

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-15224 of 2015

Date of decision : May 27, 2015

Sajan Singh

... Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURINDER GUPTA

Present: Mr. Raj Karan Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. Amritpal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

Surinder Gupta, J

The case bearing FIR No.67 dated 31.3.2005 was registered at Police Station Cantonment, Amritsar City on the statement of Paramjit Kaur wife of Gurlal Singh. As per complainant, she was going home from her office in a three wheeler. When three wheeler reached in front of U.K. Palace at about 4.15 p.m., two clean shaven persons came on motor cycle from behind and snatched her blue colour bag/purse containing her documents, gold ring and cash worth ₹21,000/-. During investigation police arrested Gurdeep Singh and effected recovery of bag, cash, documents and ring of the complainant from him.

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and was not identified at the spot. There is statement of co-accused implicating him in the incident. He is ready to join the investigation as and when so called by the police. On these assertions, he prays for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

Learned State counsel has argued that two persons on motor cycle have snatched the chain of the complainant. During investigation this fact has come on record that petitioner was driving that motor cycle which was brought by him from his relative. Besides, he has also been named by his co-accused from whom the recovery of bag and some articles of complainant have been effected. The complainant has stated that she can identify the chain-snatcher, as such, the custodial interrogation of petitioner is required.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, I do not find it to be a fit case to exercise the discretionary power of this court to grant benefit of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

The incident of chain snatching are posing a danger to the society and such matters are required to be thoroughly investigated by the police. The grant of benefit of bail to the petitioner, in the facts and circumstances of the case, will convey a wrong signal to the society.

This petition has no merits.

Dismissed.

(Surinder Gupta)
Judge

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