

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 218

CRM-M No.6291 of 2023

Date of Decision: 16.11.2023

Manpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Harmanpreet Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

Fresh power of attorney filed on behalf of learned counsel for the petitioner, is taken on record.

Learned State Counsel has produced the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record.

Petitioner is praying for regular bail in case FIR No.139, dated 05.08.2022, registered under Sections 379-B, 323, 506, 201 and 34 IPC, at Police Station Gharinda, District Amritsar.

FIR was lodged on the complaint of Bhoor Singh son of Megh Singh, as per which on 29.07.2022 he was taking his wife to Mannu Arora Hospital on his motorcycle. Then two unknown persons having covered their faces and armed with weapons, stopped the bike of the petitioner; threatened him and his wife and snatched the ear rings of his wife while

pulling and caused injuries to her.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that FIR has been lodged after eight days of the occurrence on 05.08.2022 without any explanation. Learned counsel further contends that though the petitioner has been identified during trial by the complainant to be one of the snatchers, but his statement is not trustworthy considering the fact that it is not stated in the FIR that he had seen the face of any of the snatchers.

Learned State counsel has opposed the bail petition by submitting that the petitioner was duly identified during test identification parade. However, learned State counsel informs that out of 11 witnesses cited by the prosecution, only one has been examined so far.

A perusal of the custody certificate reveals that the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 02 months and 02 days, with no criminal antecedent. The trial will take long time to conclude.

Considering all the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petitioner is admitted to bail. He is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Allowed.

16.11.2023

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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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