

**209-A IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-26249 of 2021
Date of Decision: 22.09.2021**

Lovepreet Petitioner
Versus
The State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present: Mr. Sanjeev K.Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

SANT PARKASH, J.

*[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court]*

Prayer in the instant petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.47 dated 23.05.2021, registered under Sections 379-B and 34 IPC at Police Station Behram, District SBS Nagar.

The allegation against the petitioner is that he along with his co-accused persons, snatched the mobile phone of the complainant while riding on a motorcycle and ran away.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present FIR as from the averments of the FIR, it is not clear as to who had snatched the mobile phone of the complainant. He further submits that the challan in the case stands presented and the alleged recovery has also been effected. He also submits that the petitioner is in custody since 23.05.2021.

Learned State counsel, although, opposes the prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, but does not dispute the facts with regard to the custody period undergone by the petitioner and recovery having been

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case file.

The petitioner is in custody since 23.05.2021. Challan in the case stands presented and further, the alleged recovery has also been effected. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars. Moreover, conclusion of the trial will take some time keeping in view the prevailing pandemic situation.

Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and without commenting on the merits of the case, it is considered appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate.

Accordingly, the petition stands allowed.

**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

22.09.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No