

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M No.24061 of 2015

Date of Decision: 18.09.2015

Harjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sapan Dhir and Mr. Saurabh Arora, Advocates for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent along with HC Parvinder Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The prayer is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.79 dated 22.11.2009, under Sections 307 and 473 of IPC and Section 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered with Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar, Mohali.

As per the allegations, the petitioner was driving a stolen Lancer Car accompanied by his co-accused/friends and carrying unlicensed arms and ammunition from Chandigarh to Sohana. He did not stop on signalling and alleged to have tried to over-run the police officials. A .32 bore pistol along with four live cartridges was recovered from him.

The petitioner along with his co-accused was facing trial, when the petitioner abstained the proceedings from the Court, leading to his being declared as proclaimed offender on 01.07.2011.

In the meanwhile, it is admitted that rest of the co-accused were acquitted by the learned trial Court on 15.11.2012.

The petitioner is stated to have surrendered on 31.03.2015 and is thus facing trial.

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from HC Parvinder Singh states that the case is at the initial stage of recording the prosecution evidence.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period and the fact that the investigation is over and the trial would take considerable period of time, no purpose would be served to keep the petitioner/accused-Harjit Singh in custody any longer, the prayer for regular bail is allowed and accordingly, he is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate, Mohali.

Disposed of.

September 18, 2015

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**