

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, SATHANKULAM
Present: Selvi.M.V.DEVI RAKSHA, B.B.A.,LL.B (Hons).,
Judicial Magistrate, Sathankulam
Monday 20th Day of July 2026
CrI.M.P.No.777/2026

Sathish (Age 28/2026),
S/o. Sermadurai,
63, Muthu Nagar, Chithamparapuram,
Nanguneri Taluk,
Tirunelveli Dist.

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/Vs/

Petitioner / Accused

State Represented by the
Sub Inspector of Police,
Sathankulam Police Station
in Cr.No.395/2026

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Respondent / Complainant

Bail application filed u/s 480 of BNSS for alleged offences punishable under sections 305(a), 331(4) of BNS.

This petition is coming on this day for hearing, Thiru.G.Rajan Subasis appearing for the Petitioner and Asst. Public Prosecutor Tmt.Preethi Rani Gr.II for the Respondent after hearing both sides, having stood over the consideration this court delivered the

ORDER

Notice issued to the respondent and Asst. Public Prosecutor and also reply received.

The learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner is innocent. He has not committed such an offence. The petitioner is in Judicial custody from 30.06.2026. The petitioner is Law abiding citizen and also ready to furnish substantial sureties for his bail and prays to enlarge the petitioner on Bail.

The Prosecution side submitted that the investigation is yet to be completed. In such circumstances if the accused is released on bail he may tamper with the witnesses and abscond and it will be difficult to secure him and he may commit the same kind of offence. Further, the case property involved in the offence has not yet been recovered from the accused. Hence the Prosecution strongly objected to release the petitioner on bail at this stage. Further submitted that, the petitioner is already involved in

S.No.	Police Station	Cr.No	Sections
1.	Colachel	118/2023	457(2), 380 IPC
2.	Colachel	119/2023	457(2), 380 IPC
3.	Suchindrem	271/2018	454, 457, 380 IPC
4.	Mandaikadu	24/2023	379 IPC
5.	Asaripallam	94/2024	262 BNS
6.	Perumalpuram	203/2025	305(a), 331(3) BNS
7.	Nanguneri	497/2025	303(2) BNS
8.	Aervadi	260/2025	303(2) BNS
9.	Aervadi	60/2017	379 IPC
10.	Aervadi	254/2025	303(2) BNS
11.	Kalakkadu	315/2026	305(a), 317(5), 331(4) BNS
12.	Panakudi	940/2025	303(2) BNS
13.	Tiruchendur	37/2020	379 IPC

Heard both sides and carefully perused the case records. The date of alleged occurrence took place on 28.06.2026. The de-facto complainant filed a petition to the respondent P.S. on 29.06.2026. The petitioner was remanded to judicial custody on 30.06.2026 and the investigation is pending.

Taking into account the nature and gravity of the offences alleged under Sections 305(a) and 331(4) of BNS, and considering that the investigation is at a preliminary stage where the case property has not yet been recovered, this Court finds substance in the prosecution's apprehensions. Given the extensive criminal antecedents of the Petitioner, there is a strong prima facie probability that the Petitioner may tamper with the witnesses, influence the ongoing investigation, or abscond if enlarged on bail, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the Petitioner at this stage, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Petition is dismissed.

Pronounced in open court dated Monday 20th Day of July 2026.

Judicial Magistrate,
Sathankulam.