

Sr.No.201

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

CRM-M-431-2020

Date of decision:23.07.2021

Goutam

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan

Present: Mr. Ranbir Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. J.P.Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Through Video Conference

Arvind Singh Sangwan, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.0265, dated 29.10.2019 registered under Sections 457, 380 IPC at Police Station City Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.

While granting interim bail to the petitioner, following order was passed by this Court on 11.02.2020: -

“It has been contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that he has not been named in the FIR and is being implicated on the basis of the supplementary statement of the complainant. The allegations are with regard to the theft of coins of Rs.20,000/- and boxes of cigarette from the shop of the

*complainant during the intervening night of
27/28.10.2019. In the supplementary
statement it was mentioned that the
complainant has verified about the accused
from the CCTV footage.*

...xxxx....”

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is a young person aged about 17½ years, is a first offender and CCTV footage is not very clear to identify the petitioner.

In reply, State counsel has submitted that complainant has recorded the supplementary statement on the basis of CCTV footage that the petitioner was also present.

After hearing the counsel for the parties that the petitioner is the first offender; in pursuance of the order dated 11.02.2020 has already joined the investigation; a period of more than 01 year and 05 months have passed and in the intervening period, the petitioner has not misused the concession of interim bail in any manner, this petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 11.02.2020 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

23rd July, 2021

Shivani Kaushik

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether Reportable Yes/No