

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

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CRM-M-958-2021

Date of decision : 14.01.2021

SIDDHARTH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Vijay Lath, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.79 dated 02.07.2020 under Section 379-A IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Panipat, Tehsil and district Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of 36 days in registering the FIR. The incident wherein mobile phone of the complainant was snatched is stated to have taken place on 27.05.2020 while the FIR was registered on 02.07.2020. He further contends that the petitioner, who is 24 years of age, is an embroidery artisan and had an altercation with the police officials on 01.07.2020 and therefore, he was involved in criminal cases. He also contends that the petitioner was initially arrested in FIR No.528 dated 01.07.2020 on the allegation of snatching and while he was in custody in that case, he was involved in the instant case. The petitioner is in custody for over 06 months and prior to the registration of FIR No.528 dated 01.07.2020, he was not involved in any criminal activity.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Angrej Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed. He also contends that the mobile phone has been recovered from the petitioner and the allegations are serious.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is 24 years of age, he is in custody for over 06 months, 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

January 14, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No