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Crl.O.P.No.4537 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.4537 of 2026

Annadurai

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Voimedu Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.
Crime No.373 of 2025

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.373 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Ms.Palanivel Nadimuthu
For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner herein apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 131, 351(2) of BNS and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Harassment Act in Crime No.373 of 2025, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner is the brother of the defacto complainant in this case and he retained gold jewels belong to the defacto complainant which was earlier agreed to be returned to the defacto complainant. When the defacto complainant demanded back the jewels, the petitioner abused her with filthy language. Hence, the case was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the investigation is pending. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the nature of allegations and the fact that it is a case of not returning the gold jewels belonging to the mother of both defacto complainant and petitioner and its a oral promise and same has to be investigated and to investigate the case, custodial interrogation of petitioner is not necessary, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned **District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Vedaranyam** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)** **with two sureties** each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further condition that:

[a] if the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of ten days from



the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[b] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[d] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned 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)13 SCC 283]**;



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

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To

1. District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Vedaranyam.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Voimedu Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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K.RAJASEKAR, J.

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