



CRL MP(MD) NO. 2300 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **07.04.2026**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

CRL MP(MD) NO. 2300 of 2026 in CRL A(MD).162 OF 2026

K.Sugumaran

Petitioner(s)

Vs

State of Tamilnadu,
Rep By the Inspector of Police,
Palanichettipatti Police Station,
Theni District.
Crime No.272 of 2022

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.G.Karuppasamypandiyan

For Respondent(s):

Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

Prayer:

To suspend the sentence and conviction imposed by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Theni in S.C.No.19 of 2023 dated 19.07.2025 and enlarge the petitioner on bail.



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble N.Anand Venkatesh J.)

This petition has been filed seeking for suspension of sentence imposed on the petitioner by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Theni in S.C.No.19 of 2023 dated 19.07.2025 and to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused persons used to consume liquor near the community cart used for procession in funeral in the local village and they used to abuse the general public in filthy language. On 28.07.2022 at about 7.30 PM, the deceased was returning back home and he noticed the accused persons consuming liquor. He shouted at them and there was a wordy quarrel. At that time, A1 and A2 are said to have attacked the deceased with hands on his chest and the deceased fell down. A3 and A4 assaulted with legs on his chest and A5 is said to have attacked with a wooden log. The deceased ultimately died due to myocardial infarction. An FIR came to be registered in Crime No.272 of 2022 for the offence under Sections 147, 148, 302 r/w. 149 of IPC against five accused persons. The petitioner was arrayed as A1 in this case.



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3. The trial Court, on considering the facts and circumstances of the case and on appreciation of oral and documentary evidence, came to the conclusion that the prosecution has proved the case beyond reasonable doubt. Accordingly, convicted and sentenced the petitioner as follows:

<i>Accused Rank</i>	<i>Provision under which convicted</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
A1	Sec. 302 r/w. 149 of IPC	Life Imprisonment and fine of Rs.5,000/-, in default to undergo three months Rigorous Imprisonment.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent.

5. The same grounds were considered for Accused Nos.3 and 5 and this Court granted suspension of sentence to Accused Nos.3 and 5 in CrI.M.P.(MD).No.1342 of 2026 dated 02.04.2026. Hence, the same yardstick is applied to the petitioner also.

6. In our considered view, the entire incident had taken place under the influence of alcohol and even in the post-mortem report, it is seen that



the deceased also consumed alcohol. Ultimately, the death was caused due to myocardial infarction. Apart from that, the overt act attributed against A3 is that he kicked with his legs and as against A5, he attacked with a wooden log. This Court has to see if there was a causal connection between the injuries sustained and the death and the Court must also see if the present case can be brought within the exceptions to Section 300 of IPC. Hence, a *prima facie* case has been made out in this case. This Court takes into consideration the fact that the petitioner does not have any previous cases and it will take some more time for this Court to take up the appeal for final hearing. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant suspension of sentence by suspending the sentence imposed on the petitioner. Accordingly, this petition is allowed subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on executing a bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Theni.
- ii. The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Trial Court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank passbook to ensure their identity.



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iii. The petitioner shall appear and sign before the trial Court at 10.30 a.m., on the first working day of every English calendar month, till the disposal of the Criminal Appeal.

(N.ANAND VENKATESH J.) (K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN J.)
07.04.2026

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To

1.The Principal Sessions Judge, Theni.

2.The Inspector of Police,

Palanichettipatti Police Station, Theni District.

3.The Superintendent of Prisons, Central Prison, Madurai.

4.The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.