

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-4566-2022

Date of decision : 15.3.2022

Sourav Mahajan

..... Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate
for petitioner.

Mr. Rehat Bir Singh Mann, DAG Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The petitioner filed a complaint under Section 342 IPC complaining of the illegal action of certain police officials allegedly confining him in the police station on 1.5.2021 when he had gone there to lodge complaint. Alongwith the complaint, the petitioner submitted an application seeking directions to SHO, Police Station Division No. 1, District Pathankot to preserve the CCTV footage of Police Station Division No. 1 of 1.5.2021. The said application was disposed of by learned Additional Sessions Judge-1, District Pathankot cum District Human Rights Court, District Pathankot vide order dated 23.11.2021 taking note of the reply of the SHO that the CCTV footage is deleted automatically after 75 days.

Petitioner has filed this petition assailing the said order on the ground that the application was disposed of without calling for a report from the office of SSP, Pathankot regarding the availability of the CCTV footage.

Mr. Mann, learned DAG Punjab, on instructions from ASP Shubham Aggarwal states that the contract of operation of the CCTVs installed in the police stations has been given to Vantage Securities. The said agency has certified that the CCTV footage is automatically deleted after 30 days and same is not preserved

after 30 days.

In view thereof, there is no ground to interfere with the impugned order.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

15.3.2022
sjks

Whether reasoned order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No