

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

CRM-M-14057-2018

Date of decision:-17.5.2018

Dimple @ Sonu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr.Prateek Pandit, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Saurabh Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. MADAAN, J.

This petition for regular bail has been filed by petitioner –
Dimple @ Sonu – an accused in FIR No.159 dated 29.7.2017, under
Sections 379-B, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.1,
District Jalandhar.

Briefly stated, the facts of the case as per prosecution story
are that on 29.7.2017 at about 2:10 p.m. complainant Anjana Sharma,
resident of House No.77, Bank Colony, Mithapur Road, Jalandhar aged

about 43 years working as a Teacher in a Public School along with her children was returning home in her car; that when the car reached near the turning point of Gandhi Camp, the complainant on observing a vendor selling helmets, stopped her car as she wanted to purchase a helmet; that she was carrying a small purse in her left hand besides a mobile phone; that two persons riding a motorcycle came from behind and snatched purse and mobile phone of the complainant and then fled from the spot on the motorcycle. According to the complainant her purse contained some money, ATM Card of SBI Bank and driving licence. On the basis of statement got recorded by the complainant with the police on 29.7.2017, formal FIR was registered. The accused was arrested in this case on 13.1.2018 and he suffered a disclosure statement and mobile phone of the complainant snatched in the incident was recovered from his possession. The petitioner had filed an application for regular bail in the Court of Sessions, which was declined by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Jalandhar vide order dated 16.2.2018, as such, he has approached this Court with the same request.

Notice of the petition was given to respondent – State and counsel representing the State has put in appearance.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties besides going through the record.

Although the petitioner is not named in the FIR and was nominated on the basis of statement of a co-accused but recovery of snatched mobile phone of the complainant from his possession points out towards his involvement in this case. As per the custody certificate filed

by learned State counsel, the petitioner is involved in two other criminal cases one under Section 22 of NDPS Act and other under Section 379-B IPC, that means that he has got a criminal past. The apprehension expressed by the State counsel that if petitioner is granted bail, there is every likelihood to his absconding and even tampering with the prosecution evidence cannot be brushed aside lightly.

Therefore, finding no merit in the petition, the same stands dismissed.

17.5.2018
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(H.S.MADAAN)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No