

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-21580-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 01.07.2019

SHANTY SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. R.K. Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.24 dated 25.03.2019 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City Bakhshiwala, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 360 bottles of country-made liquor were recovered from his car. Although the petitioner had earlier been granted ad interim protection by the trial Court but as he could not appear before the Court, the protection was vacated. He also states that the petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when called upon to do so.

This Court, by the order dated 13.05.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was 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, upon instructions from ASI Iqbal Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

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 13.05.2019 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.

01.07.2019

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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No