

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-11252-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 02.12.2021

BALTEJ SINGH @ TEJI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Armaan Gagneja, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.272 dated 30.09.2020, under Section 364 IPC (Sections 365, 370(4) & 120-B IPC added later on), registered at Police Station City Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that two month old child of the complainant was kidnapped. In the CCTV footage, it was found that the child was allegedly found with a lady, who was on a motorcycle with another person. They have been identified as co-accused Ramandeep Kaur @ Kajal and Harjinder Singh. He further contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused later on the allegation that he had helped the main accused in the kidnapping the child by doing recce of the area. The child was recovered unharmed. The petitioner is in custody for over a year and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel contends that charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined. Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 1 year, 1 month and 24 days.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 1 month, 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

02.12.2021

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