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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 28-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) No. 24492 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011524612026}

Ranjith Kumar @ Ranjith

..Petitioner/
Accused No.4

Vs

State Of Tamilnadu Rep By
The Inspector Of Police,
Thiruppalai Police Station,
Madurai City.
Crime No.380/2026.

..Respondent/
Complainant

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Section 483 BNSS.

Prayer : For Bail in Crime No.380 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s) :Mr.J.Yogeswaran,
Advocate

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

ORDER

The petitioner / fourth accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.09.2026 for the offences punishable under Section

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194 BNSS altered into Sections 191(2), 191(3), 115(2), 296(b), 118(1), 105 and 351(3) BNS, in Crime No.380 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. When the matter is taken up today, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner filed a memo stating that he wrongly mentioned the petitioner's name as ‘R.Ranjith Kumar’ instead of ‘Ranjith Kumar @ Ranjith’. The said memo is recorded and the necessary correction is carried out in the order.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant lodged a complaint before the respondent police stating that his son had died under suspicious circumstances, pursuant to which, a case was registered in Crime No.380 of 2026 under Section 194 BNSS. During the course of investigation, the respondent police came to know that on 31.08.2026, while the deceased, his friends and the accused persons including the petitioner were consuming liquor on the terrace, a wordy quarrel arose between them and the accused persons attempted to attack the deceased and his friends and at that time, while attempting to escape, the deceased fell from the terrace and succumbed to the injuries. Hence, the respondent police altered the offences accordingly.

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4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he has been falsely implicated in the above case and that he is no way connected with the alleged crime. He would further submit that the similarly placed accused 8, 2, 7, 3 and 1 were granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.(MD)Nos.21747, 22135, 22539, 22646 and 23573 of 2026 vide orders dated 28.09.2026, 30.09.2026, 01.10.2026, 05.10.2026 and 15.10.2026 and that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 07.09.2026.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that while the deceased was attempting to run away, he fell down and sustained injury on his head.

6. Considering the nature of the charges levelled against the petitioner and also the facts that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 07.09.2026 and that similarly placed accused were granted bail by this Court, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five**

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Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Madurai and on further conditions that:

a) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate / concerned court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

b) the petitioner shall stay at Chengalpattu and report before the Inspector of Police, Chengalpattu Town Police Station, Chengalpattu, daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of thirty (30) days and thereafter, before the respondent police, daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of 15 days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

c) the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence 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

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Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];***

f) If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS, 2023.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.II, Madurai.
2. Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Madurai.
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Madurai.
4. The Inspector Of Police, Thiruppalai Police Station, Madurai City.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor
   Madurai Bench of Madras High Court
   Madurai

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