

Crl. Misc. No. M-36865 of 2018

Date of Decision: October 08, 2018

Manjinder Singh @ Manpreet Singh @ Mannu

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTALPresent: Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG Punjab

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 52 dated 13.05.2018 under Sections 457, 380, 392, 397 IPC (Sections 392 and 397 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Chattiwind, District Amritsar (Rural).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is a delay of nine days in registration of the FIR. The alleged incident took place on 04.05.2018 whereas FIR was registered on 13.05.2018. Further, the petitioner has been in custody since the date of the registration of the FIR. The investigation is complete but the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is no other criminal case registered/pending against the petitioner and, thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Learned State counsel submits that statement of one Manbir Singh has been recorded, who has admitted that the motorcycle used in the crime was owned by him and had been borrowed by the petitioner. He further submits that the petitioner caused a grievous injury to the complainant apart from robbing a sum of Rs. 11,000/- from the complainant. Regarding the status of the trial, it is submitted that out of 16 PWs, none has been examined till date. On a query regarding the

commission of other crimes by the petitioner, it is stated that there is no other case pending/decided against the petitioner.

Considering the fact that examination of PWs has not yet commenced, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date and there is no other case pending/registered against the petitioner, since the investigation is complete and there is no likelihood of the petitioner interfering in the same, it would be appropriate to release him on bail.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No