



CRL OP(MD). No.1096 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 22/01/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Muthu Kannan

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu Rep.,
By, the Inspector of Police,
Melapalayam Police Station,
Tirunelveli City
(Crime No. 375 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s. Micheal Heldon Kumar.S.,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.S.S. Manoj
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 375 of 2025 on the file of the
respondent police...

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b),

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132, 351(3) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.375 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that while the respondent police was on patrolling duty, the petitioner is alleged to have abused them and obstructed them from discharging their official duties. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) submits that there are four previous cases pending against the petitioner and the investigation of the case is pending.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police.

5. Considering the nature of the allegation made against the petitioner, namely that he had parked a vehicle without a registration number and was questioned in that regard by the police officials, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.



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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.5, Thirunelveli, Thirunelveli District, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall appear before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 am until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence



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or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d]the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e]On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner is 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)AIR SCW 5560].

[f]If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

(S S Y J)
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1. The Judicial Magistrate No.5, Thirunelveli, Thirunelveli District,
2. The Inspector of Police,
Melapalayam Police Station,
Tirunelveli City
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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