

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-7970 of 2015

Makhan Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

Crl. Misc. No. M-8024 of 2015

Dilshad Khan and another

..... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

Date of decision : 15.05.2015

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Advocate (in Crl. Misc. No. M-7970 of 2015)
Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate (in Crl. Misc. No. M-8024 of 2015)
for the petitioner(s)

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, AAG Punjab

Mr. Lakhwinder S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the complainant

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J. (ORAL)

This order shall dispose of Crl. Misc. Nos. M-7970 and
8024 of 2015.

The petitioners are seeking regular bail in FIR No. 118
dated 01.12.2014 registered at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa
under Sections 457, 436, 427, 148, 149, 120-B IPC.

A complaint was lodged by Gurmeet Kaur containing the
allegations that on the intervening night of 30.11.2014 and

01.12.2014, petitioners alongwith some other persons armed with weapons and holding container came to her property and Gurmeet raised Lalkara and threatened to teach a lesson for murdering their friend and thereafter sprinkled oil from the Cans and Vicky Singh lit fire. The whole house caught fire and household articles lying inside were completely burnt.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that son of the complainant had murdered Monu and the allegations against Dilshad Khan was that he was carrying iron rod, Makhan was holding a container while Gurmeet Singh was holding a stick. He further states that the petitioners were arrested on 02.12.2014 and on the last date of hearing the case was adjourned to enable the prosecution to examine the complainant who is the sole private witness and her statement has been recorded and the trial will take long time.

Learned counsel for the complainant and State have opposed the bail application and it was urged that the petitioners belong to a gang and there are other cases pending against them and bail should not be allowed. As per the allegations made in the FIR Vicky Singh had lit the match stick and had set the property on fire and the petitioners have been named and role has been ascribed to each of them.

No injury is attributed to either of the petitioners or other accused. Statement of the complainant who is the only private witness has been recorded, rest of the witnesses are officials.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and considering the fact that the trial will take long time to conclude, the petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing adequate bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court with the condition that they would not approach the complainant in any manner or extend threats.

May 15, 2015

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**(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE**