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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 34458 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012760532026}

Devavarunkumar Meganathan
S/o Meganathan,
No 451/1, Vinayagar Koil Street,
Vallur, Ponneri,
Tiruvallur.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu rep by its
The Inspector of Police
J-4, Kotturpuram Police Station,
Chitra Nagar, Kotturpuram,
Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner/Accused on bail in Crime No.224 of 2026 on such terms and conditions as this Honorable Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and to pass such further or other orders as this Honorable Court.

For Petitioner(s): M.s,Manne Ramya

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 26.09.2026 for the alleged offences punishable under Section 108 of BNS, in Crime No. 224 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 allegedly threatened the deceased and coerced her into sending obscene photographs. Upon discovering the same, the deceased's husband informed the family, and the deceased was brought to Chennai due to depression. Subsequently, on 11.09.2026, she allegedly set herself on fire and succumbed to her injuries on 12.09.2026. The deceased is stated to have left a suicide note mentioning the petitioner and his family members. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that this is the second bail application filed by the petitioner. He further submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case, and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court, and hence, prayed for the grant of bail.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the deceased had left a suicide note implicating the petitioner and his family members. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and

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perused the materials available on record.

6. It is a case of abetment of suicide. According to the prosecution, the petitioner is a former friend of the deceased and after her marriage, forced her to send explicit photographs through snapchats. It says that her husband found the photographs and she was sent to her parents' house, and consequently she set herself on fire on 11.09.2026 and died on the next day. She also left a suicide note naming the petitioner. Hence, the petitioner was arrested and has been in judicial custody since 26.09.2026.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that both had been in relationship for a long period, that she sent the photographs willingly, and that there was no intention to drive her to commit suicide.

Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case and the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner, 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 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 IX Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet,** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship

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[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 daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of 30 days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[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 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 IX Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet.

2. The Inspector of Police
J-4, Kotturpuram Police Station,
Chitra Nagar, Kotturpuram,
Chennai.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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