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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.12.2020 for the alleged offence under Sections 341, 294(b), 394, 397 and 506(ii) of I.P.C. in Crime No.204 of 2017 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of prosecution is that on 09.06.2017, this petitioner along with other accused waylaid the defacto complainant and snatched a sum of Rs.400/- and a wrist watch at knife point from him. Hence, the complaint was registered against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for petitioner submitted that he was originally arrested on 13.11.2020 in Crime No.835 of 2020 and remanded to judicial custody in the said case. Now, the respondent police arrested the petitioner in this case by showing him as absconding accused and he is in custody for more than 760 days and there is no progress in this case till date. He would also submit that he was granted bail by this



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court in Crl.O.P.Nos. 32449, 32491, 32507 and 32530 of 2022, by an order dated 28.12.2022. He would submit that he has not at all committed any of offence as alleged by the respondent police and he has been falsely implicated in this case and he will abide by any condition that may be imposed by this court. He would further submit that the investigation is almost completed and that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration for more than 2 years from 16.12.2020 and this is the second petition seeking for bail. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for respondent would submit that there are 51 previous cases pending against him, in which 5 murder cases pending against him and he is a notorious person. He would submit that when he has not appeared before the concerned Magistrate, non-bailable warrant also issued against him and some of the cases are posted before the trial court for examination of witnesses. He would submit that that if he is released on bail, he would tamper the witnesses and hamper the investigation and the trial would be stalled. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.



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5. Considering the above facts and circumstances, and also considering the fact that the investigation almost completed and on seeing the previous antecedents of petitioner, having 51 previous cases pending against him, in which 5 murder cases pending and he is a notorious person and also considering the fact that in some of cases, the trial is in progress and the same are pending and now if he is released on bail, there is possibility of tampering the witnesses and hampering investigation, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

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