

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 40634 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision : 15.1.2018

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Abhishek Verma

.....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. S. Madaan

Present: Mr. Rahul Rampal, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Saurav Khurana, Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab.

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H. S. Madaan, J.

This petition for regular bail has been filed by Abhishek Verma, an accused in FIR No. 144 dated 14.9.2017, for offence under Section 379-B IPC, on the allegations that on 14.9.2017 in the area of Naya Nagar, Gurdwara Sahib, when complainant Kavita Dutt w/o Pawan Kumar Dutt r/o H.No. 266, Basant Avenue, Dugri, Ludhiana, was coming on her Activa scooter from Sarabha Nagar to Sangat Road, Near Government College for giving tuition to students, then accused riding motorcycle bearing registration No. PB-10-GC-4083

snatched her purse containing mobile phone HTC, some medicines and Rs.400/-. Accused was arrested in this case on 15.9.2017 and mobile phone, lady's purse containing Rs.400/- besides motorcycle used in the occurrence were recovered from the accused. He was challaned. He had moved an application for grant of regular bail, which was declined by the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana vide order dated 16.10.2017, as such he has approached this Court craving for the grant of similar relief, notice of which was given to the State.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties, besides going through the record and I find that no ground for grant of regular bail to the petitioner is there. Though the petitioner is not named in the FIR but after registration of the FIR, he was arrested in this case on 15.9.2017, i.e. the very next day of the incident and the motorcycle No. PB-10-GC-4083 used in the incident, besides snatched purse of the complainant containing her mobile phone, medicines and cash amount of Rs.400/- were recovered in pursuance of the disclosure statement made by the accused before the police. Not only this, the accused is shown to be involved in several other criminal cases, as per detail given below:-

- i) FIR No. 148 dated 25.9.2015 u/s 399, 402, 473 IPC and 25 of Arms Act, Police Station PAU, Ludhiana
- ii) FIR No. 46, dated 6.6.2016, u/s 379-B IPC, Police Station Division No.8, Ludhiana
- iii) FIR No. 49 dated 13.6.2016 u/s 379-B, 34 IPC, Police Station Division No.8, Ludhiana
- iv) FIR No. 99 dated 6.11.2016 u/s 379-B IPC, Police Station

Division No.8, Ludhiana

v) FIR No. 34, dated 3.4.2017, u/s 379-B, 34 IPC Police
Station Division No.8, Ludhiana.

That goes to show that he is a habitual offender. The cases of snatching are increasing day by day and it is difficult for people to move on the road with a sense of safety. Womenfolk are especially vulnerable. Such type of incidents cannot be taken lightly lest that should result in similar acts being repeated with more frequency. There is reasonable apprehension of the petitioner taking of path of crime again and indulging in such type of incidents, if granted bail, leading to breach of peace and tranquillity in the society. Thus no ground for grant of bail is there. The petition in that regard stands dismissed.

(**H.S. Madaan**)
Judge

15.1.2018		
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	Whether reportable	Yes / No