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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by Inspector of Police
Cuddalore OT Police Station
(Crime No.140/2026)

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in connection with Crime No. 140 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent and thereby render Justice.



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For Petitioner(s):

Mr. M.Manoj

For Respondent(s):

MR.P.DHILEEPAN,
GOVT.ADVOCATE (CRL SIDE)**ORDER**

The petitioners apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 115(2), 118(1) and 351(3) of BNS Act, in Crime No.140 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioners is that the petitioners took away the auto belonging to the defacto complainant. When the defacto complainant went to the petitioners' residence to retrieve the auto, an altercation ensued between them, during which the petitioners attacked the defacto complainant, thereby causing injuries. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated in this case and that they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the



respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that the occurrence took place on 29.03.2026 and that the defacto complainant sustained simple injuries and was discharged after two days. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.

6. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the injured sustained only simple injuries and has been discharged from the hospital, this Court is of the firm view that at this length of time, the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.2, Cuddalore**, on condition that **the petitioners shall execute a separate 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 conditions:



(a) If the petitioners fails to surrender before the concerned learned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) 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 identify proofs to ensure their identity;

(c) The petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 am for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]*;

(e) If the petitioners thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.2,
Cuddalore.

2. The Inspector of Police
Cuddalore OT Police Station

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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