

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-21525-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 08.09.2020

BALJINDER SINGH

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Shubhanker Baweja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.0157 dated 22.06.2020, under Section 379A IPC, registered at Police Station Sector 14, District Panchkula.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the incident allegedly took place at 07:00 p.m. on 21.06.2020 but the FIR was lodged on the next date at 08:30 p.m. He further contends that it is alleged in the FIR that three persons on a white scooter came from behind and had snatched the complainant's headset worth Rs.25,000-30,000/- which he was wearing around his neck. He personally tried to find out and came to know that the scooter had a registration bearing No.HR.03.T.5210. Learned counsel, however, contends that the complainant has not stated that who informed him about the scooter number. The petitioner is 22 years of age and is not involved in any criminal case. He is in custody for over 2 ½ months.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Narinder Singh contends that the petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 24.06.2020. She further contends that challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when there is a delay of 25 hours in registering the FIR, the petitioner is 22 years of age, he is not involved in any other criminal case, the COVID-19 pandemic 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

08.09.2020.

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