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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 34141 of 2026

Karunakaran,
S/o.Narayanamoorthy,
No.129, Veerapandiyakattabomman Street,
Sentamil Nagar, Chinna Koladi,
Thiruverkadu, Ayyapakkam,
Tiruvallur District-600 077. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
T5 Thiruverkadu Police Station,
Avadi District. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.325 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with the above said Crime No.325 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Vijayakumar

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

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 28.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 126(2), 296(b), 118(1), 125, 309(4), 311 7 351(3) of The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, in Crime No.325 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the proseuction is that on 28.09.2026, at about 08.00p.m., while the de-facto complainant was proceeding towards his house near Senthamangalam, the petitioner, owing to previous enmity, waylaid him and threatened him not to depose evidence in a murder case. When the de-facto complainant refused, the petitioner demanded money and, upon his refusal to part with the same, assaulted him and robbed Rs.22,000/- at knife point before fleeing from the scene. 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 28.09.2026. 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 petitioner waylaid the de-facto complainant, threatend him not to depose evidence in a murder case and robbed Rs.22,000/- at knife point. He further submitted that the petitioner has previous criminal antecedents, was arrested on 28.09.2026 and that the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of the allegations, the period of incarceration, and the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 28.09.2026, 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 Judicial Magistrate Court-II, Poonamallee,** 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;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.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 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

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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 Judicial Magistrate Court-II,
Poonamallee.

2.The Inspector of Police,
T5 Thiruverkadu Police Station,
Avadi District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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