

GURVINDER SINGH @ RYAN SINGH ... PETITIONER
V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. H.S.Rakhra, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG Punjab.
Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate for the complainant.

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 199 dated 15.09.2021 under Sections 354-D, 384, 506, 509 IPC and Sections 66(C), 66(E) and 67 of Information and Technology Act, registered at Police Station Rama Mandi, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR has been lodged at the instance of the father of the victim. The victim is aged about 22 years and she was in relationship with the petitioner through online dating apps. As per the allegations, the victim never intended to continue with the relationship and broke off the same. The petitioner has allegedly posted filthy and threatening messages and posted inappropriate videos on the social media. The statement of the victim has been recorded during the course of trial. The petitioner is in custody for a period of 1 year, 2 months and 10 days and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel and learned counsel for the complainant have opposed the bail application on the score that there are serious

allegations levelled against the petitioner. Out of 11, 2 witnesses have been examined.

It is significant to note that the allegations are with regard to stalking and posting inappropriate videos of the victim on the social media. The victim and the petitioner were stated to be in relationship at the earlier instance. Genuineness of the rival allegations is to be adjudicated during the course of trial. The statement of the victim during the course of trial has been recorded. The petitioner is in custody for a period of 1 year, 2 months and 10 days and is not involved in any other case. Out of 11, 2 witnesses have been examined till date. The conclusion of trial is likely to take some more time and no fruitful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in further custody.

As such, sufficient mitigating circumstances are made out to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. Therefore, without making any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing fresh bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

The petition is allowed.

29.11.2022

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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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