

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-45460-2021

Date of decision : 30.03.2022.

Gagandeep Jindal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Senior DAG, Punjab,

Mr. Harmandeep Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.23 dated 05.03.2021 under Section 304 IPC registered at Police Station Ghall Khurd, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is a case of circumstantial evidence and the deceased is alleged to have died due to drug overdose. The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on suspicion that he was last seen with the deceased. No motive is attributed to the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over a year since his arrest on 06.03.2022.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Paramjeet Singh, states that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

Learned counsel for the complainant, however, contends that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over a year, 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

March 30, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No