

CRM-M No. 9563 of 2017

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 9563 of 2017
Decided on : 28.08.2017

Kashif Khan

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present : Mr. Salil Bali, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General,
Punjab.

Mr. Mohit Sadana, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 218, dated 14.11.2016, under Sections 406, 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR is outcome of differences between the petitioner and complainant for setting up of Bar and Saloon in pursuance to a franchise agreement for which the complainant has also filed a civil suit, which is pending before the trial Court.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 21.03.2017, had directed the petitioner to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Joginder Singh, states that in pursuance to the order dated 21.03.2017 the petitioner has joined investigation on 19.05.2017 and 27.08.2017.

The FIR appears to be outcome of differences in pursuance to a franchise agreement, for which a civil suit is pending. The petitioner has appeared before the Investigating Officer in pursuance to the order of a Coordinate Bench of this Court.

In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, the order dated 21.03.2017, granting ad-interim bail to the petitioner, is hereby made absolute. However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

August 28, 2017
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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned?</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable?</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>