

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

**203**

**CRM-M-40961-2020**

Date of decision : 22.09.2021.

Satnam Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

**CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present:- Mr. Deepak Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)**

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.209 dated 04.10.2020, under Sections 302, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Vairoke, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that there is a delay of 13 days in registering the FIR. The deceased had allegedly expired in a road accident and on the statement of the wife of the deceased, who is the mother of the complainant, the police had initiated proceedings under Section 174 Cr.P.C. and registered DDR No.18 on 22.09.2020. In the postmortem, the doctor had found one injury on the left side of head of the deceased and an abrasion on the left wrist. He also contends that petitioner No.2 is the maternal aunt of the complainant. The complainant has filed an affidavit wherein it is stated that his father had expired in a road accident and he had got the FIR registered after 12 days on the basis of some rumour. A copy of the affidavit is at Annexure P-2.

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Status report by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Jalalabad, District Fazilka has been filed wherein it is stated that the statement of Sukhdev Singh under Section 161 Cr.P.C. was recorded on 04.10.2020 that the accused was beating the deceased. However, besides the statement of Sukhdev Singh under Section 161 Cr.P.C., there is no material which would connect the petitioners with the commission of offence at this stage.

This Court, by order dated 01.03.2021 had directed the petitioners to appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of their arrest, they were ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Pritpal, states that the petitioners have joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioners having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 01.03.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioners is made absolute.

However, the petitioners shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. They shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)  
JUDGE

**September 22, 2021**  
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| Whether Reportable        | : | Yes/No |