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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 30828 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012563892026}

Kannan @ Naveen
S/o Settu,
Boyar Street,
Venkatasamuthiram,
Pappireddipatti Taluk,
Dharmapuri District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep. by The Inspector of Police
Pappireddipatti Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
Crime No.184/2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in Crime No.184 of 2026 on the file of Inspector of Police, Pappireddipatti Police Station, Dharmapuri District, and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.Sivaraman

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I. Khaleel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 17.08.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections women missing @ Sections 103(1), 140(1), 238, 303(2), 49, 61(2) of BNS Act, 2023 in Crime No.184 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner along with other accused, abducted and murdered the deceased by strangulation, tied her body to a stone and threw it into an abandoned pond after removing her jewels. The case was initially registered under Section Women and subsequently altered into Sections 103(1), 140(1), 238, 303(2), 49, 61(2) of BNS Act, 2023. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody since 17.08.2026. He further submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the co-accused has already been released on bail by this Court in Crl.OP.No.30003 of 2026 dated 15.10.2026. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner on the ground of parity.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner is arrayed as A4 in this case. The specific overt act alleged against the petitioner is that he, assisted the main accused in disposing of the body of the deceased. He further submitted that the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner.

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5. I have given my anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. It is a case of murder. The specific overt act against the petitioner is that, he assisted the main accused in disposing of the body of the deceased. He was arrested on 17.08.2026 and has been in judicial custody since then. Considering the nature of the allegations, the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner, the fact that the co-accused has already been released on bail by this Court and that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail subject to certain conditions.

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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Pappireddipatti,** and on further conditions that:

> [a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety slip [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;
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> **[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent**

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police twice daily at 10.30 a.m., and 5.30 p.m., until further orders;

[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 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];**

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

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To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Pappireddipatti.

2. The Inspector of Police
Pappireddipatti Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Salem.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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