



CrI.O.P.(MD)No.6966 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 09.04.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

CRL OP(MD). No. 6966 of 2026

Arivu Raja

... Petitioner

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Thalamuthunagar Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No.297 of 2026)

...Respondents/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Vishnuvardhan
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Karunanithi
Government Advocate (Crl. side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No. 297 of 2026 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 for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(A), 4(1)(C) of TNP (Amendment) Act, 2024 and Section 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(i) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937



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in Crime No.297 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 01.04.2026 at 14.30 hours, when the respondent police conducted the vehicle check up near by the Luckas Masi Company in Vellapatti Beach Road, the accused persons were in illegal possession of 82 liquor bottles of 180 ml. Vorian Brandy. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he is no way connected in the above said incident. He has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Only on the basis of the confession of the co-accused, this petitioner was implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to grant Anticipatory Bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that the offences are grave in nature. The accused persons were found in illegal possession of 180 ml. Vorian Brandy bottles. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner as the investigation is pending. However, he has no previous case.



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5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions on either side and the nature of offences charged against the petitioner, considering the quantity involved in this case, the petitioner has no previous case and also considering all the facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail on condition to 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.II, Thoothukudi** and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, at 10.30 a.m., on every Saturday, for a period of four weeks, thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature.

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



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

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned
Judicial 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 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 55297].

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

(P D B J)
09.04.2026

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II, Thoothukudi.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Thalamuthunagar Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No.297 of 2026)
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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