

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

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CRM-M-40924-2020
Date of Decision:06.07.2021

Jaskaranjit Singh @ Karan

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. B. D. Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Baldev Singh.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.168, dated 9.7.2020, Police Station Kamboj, District Amritsar, under Sections 379-B/379-B(2)/411/201/506 IPC.
2. The FIR was lodged at the instance of Ajay Kapoor, wherein it is alleged that on 8.7.2020 when he was present in his factory, then 5-6 persons who were armed with 'datars' and 'pistols' entered the factory premises and snatched his i-20 car and also a cash amount of Rs.1500/-. The accused persons are also alleged to have snatched an amount of Rs.2000/- from complainant's son and also an iphone which was lying in the car.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he is nowhere named in the FIR and has subsequently been nominated as an accused by the police on the ground that the police was able to intercept the car belonging to the complainant and in which 6 persons were sitting

including the present petitioner although 4 of the persons are stated to have fled away from the spot. Learned counsel has further submitted that in the instant case, another co-accused Jagdeep Singh has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 29.04.2021 and in these circumstances, the petitioner deserves the concession of bail particularly keeping in view the fact that he has been in custody since 17.07.2020.

4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since the petitioner was caught by the police while he was travelling in the car which had been snatched from the complainant, his complicity is clearly evident and as such he does not deserve the concession of bail. Learned State counsel has, however, informed that the petitioner has been in custody since the last about 1 year and that he is not involved in any other case. Learned State counsel has further informed that in the instant case trial is yet to commence and that not even a single PW has been examined so far.
5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.
6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case particularly the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last about 1 year and that conclusion of trial is likely to consume time as not even a single PW has been examined till date and while also noticing that the petitioner is not stated to be involved in any other case, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to

the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty
Magistrate concerned.

06.07.2021

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)

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JUDGE

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