

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-8407-2018

Date of Decision: March 09, 2018

Ravinder Verma

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. S.K. Sandhir, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

Mr.G.B.S. Dhillon, Advocate for the complainant.

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner-Ravinder Verma son of Sh. Mohan Lal Verma, seeks regular bail in case FIR No.31, dated 09.02.2017, under Sections 307/506/427/148/149/120-B IPC and sections 25/27 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Dugri, District Ludhiana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not attributed any specific role in the incident. His name has been included by making allegations that he is the person, who hatched the conspiracy and hired the persons who fired the pistol shots. Thus, his submission is that it cannot be said with any degree of certainty that the petitioner had master minded the operation. Further, it is submitted that out of five persons named in the incident of assault, three have been granted regular bail including the person, who inflicted injury through *kirpan*. Thus,

it is submitted that the petitioner's case is on a better footing and he deserves the concession of regular bail. There is no other case registered or pending against the petitioner. Investigation is complete and the challan has already been presented.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant submits that the petitioner has master minded the entire operation and has hired professional killer for executing his illegal design. There is business rivalry between the petitioner and the complainant party and therefore, he wanted to eliminate the persons, who were competing with him in business. The main accused namely Sukhpreet Singh alias Sukhdeep Singh alias Sukha revealed during his interrogation that the weapon used in the incident was supplied to him by the petitioner and therefore, as per the evidence on record, the conspiracy hatched has been established.

4. At this stage, I am of the opinion that whether the petitioner hatched the conspiracy or committed the alleged offence can only be determined after the trial. It is not in dispute that the investigation is complete and therefore, the possibility of interfering with the same by the petitioner stands ruled out. Co-accused, who were present at the spot and who caused injuries have been granted regular bail. Thus, in my considered opinion, the petitioner also deserves to be released on regular bail. However, it would be open to the complainant/prosecution to seek cancellation of the same, in case the petitioner tries to influence the witnesses.

5. Thus, the petition is allowed. Petitioner-Ravinder Verma son of Sh. Mohan Lal Verma, is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court concerned at Ludhiana.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No