

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-13481-2022

Date of decision : 20.5.2022

Sahil Kumar alias Sahil

..... Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate for
Mr. Ramnish Puri, Advocate
for petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional A.G. Punjab.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This is a petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 116, dated 31.1.2022 registered under Sections 392, 395, 506,, 120 B IPC and under Section 25 of Arms Act at Police Station Chattiwind, District Amritsar.

FIR was registered on the complaint of one Ritu Kanav, Manager, Punjab National Bank, Mannawala Branch, Amritsar. She stated that on 31.1.2022, she was present in the bank alongwith cashier, Ritesh Kumar, clerk Surender Kumar and clerk Deepak Sharma. There were 4-5 customers also present in the bank. At about 12.35 pm, 5 youngmen with muffled faces who were armed with pistols entered the bank. They broke DVR system of the bank. The customers and staff members were made to stand on one side of the bank. On the pistol point, they snatched Rs. 2,60,000/- from the cashier and ran away on their motorcycle.

It is the case of prosecution that one Rakesh Kumar was arrested on 16.2.2022. During interrogation, he disclosed that he alongwith Gurpreet Singh, Vijay Singh, Sandeep Singh and Manjit Singh had committed the robbery. The name of petitioner is alleged to have surfaced in the disclosure statement of accused Gurpreet Singh who is alleged to have stated that petitioner was also accompanying all of them. He was standing outside the bank and keeping a watch. He also disclosed that out the looted amount, a sum of Rs. 30,000/- has been given to petitioner.

It has come out during investigation that petitioner was in touch with other accused through telephone.

Mr. Narang, learned counsel for petitioner has argued that even as per the disclosure statement, the petitioner was not present inside the bank and was not one of 5 persons who looted the amount from cashier at pistol point. The petitioner is in custody for the last 3 months. The investigation in the case is complete. The petitioner has clean antecedents. There is no other case pending against the petitioner.

Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars. Hence, petition is allowed. Petitioner Sahil Kumar alias Sahil is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

20.5.2022

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Whether reasoned order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No