

**106 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No.20255 of 2017
Date of Decision: June 01, 2017**

Gurpreet Singh @ Sabhi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Avtar S. Khinda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

DEEPAK SIBAL J. (ORAL)

Through the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.91, dated 15.07.2016, registered under Sections 379-B(1), 411 and 482 IPC, at Police Station Sadar Kapurthala, District Kapurthala.

The case of the prosecution is that the police received information that the petitioner alongwith his co-accused was selling stolen motorcycles after tampering with their original registration number plates. Acting on the information, the police party conducted a raid where four persons including the petitioner were found. Out of them, two were arrested at the spot whereas the petitioner and one of his co-accused managed to flee from the spot on their motorcycles. The motorcycle on which the petitioner had fled was a stolen one.

In the investigations which followed, the two persons who had been arrested from the spot specifically named the petitioner as one of the members of the *gang* indulging in stealing/snatching of motorcycles and then selling them after tampering with their original number plates.

The allegations against the petitioner are grave. Whether the petitioner is involved in other similar cases; who all are involved with him in stealing/snatching of motorcycles and how such stolen motorcycles are being disposed off, needs to be probed. The motorcycle on which the petitioner is alleged to have fled, is also to be recovered.

In view of the above, in my opinion, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is warranted.

Dismissed.

June 01, 2017

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**(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No