

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

CRM-M-31335-2021

Date of Decision: 12.08.2021

Gagandeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Balbir Singh Jaswal, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

 Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab
 for the respondent-State.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J.(Oral)

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

2. This is a petition seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 356, dated 31.10.2020 registered under Section 379-B, 473, 411 and 120-B IPC, (Sections 25/54 of Arms Act 1959 was added later) lodged at Police Station Beas, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar.

3. As per the contents of the FIR, on 31.10.2020 Sukhdev Singh-complainant employee of Radiate Cash Management Company Ltd. had gone for depositing cash with Canara Bank, Rayya. He could not deposit the cash with the bank as it was a bank holiday. He was returning home on his motorcycle, near Wadala river five people riding on two motorcycles with covered face came and after pushing the complainant snatched the bag. There was cash of Rs.4,97,092/- , aadhar card,

bank passbook and other documents. During investigation, Karanbir Singh @ Baba, Jashandeep Singh @ Jashan, Rajinder Pal Singh @ Rupa, Jodhbir Singh @ Jodha and petitioner were nominated and different amount of money was recovered from them.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is a case of false implication, the money recovered was planted. The complainant has been declared hostile. There is no eye-witness in the case. Petitioner is not having any other criminal case. He relies on the fact that co-accused have been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 30.06.2021.

5. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail. However, on instructions from ASI-Surjit Singh, she submits, that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

6. Without going into the merits of the case, considering the facts and circumstance in totality, especially that co-accused are on bail, investigation is complete and conclusion of trial is likely to take time, bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petition is allowed.

8. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

12.08.2021

Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No