

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.58224 of 2021

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-89 Year-2021 Thana- DHANHA District- West Champaran

Abhay Kumar Gupta @ Dhiraj, Son of Late Sanjay Kumar @ Sanjay Sah @
Sanjay Gupta, Resident of Village- Ghaghwa Rupahi, P.S.- Dhanha, Distt.-
West Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Prashant Sinha, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Zainul Abedin, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

6 13-10-2022 Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to
remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, within a
period of four weeks from today.

Heard Mr. Prashant Sinha, learned counsel for the
petitioner and learned APP for the State.

The petitioner seeks regular bail, who is in custody in
connection with Dhanha P.S. Case No. 89 of 2021 registered for
the offences punishable under Sections 363/34 of the Indian
Penal Code. Later on, Sections 302/201 of the Indian Penal
Code was added.

The prosecution case is based on a written report filed
by the informant, Priti Gupta, wife of Birendra Gupta, alleging
therein that on 27.05.2021, at about 12:30 am in the night, while
the informant was at her room along with her other family



members, in the meantime, five FIR named accused persons, variously armed, entered into the house of the informant and tied the hands and mouth of the informant and taken away her sister-in-law (deceased).

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that admittedly the petitioner is not named in the FIR, however, just a day after the occurrence, the dead body of the victim was recovered from Pachrukhiya, in the District Kushi Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. During the course of investigation, on the information provided by the spy, the police started suspecting the role of the family members of the informant, wife Birendra Gupta, in committing the alleged crime and on the basis thereof, call detail records and mobile locations of all the family members were obtained. It is further submitted that in course of investigation, the police apprehended the petitioner, Abhay Kumar Gupta @ Dhiraj and his confessional statement was recorded on 04.06.2021, who confessed his complicity in causing the death of the victim along with his elder brother Birendra Gupta and other family members. He next submits that there is no eyewitness to the alleged occurrence and the entire case is based on suspicion and confessional statement not even a case based on circumstantial evidence, completing the chain of



evidence pointing the accusation against the petitioner. He next submits that in course of investigation, statement of some of the independent witnesses of Pachrukhiya was recorded, however, they have also neither identified any of the person nor even disclosed the registration number of the vehicle, in question, which was used for the purposes of carrying the dead body. He also submits that later on the police after making investigation submitted final form, showing the original accused persons as innocent and made accused all the family members of the deceased and three other persons also made accused in this case and accordingly, charge-sheet has been submitted against the petitioner and others. While concluding his submission, he next submits that petitioner is a student, who just passed his High School Examination in the year, 2020 and now he is pursuing his 10+2 course, having fair antecedent, is in custody since 05.06.2021.

On the other hand learned APP for the State vehemently opposes the bail application and submits that during the course of investigation, ample materials have come, which clearly suggests the involvement of the petitioner in causing death of the victim. He also drawn the attention of this court towards the confessional statement of the petitioner and other



accused persons, who have confessed their complicity in the crime and motive has been assigned as to why the deceased was done to death and after having found materials including the CDR and mobile location accused persons have been implicated in this case. He next submits that during the course of investigation, the Bolero vehicle, which was used for the purposes of crime, has been recovered and co-accused Dhupan Madhesiya, who is said to be driver of the vehicle and involved in causing the death of the victim was apprehended and his confessional statement was recorded and he confessed the complicity of the petitioner and others and, as such, the chain of circumstances/evidences pointing towards the complicity of the petitioner.

Regard being had to the submissions made on behalf of the parties and considering the materials available on record, this Court finds that the prosecution case is entirely based on circumstantial evidence, including call detail records and mobile location and there is no eye witness to the alleged occurrence. Moreover, the recovery of alleged vehicle, in question, was not at the instance of any accused persons, rather the same has been recovered on the disclosure made by spy, which makes the prosecution case suspicious, apart from the fact that the



petitioner, having fair antecedent, is in custody since 05.06.2021 and now the charges have already been framed, let the petitioner, named above, be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Sri Sonu Kumar, learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Bagaha, West Champaran, in connection with Dhanha P.S. Case No. 89 of 2021, subject to the condition that one of the bailors will be the close relatives of the petitioner with further conditions which are as follows:-

(i) The petitioner will cooperate in conclusion of the trial.

(ii) He will remain present on each and every date of trial till disposal of the case.

(iii) He will not try to tamper with the evidence or intimidate the witnesses to delay the disposal of trial.

(iv) In the event of default of two consecutive dates without any cogent reason, his bail bonds will liable to be cancelled.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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