

CRM-M-14000-2020

Date of decision : June 18, 2020

Mandeep Singh alias Tangal

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. A.S. Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

The petitioner prays for bail pending trial in FIR No. 11 dated 10.01.2020 under Section 379B IPC registered at Police Station City Kotwali, Faridkot District Faridkot.

It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. The complainant, it is submitted, stated that the incident took place on 09.01.2020 and two unknown persons had snatched her purse. She later came to know that the said persons were the present petitioner and Lovepreet Singh @ Ganja and the abovesaid FIR was lodged on the next day. It is submitted that in case the petitioner was involved, the complainant would have enable to identify the petitioner at the time of the incident itself because she has stated that she knew the petitioner earlier. The petitioner, it is stated, is a young person, aged 24 years and is not involved in any other criminal case. It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI

Sikander Singh verifies that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C/challan

stands presented. It is further verified that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case. The trial is not likely to conclude in the near future especially in the wake of outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if released on bail.

No useful purpose shall be served by keeping the petitioner incarcerated any longer. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition.

Consequently, the petitioner be released on bail pending trial subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Faridkot.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall not try to contact the complainant or any of her family members. Any infraction in this regard shall lead to cancellation of his bail.

It is reiterated that none of the observations made herein above are a reflection on the merits of the case and shall have no bearing on the trial.

June 18, 2020
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether reportable

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Yes/No