

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-23234 of 2021
Date of decision: 12.07.2021

HARPREET SINGH ALIAS HAPPY

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Harchand Singh Batth, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sarbjit Singh Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This is a petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.08, dated 31.01.2021, registered under Sections 307, 336, 353, 186, 323, 427, 411, 473 of IPC, 1860, Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959, Section 21 NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station khalchian, District Amritsar Rural.

As per the allegations, a secret information was received that a Swift Car bearing registration No. CH01-BT-7818 was found coming in suspicious circumstances. It was signalled to stop at the Naka. However, instead of stopping, the driver sped away the car and hit the barricade due to which Constable Gurpreet Singh sustained minor injuries. It is alleged that a person sitting by the side of the driver fired a shot at the police party with intention to kill. The car fell down in a ditch. The car was encircled by

SI Parabeet Singh with the help of other police officials and they tried to

apprehend the persons sitting in the car but a person sitting on the rear seat and the driver of the car managed to flee by firing at the police party. The two other occupants of the car were apprehended. One of them was the petitioner and the other was Vikramjit Singh, co-accused. The car was also found to be stolen. One pistol was recovered from the petitioner and one pistol from co-accused Vikramjit Singh.

The investigation in the case is complete. The petitioner is in custody since 31.01.2021. Other than Constable Gurpreet Singh who is alleged to have sustained minor injuries on account of the car hitting the barricade, no injury has been sustained by any other member of the police party.

In view thereof and fact that the trial of case may take long time due to prevailing situation on account of Covid-19, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him behind bar. Hence, petition is allowed. Petitioner-Harpreet Singh alias Happy is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

12.07.2021

Poonam Sharma

**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No