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IN THE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, SHENCOTTAH

Present: Thiru.S.Ilayaraja, M.L.,

Judicial Magistrate, Shencottah

07th day of July 2026

Cr.M.P.No.489 of 2026

CNR.No.TNTS120015662026

Maridurai, (Age 29/2026),
S/o.Petchimuthu,
41-192, Pillaiyar kovil street,
Karkudi, Tenkasi District.

... Petitioner/Accused

Versus

State through the Sub Inspector of Police
Puliyarai P.S.,
Cr.No.257/2026,
U/s. 305, 331(3), 331(4) BNS

...Respondent/Complainant

This petition is coming on this day before me for hearing in the presence of Thiru.V.Athibalasubramanian, Advocate appearing for petitioner/accused and the Assistant Public Prosecutor Gr-I. On behalf of the respondent/complainant and this court passed following...

ORDER

This petition has been filed by the petitioner/accused U/s.480 of BNSS 2023 to enlarge him on bail for the alleged offences U/s.305, 331(3), 331(4) BNS.

The Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that, The petitioner/accused is remanded to judicial custody from 28.06.2026. The petitioner



herein alleged to have involved in jewel theft at the defacto complainant's house. The petitioner herein denies all the allegations and states he is innocent and is being falsely implicated in the above said case as he have nothing to do with the matter. The petitioner was arrested from his own house forcefully and the said case was put up against him in a false manner. The petitioner is roped into this case purely based on enmity with the respondent police. The petitioner undertakes to cooperate in the investigation and assures that he will not tamper any of the witnesses. He will abide by any other condition this Court may be pleased to impose. The petitioner has no criminal antecedents; the petitioner herein is an undergraduate student and is ready to furnish sufficient sureties and comply with any condition that may be imposed by this Court. Therefore, he seeks to release the petitioner on bail.

Notice given to Respondent Police and also submitted reply stating that, It has been revealed during the course of investigation that the accused had criminally trespassed into the de facto complainant's house and dishonestly committed theft of the properties therein. Accordingly, the accused was arrested on 28.06.2026 and interrogated. During the interrogation, the accused admitted to having stolen cash and an LPG cylinder from the complainant's house and further stated that, in respect of the approximately 3-½ grams of gold jewellery, it had accidentally fallen somewhere and had been concealed, and therefore could not be recovered. However, in accordance with the legal requirement, the accused was remanded to judicial custody. The accused has now filed a petition seeking bail. If bail is granted to the accused, there is every likelihood that he may continue to indulge in similar criminal activities. Further, there is a possibility that he may intimidate or influence the prosecution witnesses. There is also a likelihood that he may abscond and his appearance before the Court during the trial cannot be ensured. Since Sengottai is situated close to the



State of Kerala, it is common for persons involved in criminal activities in this area to abscond to Kerala to evade the investigation and judicial process. Further, the gold jewellery belonging to the de facto complainant has not yet been recovered, and an intensive investigation is being conducted to ascertain whether any other persons were involved in the commission of the offence. Moreover, the accused's act of committing the offence in broad daylight has created widespread fear and panic among the residents of the locality, particularly causing women to fear staying alone in their homes. Granting bail in such circumstances would undermine public confidence in the administration of justice and in the police. Further, the fingerprints of the accused have been collected and forwarded to the District Fingerprint Bureau for comparison and verification. The properties recovered in this case are yet to be produced before the Court, and the investigation is continuing to ascertain whether any other accused persons are involved in the offence. In view of the above circumstances, as the investigation is still in progress, I strongly object to the grant of bail to the accused.

The accused in this case is alleged to have broken open the lock of the de facto complainant's house, trespassed into the house, broken the glass panel of the bureau door, and committed theft of a pair of gold earrings weighing approximately 3½ grams, a sum of ₹4,000/- in cash, and one Bharat Gas LPG cylinder. This Court, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the case, finds that the stolen gold earrings have not yet been recovered and that the investigation is still pending. In the above circumstances, this Court is of the considered view that the present bail petition is not a fit one to be allowed.

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Accordingly, the bail petition is dismissed.

This Order dictated by me to Steno-typist and typed by him, corrected and pronounced by me on 07.07.2026.

Judicial Magistrate,
Shencottah.