

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

CRM-M-16348 of 2021

DECIDED ON: 23rd April, 2021

Harjinder Singh @ Vijay

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition is filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 99 dated 14.7.2018, under Sections 363, 366, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Laddowal, District Ludhiana.

The FIR was at the behest of Sukhjit Singh. It was stated that on 12.7.2018 the sister (victim) of the complainant had gone out to have medicine. When she did not return back, the mother started searching for her. The mother was informed by daughter of uncle of complainant that she saw Vijay taking the victim. The victim was minor on the date of incident.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the victim died during the pendency of the trial. The petitioner is in custody for 2 years and 9 months and 2 witnesses have turned hostile.

The custody certificate filed by the State is taken on record. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner escaped from police custody and was thereafter re-arrested.

Considering that the allegations against the petitioner are serious. It is a case under Sections 363 and 366 IPC. The Victim was minor at the time of incident. It would not be appropriate at this stage to comment upon the evidence being led in the trial. However, considering the antecedents of the petitioner that he escaped the police custody, the prayer for grant of bail is denied.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

23rd April, 2021

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>