

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

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CRM-M-18515-2018

DATE OF DECISION:10.05.2018

GURPREET SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Vishavjeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.262, dated 07.09.2016, under Sections 364-A/384/34 IPC, registered at Police Station Basti Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR was registered after the complainant Radhey Sham Kumar Ram had received a ransom call on his mobile phone as his cousin Munna Kumar Ram had been kidnapped. A demand of ₹1,50,000/- as ransom money was made which as per the caller was to be deposited in a bank account. The complainant, who was residing at Yamuna Nagar came to Ludhiana on 07.09.2016 and he was accompanied by the police party when raid was conducted at Sunita da vehra which led to the recovery of Munna Kumar Ram.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is 21 years of age and is not involved in any other case. He is in custody for over 01 year and 07 months ever since his arrest on 08.09.2016. He also contends that the prosecution story appears to be

improbable as it is not forthcoming as to how the complainant, who was residing at another place, has taken the police party directly to a place in Ludhiana where his cousin was recovered. It is not disclosed as to how the complainant came to know that his cousin was at that place.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from HC Tarlochan Singh, states that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined and 15 prosecution witnesses have been cited. The petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is only 21 years of age and not required in any other case, he is in custody for over 1 year 07 months and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time as none of the 15 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, I deem it a fit case to grant concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner, namely, Gurpreet Singh is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

10.05.2018
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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No