

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

CRM-M-44970-2022
Date of Decision:-**17.03.2023**

KARANVIR SINGH @ AALU

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

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Present:- Mr. Ajay Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in a case having FIR No.187 dated 8.6.2022 registered under Sections 379-B/34 IPC at Police Station Civil Lines, District Amritsar City.

The allegations in nut-shell are that on 7.6.2022 complainant who was travelling on activa scooter just reached in front of his house and in the meantime two unknown persons came and snatched his activa scooter and fled away from there.

The counsel for the petitioner submits that the FIR in this case was registered against unknown persons and the petitioner is incarcerated since last more than 9 months and 6 days and that it will take time for the trial to conclude but the complainant stands examined. So prayer is made that the petitioner be released on regular bail.

The instant petition is resisted by the State counsel, who submits that apart from the present case, the petitioner has been involved in number of cases as has been detailed in custody certificate. However the State counsel has not disputed the fact that the petitioner is behind bars since last more than 9 months.

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

As per the status report dated 4.3.2023, which has been received from the learned trial Court, the complainant while appearing in witness box on 9.2.2023 has not supported the case of prosecution.

In view of the above and further the fact that petitioner is in custody since last more than 9 months, no purpose is going to be served by keeping the accused behind the bars for any longer period.

Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However the petitioner is to be released by the jail authorities, in case, he is not required by the police in any other case.

17.03.2023
Gaurav Sorot

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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