



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

Crl.O.P.No.15873 of 2026

Godwin Ignatius

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Ramnathapuram Police Station,
Coimbatore District
Crime No.117 of 2026

... Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail concerned in Crime No.117 of 2026 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.C.A.Ramanan

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29.04.2026 for the alleged offences under Section 304(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, in Crime No.117 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was involved in the chain-snatching of the defacto complainant. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the co-accused has already been enlarged on bail, which fact was not seriously disputed by the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side). Hence, on the ground of parity, he prayed for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent, while opposing the grant of bail, reiterated the prosecution case and, on instructions, submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents and that the stolen property has been recovered from him.

5. Though the allegation against the petitioner is serious in nature, considering the totality of the circumstances, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, the fact that the co-accused has already been enlarged on bail, the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents, and also the fact that the stolen property has been recovered, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail with certain conditions.



6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on their 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.VI, Coimbatore, and subject to the following conditions:

[a] 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;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police twice a day at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m. until further orders and no relaxation petition shall be entertained for a period of 60 days;

[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 aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]***;



[f] if the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Coimbatore
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Coimbatore
3. The Inspector of Police, Ramnathapuram Police Station, Coimbatore District
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras



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