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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. 32957 of 2026

1.Karthik,
S/o.Perumal

2.Santhoshkumar @ Kokki
S/o.Murugan

3.Murali,
S/o.Mohan ...Petitioners/Accused A3 to A5

Vs

The State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Virudampet Police Station,
Vellore. ...Respondent/Complainant
Crime No.140 of 2026

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.140 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Parthiban

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

For Intervenor : Mr.Nithyaesh Natraj

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 306, 331(4), 305(a) of BNS, in Crime No.140 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the de-facto complainant was working as a Manager in JSR Developers Private Limited, where a sum of Rs.65 lakhs in cash and 5,200 grams of gold jewels were kept in a cupboard under his custody. On 19.09.2026, the owner noticed that the cash and gold jewels were missing. During the course of investigation, suspicion arose against Rani, a domestic worker employed at the owner's residence, and her daughter Mahalakshmi. Hence, the case was registered and investigation was taken up to trace and recover the missing cash and gold jewels. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 22.09.2026. He further submitted that anticipatory bail was initially granted to the accused on the ground that he was working as a CRPF personnel. However, subsequently, a petition was filed seeking cancellation of the anticipatory bail, and the same was cancelled and the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the anticipatory bail granted to the petitioner was subsequently cancelled and, considering the seriousness of the allegations, strongly opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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5. The learned counsel for the intervenor submitted that the petitioner is actively involved in the commission of the offence and that only 3 kg of gold has been recovered so far. Hence, he strongly opposed the grant of bail.

6. Considering the seriousness of the allegations, the huge quantity of cash and gold jewels involved, and the fact that only 3kg of gold has been recovered so far, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To
1.The Inspector of Police,
Virudampet Police Station,
Vellore.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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