

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRM-M-26261-2018(O & M)

Date of Decision: 17.05.2019

MUNNA @ RANJIT SINGH SIDHU

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. H. S. Rakhra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.5 dated 07.01.2018, under Sections 306 and 34 IPC, registered at Police Station GRP, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations in the FIR would not prima facie constitute an offence under Section 306 IPC as it is only alleged that the petitioner was calling the deceased on mobile phone and demanding money.

A coordinate Bench of this Court, by the order dated 05.07.2018, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Sudagar Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation. He further contends that the investigation in the case is complete but no prosecution witness has been examined.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, the order dated 05.07.2018 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

May 17, 2019
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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No