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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-3519-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 13.10.2021

Rajveer Dhawan @ Lovely

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Navkiran Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.15 dated 17.03.2020 under Sections 302, 120-B, 201/34 IPC, registered at Police Station Mehtiana, Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the FIR, registered at the instance of Karanjit Singh, it is stated that his wife is Sarpanch of the village and on 17.03.2020, he was going to his petrol pump and noticed that a lady was lying on the link road just 100 meters before the main road. He

stopped his car and noticed that the lady was aged about 30-35 years and was having injuries on her head with sharp-edged weapon and therefore, he gave information to the police that some unknown person had committed the murder of a lady. The police, thereafter, registered the FIR and conducted the investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the case of the petitioner is based on circumstantial evidence and he was earlier married with deceased, but the marriage was dissolved by a panchayati divorce and they started living separately, therefore, there was no motive for the petitioner to commit the offence.

Affidavit of Investigating Officer/SI Amrinder Singh, Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur is on record, in which it is stated that during the investigation, CCTV cameras installed at Toll Plaza, Ladhowal, Ludhiana were checked and it was found that one Maruti car was roaming in the area of Village Simbli and its registration number was PB-10AG-6099 and a saffron coloured parna was lying on the dashboard, which was later on recovered near the dead body. The car was in the name of Lakhwinder Singh, who was joined in the investigation and disclosed that it is in possession of one Shiv Kumar, who was also joined in the investigation and made a statement that he purchased the said car from Lakhvir Kumar and on 16.03.2020, Jatinder Kumar along with Tarun Kanojia borrowed this car from him. Jatinder Kumar is brother-in-law of son of his parental uncle namely Vijay Kumar. On 17.03.2020, the car was returned back and found that suspension of the car was

broken and same was cleaned from inside. On suspicion, he tried to inquire from Jatinder Kumar, but he was not present at the house. Later on, dead body of the lady was identified as Manpreet Kaur. It further came in the investigation that deceased Manpreet Kaur was to obtain money from petitioner Rajveer Dhawan @ Lovely on 16.03.2020 and for that purpose, she had gone to Hoshiarpur with petitioner's friends Jatinder Kumar and Tarun Kanojia in aforesaid Maruti car bearing registration No.PB-10AG-6099 and the petitioner, in conspiracy with Jatinder Kumar and Tarun Kanojia, committed the murder of Manpreet Kaur (ex-wife of the petitioner). Later on, Jatinder Kumar made a confessional statement, who is cousin of Rajveer Dhawan @ Lovely that he along with Tarun Kanojia had taken Rs.50,000/- to kill Manpreet Kaur. Both of them were made to surrender before the police and Tarun Kanojia disclosed that Jatinder Kumar is his best friend and he was taken by him, where they along with petitioner Rajveer Dhawan @ Lovely conspired to kill Manpreet Kaur and in that conspiracy, Manpreet Kaur was taken to Hoshiarpur side, where she was murdered near Village Simbli.

Learned State counsel submits that apart from confessional statement and disclosure statement, there is recovery of Maruti car and a saffron coloured parna, which are corroborative evidence that the petitioner was the main conspirator in committing murder of his ex-wife Manpreet Kaur, in conspiracy with other accused. It is further submitted that in case, the petitioner is granted the concession of regular bail, he will try to influence the witnesses and will also tamper with the prosecution evidence.

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After hearing learned counsel for the parties, considering the serious allegations against the petitioner, I find no ground to grant him the concession of regular bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

**[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No