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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) No. 25165 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011570632026}

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..Petitioner/
Accused No.2

Vs

State Of Tamilnadu Rep By
The Inspector Of Police,
Thogamalai Police Station,
Karur District.
Crime No. 400 of 2026

..Respondent/
Complainant

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Section 483 BNSS.

Prayer : For Bail in Crime No.400 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s) :Mr.M.Jerin Mathew,
Advocate

For Respondent(s) :Mr.T.Lenin Kumar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner / second accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 26.09.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections

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296(b), 318(4), 351(2) BNS 2023, in Crime No.400 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant is the cousin of the deceased Pachanan, One Durairaj has borrowed a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- from the first accused. Since the said Durairaj is the close friend of the deceased Pachanan, the said Pachanan has mortgaged his 44 cents of agricultural land to the first accused as security and has also signed as witness. However, the first accused has executed a forged sale deed in his favour with regard to the above said 44 cents of land. On knowing the same, when the said Pachanan questioned the first accused, the first accused demanded a sum of Rs.5,30,000/- and the first accused and the petitioner have scolded the said Pachanan with filthy language and threatened him with dire consequences. Due to mental agony, on 26.09.2026 at about 05.00 a.m., the said Pachanan consumed a Pesticide and he contacted the Village President viz., Mahalakshmi through phone and informed about the above said incident. Thereafter, the said Pachanan was admitted in the hospital as inpatient and after getting treatment for a period of 9 days, he died on 05.10.2026 at about 01.15 am. Hence, the complaint.

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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the first accused was granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P(MD)No.24186 of 2026 on 29.10.2026 and that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 26.09.2026.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police would submit that the disputed sale deed is available in the jurisdictional Court. He would further submit that the petitioner is not having any previous cases.

5. Considering the nature of the charges levelled against the petitioner and taking note of the fact that the petitioner is not having any bad antecedents, that the first accused was granted bail by this Court and that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 26.09.2026, 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 his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kulithalai, and on further

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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 report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of one month 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 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.I, Kulithalai.

2. Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Karur.

3. The Officer-in-Charge, Sub Jail, Karur.

4. The Inspector Of Police, Thogamalai Police Station,
   Karur District.

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

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