

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

**THE REPUBLIC
VS.
VALLIPURAM MURALI (Accused)**

Criminal Side No. 30 of 2007

Mr. Camille for the Republic
Mr. Hoareau and Mrs. Antao for the Accused

RULING

Gaswaga, J

The accused is moving the Court for the second time to vary the bail terms imposed on him on the 19th November, 2007. The argument advanced this time is that the prosecution has now withdrawn the first two counts which are more serious than the remaining count of “corrupt practices contrary to Section 373 of the Penal Code, Cap 158” – a misdemeanour. The application is resisted.

I have considered the submissions of both the prosecution and defence. Reference is also made to the reasons stated in my ruling on the same matter of 19th November, 2007. I note that the value of the subject matter is now USD 2, 300/- while the accused has been on remand since June, 2007.

In these circumstances, it is accordingly ordered that the accused deposits a sum of USD 1, 500/- instead of USD 160, 000/- earlier imposed before he is released. The other conditions still stand.

**D. GASWAGA
JUDGE**

Dated this 13th day of February, 2008.