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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. 30968 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012566402026}

Kupenthiran,
S/o.Vengatesan,
No.1/54, West Street, Mamandur,
Villupuram District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Represented by
The Inspector of Police
Keezhkuppam Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.
Crime No.161/2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under section 483 of BNSS Act, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.161 of 2026 by the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Muthamizh Selvakumar

For Respondent(s): Mrs.R.S.Indira,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 21.09.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 127(3), 191(2), 191(3), 137(2), 296(b), 115(2), 118(1), and 351(3) of the BNS, 2023, read with Sections 25(1)(b) and 25(1A) of the Arms Act, 1959, in Crime No.161 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with the co-accused, abducted and wrongfully confined the de facto complainant, demanded money, and assaulted him with a silencer pipe, belt, knife, and country-made gun. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the co-accused (A4 and A6) had already been enlarged on anticipatory bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.Nos.21435 and 22565 of 2026 dated 05.08.2026 and 13.08.2026 respectively. Maintaining the ground of parity, he prayed for the enlargement of the petitioner on bail.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent State opposed the grant of bail and submitted that there are eight accused in total and the petitioner is A5. She further submitted, however, that the injured person has been discharged from the hospital.

5.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police, and perused the materials available on record.

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6.Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances, the fact that the injured person has been discharged from the hospital, and that the co-accused have already been released on anticipatory bail, this Court is of the firm view that at this length of time, the further custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner, subject to strict conditions to ensure his presence during investigation and trial.

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,** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Chinnasalem,** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix his 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 his identity;

[b] The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

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[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, Chinnasalem.

2.The Inspector of Police
Keezhkuppam Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.

3.The District Prison, Villupuram.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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