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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 32947 of 2026

Karthikeyan,
S/o.Suriya Narayanan,
No.4/93, Sowlupatty,
Sogathur,
Dharmapuri-636 809. ...Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

The State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Mettupalayam,
Coimbatore City. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.34 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner/accused No.1 on bail in connection with Crime No.34 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, All Women Police Station, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore City.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Velmurugan

For Respondent(s): Mr.Durai Gunasekaran,
Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 13.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 5(1), 5(g) read with Sections 6, 14(1), 15(1), 16 and 17 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Sections 87, 127(2) and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023

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and Section 67(B)(e) of the Information Technology Act, 2008, in Crime No.34 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the proseuction, as per the First Information Report, is that the de-facto complainant is the victim girl herself. In her written complaint, she alleged that A1/Karthikeyan abducted her, committed gang penetrative sexual assault on her, threatened and wrongfully confined her, and videographed the aggravated penetrative sexual assault and stored the same on his mobile phone. Based on the written complaint lodged by the victim girl, the respondent police registered the First Information Report. Hence, the case.

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 petitioner has been in judicial custody since 13.09.2026. He also further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are grave and serious in nature, involving abductio, gang penetrative sexual assault, wrongful

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confinement and videographing of the victim girl. He further submitted that the investigation is pending. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. I have carefully gone through the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 of B.N.S.S and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature and gravity of the allegations, the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 of the BNSS , the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner and the materials available on record, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on him 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 Principal Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under the POCSO Act, Coimbatore,** and on further conditions that:

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

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[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 acc 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 Principal Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under the POCSO Act, Coimbatore.
2.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore City.
3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.
4.The Public Prosecutor,High Court, Madras.

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