



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

CRL OP No. 13270 of 2026

A.Srinivasan
S/o. Arjunan,
Alliyur Village, Pulikkarai Post,
Dharmapuri Taluk and District.

..Petitioner / A1

Vs

The State represented by,
Inspector of Police,
Madhikonpalayam Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
(Crime No. 66 of 2026)

..Respondent/
Complainant

PRAYER:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.66 of 2026 on the file of the respondent-police.

For Petitioner : Ms.R.Saritha
For Respondent : Mr.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 18.05.2026 under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant bail.

2. The petitioner/A1, was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 31.03.2026 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 194(1) @ 103(1)



of BNS, 2023, in Crime No.66 of 2026 on the file of the respondent-police.

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3. The case of the prosecution is that the deceased is a drunkard for more than two decades and on the date of alleged occurrence, he demanded money for taking liquor and when the petitioner / A1 and his mother refused to give money, the deceased went to the extent of attacking them with stones and as he was in inebriated condition, he lost his balance and fell on the ground and died due to injuries succumbed. Hence the case.

4. Ms.R.Saritha, learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. He, therefore, prays for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. *Per contra*, Mr.L.Baskaran, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police submits that the investigation in this case is still pending. Hence, he opposes the grant of bail to the petitioner and accordingly, he prays to dismiss the petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused all the materials available on record.



7. The petitioner was arrested on 31.03.2026. Considering the facts and cumulative circumstances of the case, the offences alleged against the petitioner and taking note of the period of incarceration, this Court is of the view that one more opportunity may be given to the petitioner to reform himself. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner shall execute a bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate - I, Dharmapuri.

(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial Magistrate - I, Dharmapuri shall obtain a copy of any one of their identity proofs to ensure their identity.

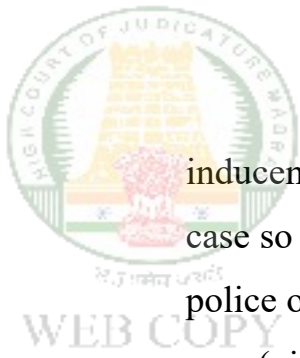
(iii) The petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent-police, daily at 10.00 a.m. until further orders.

(iv) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile numbers to the learned Judicial Magistrate - I, Dharmapuri.

(v) The petitioner shall attend in accordance with the conditions of the bond to be executed under Chapter XXXV of BNS, 2023.

(vi) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which he is accused, or suspected, of the commission of which he is suspected.

(vii) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any



inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence.

(viii) The petitioner shall also not directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant, victims, and witnesses.

(ix) The petitioner shall not enter into the *de facto* complainant's house or his work place.

(x) The petitioner shall not try to contact the *de facto* complainant, victims, and witnesses either directly or through any electronic mode.

(xi) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the Judicial Magistrate, Palladam, or Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by them as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala* [(2005) 13 SCC 283].

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated *supra*.

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2. The Superintendent of Police (Prison),
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Dharmapuri.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Madhikonpalayam Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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