

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-26502-2021 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 14.01.2022

GURPREET SINGH @ FATEH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ranjan Lakhanpal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nitin Narula, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.09 dated 07.01.2021, under Section 395 IPC and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Sections 412, 201 and 120-B IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that 4 persons had entered house of the complainant and taken away jewellery and cash. He, however, contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of the co-accused. He is 29 year of age and is in custody for over a year. He is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel contends that charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

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. He also contends that the petitioner was allegedly conducting recce of the area which was captured in the CCTV footage.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over a year, he is not involved in any other criminal case, 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

14.01.2022

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