IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

221 **CRM-M-42720 of 2020**
Date of decision : 29.11.2021.

Bikramjit Singh @ Sony

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Kartikeya Swaroop Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. H.P.S. Ishar, Advocate for the complainant.

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Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.23 dated 07.04.2019, under Sections 302, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Joga, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been involved merely on suspicion. The father of the complainant was found dead in the morning on 07.04.2019. It is alleged in the FIR that the father of the complainant was working in a liquor shop and after the body of the father of the complainant was found, he had made inquiries and came to know that petitioner and co-accused Gurlal Singh @ Lalli had murdered his father. They used to come and demand liquor without making payment and his father used to refuse them liquor on credit. He further contends that it is alleged that an eye witness had informed the police after 04 days that he had seen the petitioner and co-accused murdering the deceased. The presence of eye witness would be doubtful inasmuch as he did not inform the police about the occurrence on the same day. The Forensic team had visited the scene of the crime but no

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incriminating material against the petitioner has been found. He also contends co-accused Gurlal Singh @ Lalli has been granted bail by this Court in CRM-M-19013-2020 on 03.11.2021. The petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 07 months.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 02 years, 06 months and 22 days as on 02.11.2021. She, upon instructions from ASI Jagtar Singh, states that 10 out of 17 prosecution witnesses have been examined. She also contends that the petitioner is involved in several other cases.

Learned counsel for the complainant contends that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 07 months, co-accused has been granted bail, Covid 19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No

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