

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-61937-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-11.1.2019

Vikas Sahota @ Vasu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

By way of filing this petition, the petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.138 dated 22.10.2017 at Police Station Division No.6, District Jalandhar Commissionerate under Sections 379-B and 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860.

The case of the prosecution is that on 22.10.2017 when the complainant Mamta Mahajan was going to Model Town Market alongwith Anju Mahajan on rickshaw then two motorcyclists came from behind and snatched her purse containing two mobile phones and currency notes of Rs.70,000/-. Although no one was named in the FIR but subsequently on 7.5.2018 a supplementary statement of the complainant was recorded, wherein she named the petitioner Vikas Sahota @ Vasu as well as Rajan Kumar @ Fancy to be the accused.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case after more than 6

months of the alleged occurrence and that there is no evidence worth credence to show that it is indeed the petitioner, who had committed the offence in question.

Opposing the petition, the learned State counsel has submitted that in view of the specific supplementary statement of the complainant, it is evident that it is the petitioner, who is the culprit and that in these circumstances no case for grant of bail is made out. The learned State counsel has further informed that investigation is completed and challan has already presented.

Having considered rival submissions addressed before this Court and bearing in mind the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last more than two months and that the challan already stands presented, in my opinion, no useful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind bars as the trial in its normal course is likely to take some time for its conclusion. The petition, as such, is accepted. The petitioner Vikas Sahota @ Vasu is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

This petition stands accepted accordingly.

11.1.2019

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No