

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

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CRM-M-44069-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 21.05.2020

GURPREET SINGH @ GOPI

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. H.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.109 dated 24.10.2018, under Section 382 IPC and Sections 25 & 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Sections 392, 473, 411 and 120-B of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Mehna, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in the FIR the petitioner along with other accused is stated to have snatched a Creta car from the complainant. He further contends that the complainant in his deposition before the trial Court, has not supported the prosecution case qua the involvement of the petitioner. He also contends that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 6 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions received through email from ASI Ramesh Kumar, states that 3 out of 21 witnesses have been examined. The complainant has turned hostile.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 6 months, the complainant has not supported the prosecution case qua the involvement of the petitioner, 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

21.05.2020.

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