

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-15464-2022

DATE OF DECISION: 25.04.2022

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... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF UT CHANDIGARH

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sachin Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Paul, Addl. PP, Chandigarh.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.140 dated 13.08.2021, under Sections 379A and 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Manimajra, District Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner was riding a scooter along with the co-accused and the co-accused, who was pillion riding, had snatched the mobile phone of the complainant. He further contends that before the involvement of the petitioner in the instant case, he was not involved in any other case and only after the arrest of the petitioner in the instant case, he was involved in another case. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner in the instant case. He is in custody for over 8 months.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 8 months and 8 days. He, upon instructions from ASI Hira Singh, contends that charges have been framed and the case is now fixed for recording of prosecution evidence. However, he is not in a position to controvert the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 8 months, the 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 instant 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

25.04.2022

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