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

CRM-M-48379-2019

Date of Decision: 15.11.2019

Rajwant Singh @ Raja**.. Petitioner****Vs.****State of Punjab****..Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. Munish Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

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Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in a case FIR No.294 dated 10.10.2019, under Sections 454 and 380 IPC, registered at Police Station City Kapurthala.

The FIR in the present case was got registered by complainant Daljit Kaur, wherein she stated that she had sold her plot to owners of Rajput Motorcycle Agency and received a sum of ₹22,75,000/- in cash and for remaining amount, they had given her a cheque. As she had to transfer the said amount to Canada, therefore, she kept the same at her house. She further stated that one Rajwant Singh @ Raja (petitioner) had been working with her for the last 13 years as a driver. On the day of execution of sale deed, the said Rajwant Singh @ Raja was present there with her. Out of the said amount, she had spent ₹2,75,000/- for purchasing her tickets. On 06.10.2019, she went outside her house and when she came back, she found that her house and almirah were opened and the said amount of ₹20,00,000/- was missing. Then she called Rajwant Singh @ Raja, but after making excuses, he had switched off his phone. She named him as a prime suspect

of the said theft.

After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that there are specific allegations of strong suspicion against the petitioner, who had been working as a driver with complainant Daljit Kaur for the last 13 years. He had the knowledge that the lady had sold the property and she was carrying cash and within two days, the said money was stolen.

Considering the nature of the offence, no case is made out to grant the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner as his custodial interrogation may be necessary.

The petition is dismissed.

15.11.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No