

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

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CRM-M-41902-2019(O&M)

Date of decision :31.10.2019

BALWINDER SINGH

.....Petitioner

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in FIR No.24, dated 17.03.2019, registered under Sections 379-B/411 IPC, at Police Station Maqsudan, District Jalandhar Rural.

As per the allegations of the prosecution, petitioner along with co-accused had snatched a purse from first informant containing one mobile phone Vivo Mark Y71 and a golden colour watch mark 'Sonata'.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that FIR has been registered after a delay of 15 days as occurrence is alleged to be of 02.03.2019, whereas FIR was registered on 17.03.2019. He further submits that there is no explanation as to how first informant came to know of the name of the accused.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Major Singh, has submitted that the petitioner is involved in other case of snatching vide FIR No.34 dated 04.04.2019.

Petitioner is in custody since 18.03.2019. The other case i.e. FIR No.34 dated 04.04.2019 is after the FIR in the present case. There is no explanation as to how the petitioner is involved in other case particularly

when he is in custody since 18.03.2019.

Investigations are complete. Police report has been filed, however trial is yet to commence.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 18.03.2019 and the trial of the case is likely to take long time, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing of adequate surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Accordingly the petition is allowed with the aforesaid directions.

October 31, 2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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