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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 04-11-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH**

**CRL OP No. 32117 of 2026**

*CNR: {HCMA012639022026}*

Bharathi Raja
S/o.Sundaramoorthy,
No.28, Dhanathiyamman Kovil Street,
Vathatur Village and post,
Tiruvallur District.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State rep by the Inspector of Police
C-1, Uthukottai Police Station,
Uthukottai, Tiruvallur District.
Crime No.168/2026.

..Respondent(s)

**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime No.168 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, C-1, Uthukottai Police Station, Uthukottai, Thiruvallur District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Vinodhkumar

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

**ORDER**

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 31.08.2026 for the alleged offence under Section 194 of BNSS @ Sections 103(1) and 238(a) of BNS Act, 2023 in Crime No.168 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the deceased and the petitioner were allegedly in an illicit relationship and, due to a dispute arising therefrom, the petitioner took the deceased to a forest area, murdered her and dumped her body in the bushes. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is a friend of the deceased and was arrested only on suspicion. He further submitted that there is no overt act against the petitioner and that he is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the investigation revealed that, due to a dispute arising out of an alleged illicit relationship between the petitioner and the deceased, the petitioner took her to a forest area, sexually assaulted and murdered her and thrown her body in the bushes. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner.

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 allegation against the petitioner is that, due



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to a dispute arising out of an alleged illicit relationship with the deceased, he took her to a forest area, sexually assaulted and murdered her, and dumped her body in the bushes. The petitioner has been in judicial custody since 31.08.2026 and the investigation is still pending. Considering the nature of the allegations and the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner, 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, Uthukkottai,** 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;

**[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent 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



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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, Uthukkottai.
2.The Inspector of Police
C-1, Uthukottai Police Station,
Uthukottai, Tiruvallur District.
3.The Superintendent, Central Prison No.II,
Puzhal.
4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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**N.RAMESH, J.**

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