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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. 34545 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012820082026}

P.Sathishkumar
S/o Paneerselvam,
No.3, Santhakulam Village,
Maruvay Post,
Kurinjipadi Taluk,
Cuddalore District.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State rep by the Inspector of Police
Vadalur Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
Crime NO. 373 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No. 373 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police and thus render justice.

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on **03.11.2026** for the alleged offences punishable under **Sections 296(b), 74, 75(2), 351(2) of BNS and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002** in Crime No. 373 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks regular bail.

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2. It is a case of sexual assault of the former lover. According to the prosecution, after the relationship ended, petitioner called the defacto complainant for sexual favours and when she refused, he threatened the defacto complainant that he will upload her obscene photographs in the social media. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further undertakes that the petitioner will strictly abide by any stringent conditions imposed by this Court and will co-operate with the investigation.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent state strongly opposes the grant of bail and also submitted that the mobile phone has been seized.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the quantity of the contraband involved in this case and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from **03.11.2026** and also the fact that the mobile phone has been seized, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner, subject to strict conditions to ensure his presence during investigation and trial.

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6. 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 District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Kurinipadi,** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix his 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 his identity;

(b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10:30 A.M. for a period of fifteen 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];**

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[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. District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Kurinipadi

2. Inspector of Police
Vadalur Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Cuddalore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.

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