

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

214 - CRM-M-24595-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 03.09.2020

Sonu @ Jhand

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. SS Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG Haryana

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The petitioner Sonu @ Jhand who is stated to be aged 28 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.673 dated 19.11.2019 under Sections 302/307/323/34/506 IPC, registered at PS City Jind, District Jind.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not named in the FIR which shows that the complainant and other persons had not even seen the petitioner at the place of alleged scene of crime. Learned counsel by making reference to the FIR submits that the deceased Vicky had died on account of the injuries attributed by the Rajesh.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Sukhbir, submits that the petitioner was arrested on 23.11.2019. The challan was presented on 18.11.2019. There are a total of 23 witnesses and none have been examined. The next date fixed before the trial Court is 12.10.2020.

Counsel for the petitioner then submits that due to COVID situation retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life and otherwise

also the trial is likely to take some time.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID-19 and the fact that trial is likely to take some time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the release of the petitioner on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Duty Magistrate/trial court concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

Disposed of.

03.09.2020

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

- 1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
- 2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No
Yes/No