

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

An Application for revision under Article
138 of the Constitution of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

CA (PHC)APN 01/2020

High Court Panadura Case No. HCBA

137/2019

M.C. Moratuwa Case No. BR 1870/2019

Thelge Lasanda Samanthi Pieris,
No. 17, National Housing Scheme,
Modara, Moratuwa.

Petitioner-Petitioner

Vs.

1 Hon. Attorney General,
Attorney General's Department,
Colombo 12.

2 Officer-in-Charge,
Police Narcotic Bureau,
Colombo 01.

3 Thelge Lakshman Pieris,
No. 17, National Housing Scheme,
Modara, Moratuwa.

Respondent-Respondents

Before : Justice K.K. Wickremasinghe

Justice Devika Abeyratne

Counsel : W.M. Samadara Kumari Jayasinghe for the Petitioner-
Petitioner

Maheshika Silva, SSC for the Respondents

Argued &

Decided on : 29.05.2020

Justice K.K. Wickremasinghe

This is an application for bail. The Suspect-Respondent has been in remand for 9 months. State Counsel informs Court that Attorney General's Department has set out guide lines with regard to bail in view of the current situation in the country. (Covid- 19 Pandemic)

State Counsel concedes to enlarge the Suspect-Respondent on bail. Further counsel for the Attorney General informs Court that the suspect

has no previous convictions. The pending charge is for possession of 18 Kg. of Ganja. Considering the above facts, this Court decides to enlarge the Suspect-Respondent on bail on the following conditions:

- (1) Surety bail of Rs. 50,000/- (each) with two sureties acceptable to the learned Magistrate.
- (2) The Suspect-Respondent must report to the Police Narcotics Bureau, Colombo on every first Sunday on each month between 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.
- (3) The Suspect-Respondent is strictly ordered not to influence witnesses.
- (4) If the Suspect-Respondent violate any bail conditions, the bail will be cancelled and he will be remanded until final determination of the case.

Registrar of the Court is directed to forward copies of this order to the relevant Magistrate's Court of Moratuwa, OIC of the Narcotic Bureau and Prison Authorities.

Application for bail is allowed.

Registrar is directed to fax the order to the relevant authorities.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL

Justice Devika Abeyratne

I agree

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