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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 G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRL.O.P.No.32406 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012661452026}

AND CRL.M.P.No.21293 of 2026

Case QR

Keerthi Anand
S/o.Chinnadurai,
No.2/1A, Vadasithur Post,
Vadasithurm, Coimbatore.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State by,
   The Inspector of Police
   Aliyar Police Station,
   Coimbatore District,
   Crime No. 158 of 2020

2. Murali
   Inspector of Police,
   Kinathukadavu Police Station,
   Kinathukadavu, Coimbatore District.

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to call for the records with regard to the FIR in Crime No.158 of 2020 dated 30.05.2020 pending investigation on the file of the first respondent police and to quash the same against the petitioner.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Jaikumar

For R1: Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

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ORDER

This criminal original Petition has been filed to call for the records with regard to the FIR in Crime No.158 of 2020 dated 30.05.2020 pending investigation on the file of the first respondent police and to quash the same as against the petitioner.

2. On the complaint lodged by the second respondent/*de facto* complainant, the first respondent police registered a case in Crime No.158 of 2020 for the offences punishable under Sections 143, 271, 283, 341, 294(b), 353, 224, 225-B and 506(II) IPC and Section 3(1) of the Tamil Nadu Public Property (Prevention of Damage and Loss) Act, 1992, against the petitioner and other accused.

3. It is the case of the prosecution that while the petitioner was arrested in Crime No.946 of 2020 registered for the offences under Sections 153 and 505(1)(b) IPC, he sought help of the other accused persons, who were standing on the road; the accused persons demanded the police to drop the petitioner from the police jeep and they also violated the prohibitory order under Section 144 Cr.P.C. issued to prevent the spread of Corona virus; the petitioner, who was sitting inside the police jeep, upon seeing the crowd, shouted loudly to rescue him from the police, pursuant to which, the other accused persons pulled

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the petitioner out of the police jeep and helped him escape in a car and hence, the complaint.

4. On perusal of the records, it is found that the FIR in Crime No.158 of 2020 is pending for the past six years without any progress. That apart, the FIR in Crime No.946 of 2020 is also pending investigation, since this Court stayed all the proceedings in Crime No.946 of 2020. Therefore, mere keeping the FIR registered in Crime No.158 of 2020 pending will not serve any purpose. On this sole ground, the registration of the FIR against the petitioner is not sustainable in law and hence, the same is liable to be set aside.

5. Accordingly, this criminal original petition stands allowed and the First Information Report registered in Crime No.158 of 2020 on the file of the first respondent, is hereby quashed with respect to the petitioner alone. Connected Crl.M.P. is closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1. The Inspector of Police
   Aliyar Police Station,
   Coimbatore District.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
   Madras High Court, Chennai.

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