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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.4168 of 2026

J. Vishal

... Petitioner

-VS-

State rep by
The Inspector of Police
Chidambaram Town Police Station,
Cuddalore District
(Crime No.364 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.364 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S. Viji

For Respondent : Mr.Dr.C.E. Pratap
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.12.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b) and 351(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Public Property (Prevention of Damages and Loss) Act, 1992 read with Section 3 of the Indian Explosive



Substances Act, 1908, in Crime No.364 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the first petitioner and the victim girl were studying in the same college. The first petitioner had taken photos of the victim girl when she was in the college, the same was questioned by the victim girl, for which the petitioner misbehaved with her. Due to which a complaint was lodged. Thereafter, the petitioner threatened the parents of the victim girl to withdraw the complaint. However, the parents of the victim girl refused to withdraw the complaint due to which the petitioner along with other accused set fire to the car belonging to the victim's family worth about Rs.10 lakhs. Hence, a case has been registered and the petitioner was arrested.

3. Earlier this Court dismissed the bail petition filed by the petitioner in CrI.OP.No.694 of 2026 dated 12.01.2026 on the following reasons:

“6. Considering the facts of the case that the petitioner along with other accused had set fire to the Maruti Car worth about Rs.10,00,000/- and investigation in this case is still pending this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Accordingly this Criminal Petition stands dismissed ”

4. Today when the matter is taken up for hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that after dismissal of the earlier bail application this Court has granted bail to one of the co-accused in CrI.O.P.No.2250 of 2026 on 02.02.2026



5. I have gone through the order passed by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.2250 of 2026 on 02.02.2026 and in the said order it has been observed as follows:

Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also considering the period of incarceration undergone by the second petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the second petitioner. As far as the first petitioner is concerned, he is having specific overt act, hence, this Court is not inclined to grant bail. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is dismissed as far as the first petitioner, namely Rohan is concerned.

6. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and this Court has granted bail to one of the co-accused/Sanjay in Crl.O.P.No.2250 of 2026 on 02.02.2026 who is similarly placed this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. 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 **Judicial Magistrate No.II at Chidambaram, Cuddalore District** 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 police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

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

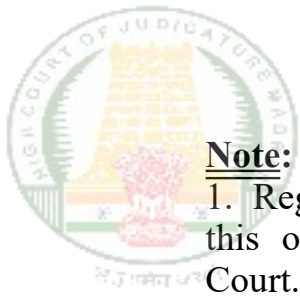
[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[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 Judicial Magistrate No.II, Chidambaram, Cuddalore District
2. The Inspector of Police
Chidambaram Town Police Station,
Cuddalore District
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Cuddalore, Cuddalore District
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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