

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

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**CRM-M NO.36525 of 2020
Date of decision : 14.01.2021**

Rohan @ Kakku

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. N.K.Manchanda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Dullat, Addl.A.G., Punjab
for respondent-State.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The case is taken up through video conferencing on account of COVID-19.

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 220 dated 24.10.2020 registered under Section 379-B IPC at Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka.

The FIR was registered on the statement of Har Davinderpal Singh who stated that on 16.10.2020 at about 2 PM he was going through Mohria Bazaar and he had mobile phone in his hand. When he made a call from his mobile, then one young man came on black Honda motorcycle and snatched mobile from his hand and ran away. On enquiry, the complainant came to know that it was the petitioner who snatched his mobile phone from him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the FIR was lodged after the delay of eight days. There is nothing to indicate as to how the complainant had suspected the involvement of the petitioner in snatching the mobile. The petitioner is in custody since 24.10.2020. Investigation in the case is complete and challan has been presented. The petitioner is young boy aged about 20 years. There is no criminal case pending against the petitioner.

The trial of case is not making any headway because of COVID -19 pandemic. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars till the conclusion of trial.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case and also bearing in mind the custody period of the petitioner, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner-Rohan @ Kakku ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

14.01.2021

Rajeev (rvs)

**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

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