/2025 until completion of the investigation,

2. The petitioner is the *de facto* complainant on whose complaint a case has been registered in Cr.No.3 of 2025 on 13.03.2025 for the offences under Section 468, 471, 419 & 420 IPC against six persons. On 31.01.2026, the petitioner had sent a request to the respondent to retain the same Investigation Officer Mr.K.Saravanakumaran, Deputy Superintendent of Police to continue with the investigation.

3. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent produced the draft charge sheet stating that in this case investigation is completed and on conclusion of investigation three more persons have been added as accused and now there are totally 9 accused in this case against whom charge sheet has been made ready for offences under Section 468, 471, 420 IPC r/w. Sections 120(b), 201, 34 of IPC r/w.472 Cr/P.C. the Directorate of Prosecution has also approved the draft charge sheet. He further submitted that the charge sheet would be filed within a period of three weeks after the



commencement of Tamil Nadu Legislative Election. i.e. 23.04.2026.

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4. Since investigation has been completed in this case and charge sheet is going to be filed in the near future, the relief sought by the petitioner has become infructuous.

5. Recording the submission of the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To:

1. The Director General of Police
Tamil Nadu Police,
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2. Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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