

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CRM-M-25818-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 7.12.2022

Gurdeep Singh

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Anureet Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0065 dated 8.4.2022 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 379-B IPC at Police Station Civil Lines, Patiala.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that FIR in this case was registered against unknown persons who snatched purse containing valuables and mobile phone from Jasmine wife of the complainant-Dr. Charanpreet Singh. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 7 months and both material witnesses are examined but it will take considerable time for the trial to terminate and as such, no purpose is going to be served by detaining the petitioner in custody for any longer period. So, prayer is made that the petitioner be released on bail.

Present petition is opposed by the State counsel who on instructions from ASI Gurpiar Singh submits that after completion of

investigation, the police has presented the challan and now the trial is going on.

I have considered the submissions made by the counsel for the parties.

FIR in this case was registered on the basis of the statement of Dr. Charanpreet Singh, as per which, two persons riding on a motorcycle snatched purse belonging to his wife Jasmine and then sped away from there. The purse was containing cash, mobile phone and some other articles.

As per report submitted by the trial Court, complainant-Dr.Charanpreet Singh and his wife Jasmine are examined as PW1 and PW2. In all, there are 14 prosecution witnesses, out of which, only 2 have been examined till date. The petitioner is in custody for the last more than 7 months and it will take time for conclusion of trial. Thus, no useful purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period. Also, there is no apprehension that if released on bail, the petitioner is going to influence the material witnesses namely the complainant and the victim, as they are already examined during the trial.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

December 7, 2022

Paritosh Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No