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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 27/02/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Bhavani

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu Rep.By,
The Inspector of Police,
Thuckalay Police Station,
Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District.
(Cr.No.519 of 2025).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.A.M.B.Mathu Balan,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- To enlarge the Petitioner on bail in connection with
C.C.No. 42 of 2026 on the file of Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Padmnabapuram in Cr.No.519 of 2025 on the file of the respondent
Police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.11.2025 for the offences punishable under Section 303(2), in C.C.No.42 of 2026 on the file of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Padmnabapuram in Cr.No.519 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police, seeks bail.

2. The prosecution case is that the petitioner and the other accused stole 4.5 sovereigns of gold from the defacto complainant. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and she has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 12.11.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner and the other accused stole 4.5 sovereigns of gold from the defacto complainant. He further submitted that the stolen property has been recovered. However, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the fact that the stolen property has been recovered and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing 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.I, Padmanathapuram, 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.



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[b] the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of the Correspondent, Government Higher Secondary School, Agasteeswaram, Kanniyakumari District, having account in State Bank of India, Nagercoil, 14-B, Distillery Road, Vadsery, Nagercoil, Account No.34582955422, Account Type:Regular Savings Bank Account, CIF No: 85895575943, MICR Code:629002002; On such deposit being made, the learned Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner. The petitioner shall produce the said receipt within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

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

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance



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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].

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

(S S Y J)
27.02.2026

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TO

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Padmanathapuram.
2. The Superintendent, Special Prison for Women, Thakalai.
3. The Inspector of Police, Thuckalay Police Station, Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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