

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-5875-2019

Date of Decision: 10.04.2019

NARINDER BHANDARI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Deepak Vashisht, Advocate for
Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 106, dated 08.07.2018, under Sections 381, 328 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' - for short), registered at Police Station Division No.2, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is mentioned that Krishna, who was domestic help of the complainant, had stolen cash amounting to ₹5 lacs along with jewellery from the house of the complainant after administering him intoxicating substance. He further contends that the petitioner has been arrayed as an accused after the recovery of empty boxes and artificial jewellery was made from his house. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 9 months since his arrest on 17.07.2018 and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Parminder Kaur states that in the course of investigation, offence under Section 411 IPC was added on 18.09.2018. She further states that upon completion of investigation in the case, the challan has been presented but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 9 months and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the 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 is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

April 10, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No