

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

**CRM-M-28349-2017
Date of decision :13.10.2017**

Paras Chopra

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present : Mr. Ramnish Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Bansal, AAG, Haryana.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

This petition for grant of regular bail on behalf of the petitioner has been filed in criminal case bearing FIR No.919 dated 17.06.2017 under Sections 379-A IPC registered with Police Station City Jagadhari, District Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.

Briefly stated the prosecution story is that on 17.06.2017 at about 11 a.m. while complainant Smt. Kanta Devi wife of Late Surender Kumar r/o Tejli, Yamuna Nagar had withdrawn a sum of ₹20,000/- from Punjab National Bank, Yamuna Nagar branch and placing money in a bag in addition to other documents including Samsung mobile No.8053781415;

that the complainant was in a auto-rickshaw and when said auto-rickshaw reached Tejli road, she alighted from the auto-rickshaw and started walking on foot carrying her bag, then a motorcycle came from behind with two boys riding on it with muffled faces threw chilly powder in the eyes of the complainant and snatched the bag having her mobile phone etc.; that later on her nephew Vicky came there and he took her to nearby house and informed the police. Accused – Paras Chopra was arrested in this case. One Suraj @ Kaka was also arrested, both the accused in pursuance to their disclosure statements got recovery of snatched articles. However, during the course of trial complainant - Kanta who is solitary eye-witness has deposed that accused present in the Court was not same person who came on the motorcycle and had thrown chilly powder in her eyes snatching her bag. She was declared hostile eye-witness and Public Prosecutor cross-examined her even then she did not say directly incriminating against the accused. The deposition of other witnesses to be examined are of corroborative nature only.

Notice of the petition was given to the State.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned State counsel, besides going through the record.

The petitioner is in custody since 30.06.2017.

After hearing rival contentions of learned counsel for the parties and going through the record, I am of the view that it would be proper and appropriate if the concession of regular bail is granted to the petitioner. Moreover, conclusion of trial will take long time, hence no useful purpose will be served by keeping him behind the bars any more.

Therefore, in view of the abovesaid circumstances, this petition is accepted. Petitioner- Paras Chopra be admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court at Yamuna Nagar at Jagadhari / Duty Magistrate.

While accepting the bonds, trial Court may impose any terms and conditions found appropriate to ensure that the petitioner should not abscond. His passport may also be got surrendered, if he has got one, otherwise to get affidavit from him that he does not have any passport. It is made clear that if after being released on bail in this case, the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal activity, the order suspending his sentence and grant of bail shall be liable to be withdrawn.

31.07.2017

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**(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE**

1. Whether reportable? **No**
2. Whether speaking / reasoned? **Yes**