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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) No. 23990 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011494332026}

Santhosh @ Santhoshraja

..Petitioner/
Accused No.1

Vs

State Of Tamilnadu Rep By
The Inspector Of Police,
Virudhunagar Rural Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
Crime No.408 of 2015.

..Respondent/
Complainant

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Section 483 BNSS.

Prayer : For Bail in connection with the case in C.C.No.48 of 2019 before the Judicial Magistrate No.II, Virudhunagar, in Crime No.408 of 2015 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s) :Mr.R.Murugappan, Advocate

For Respondent(s) :Mr.C.Susikumar,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner / first accused, who is facing a case for the offences punishable under Section 392 IPC, in C.C.No.48 of 2019, on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.II, Virudhunagar, in Crime No.408 of 2015, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. It is not in dispute that the petitioner's earlier bail petition in Crl.O.P.(MD)No.16116 of 2026 came to be dismissed by this Court on 03.08.2026.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that since the petitioner has not turned up for the hearing in C.C.No.48 of 2019, Non-Bailable Warrant was ordered to be issued on 07.08.2025 and the same was executed and he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 27.06.2026, that earlier Non-Bailable Warrant had been issued in the year 2021, which was also executed and the petitioner was arrested and that the present Non-Bailable Warrant was issued for the second time against the petitioner. He would further submit that the case is now posted for the examination of the Investigating Officer.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 27.06.2026 and that the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srivilliputtur, while dismissing the petitioner's bail petition, had directed the trial Court to dispose of the case within a period of three months.

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5. As rightly pointed out by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), the said dismissal order was passed only on 27.07.2026.

6. Considering the above facts and circumstances and taking note of the facts that the present Non-Bailable Warrant was issued for the second time against the petitioner and that the case has been pending from the year 2019, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. However, taking note of the fact that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 27.06.2026 and that the case has been pending from the year 2019, this Court is of the view that the trial Court is to be directed to complete the trial and dispose of the case within a stipulated time, as the time granted by the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srivilliputtur, has already expired.

7. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed. The learned trial Judge is directed to complete the trial in C.C.No.48 of 2019 and dispose of the case within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.II, Virudhunagar.

2. The Inspector Of Police, Virudhunagar Rural
   Police Station, Virudhunagar District.

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

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