



CRL OP(MD). No.10972 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 12/06/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Ranjith Kumar

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
AWPS Valliyoor Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
Crime No.45/2026.

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER :-

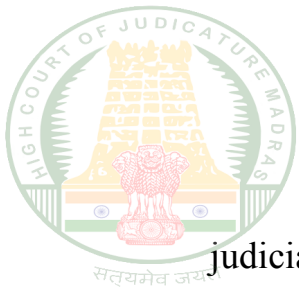
For Bail in Crime no.45/2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Sasiprabha K,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.G.Ganesh Kumar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner / Accused, who was arrested and remanded to



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judicial custody on 28.05.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 131, 296(b), 351(3) and 75(1(i) of BNS Act 2023, in Crime No. 45 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 24.05.2026, at about 10.00 p.m, wordy quarrel arose between the defacto complainant and her husband and as such, the defacto complainant contacted the petitioner, who is the auto driver and also the relative to drop her in her sister's house. The petitioner also picked up the defacto complainant and stopped the auto in a remote area and harassed her sexually and also threatened her not to disclose the same to anyone. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioner and the petitioner has been arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 28.05.2026. Therefore, prayed to grant bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner committed the sexual assault



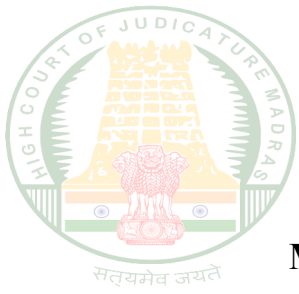
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upon the defacto complainant and the offence is serious in nature and the investigation is still pending. Hence, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner. He would further submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioner.

5. This Court heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, nature of offence, and there is a scuffle between the husband of the defacto complainant and the petitioner and in the alleged occurrence, nobody sustained injury and no previous case is pending against the petitioner and also considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on 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**



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Magistrate, Valliyoor, and on further conditions that:

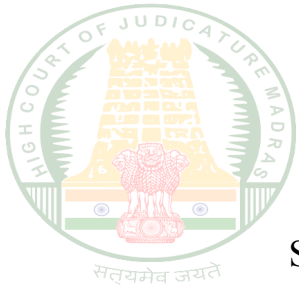
[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which he/she is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he/she is suspected;

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

[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

[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.



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

(P D B J)
12.06.2026

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Valliyoor.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
AWPS Valliyoor Police Station, Tirunelveli District.
3. The Superintendent, Sub Jail, Nanguneri, Tirunelveli.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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