

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

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CRM-M-22085-2019

Date of Decision: 31.10.2019

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.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr.S.S.Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. K.K. Bheniwala, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.46 dated 14.05.2018, under Sections 302, 341, 148, 149, 506 read with Section 120-B IPC registered at Police Station City Rampura, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR, wherein it is alleged by the complainant Rajwinder Kaur, who is wife of the deceased, that co-accused Kala Singh @ Maingal Singh along with 8/10 others had been caused injuries to the deceased. The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of Kuldeep Singh two weeks after the occurrence wherein he has alleged that Kala Singh @ Maingal Singh in conspiracy with co-accused Iqbal Singh, Vishal, Deepu @ Harwinder Singh had committed the murder of the deceased. It is in the latter part of his statement that Kuldeep Singh has stated that the

murder was committed on the advise/opinion of the petitioner. He also contends that there were only five injuries on the non-vital parts of the body of the deceased. The complainant, who has been examined as PW1, did not support the case of prosecution with regard to the involvement of the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over one year and six months and he is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Jagtar Singh is not in a position to controvert the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner. He, however, contends that only one, out of 25 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner is in custody for over one year and six months and the 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

October 31, 2019

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