

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

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CRM-M-10177-2021

Date of decision : 27.04.2021.

Bobby Luthra @ Amit Luthra

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Gourav Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.350 dated 21.11.2020, under Sections 188 & 336 IPC and Sections 25 & 27 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Dera Bassi, district SAS Nagar, Mohali.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged by the complainant who is the manager of the hotel that he was informed by sweeper the next day that empty cartridges were recovered by him as shots were fired the previous night in a marriage function. Learned counsel further contends that there is a delay of nearly 22 hours in registering the FIR and the petitioner is not involved in any criminal case. There is no allegation that the shots had hit anyone. The petitioner, who is a resident of Delhi, had come to attend a marriage. He does not have any weapon and has been falsely implicated on the basis of mere suspicion.

This Court, by order dated 04.03.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the

event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Paramjeet Singh, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but weapon is to be recovered.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 04.03.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

April 27, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No