

2023:PHHC:117465

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

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**CRM M-43410 of 2023
Date of Decision: 06.09.2023**

Chris Lawrence

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Gagandeep Singh Virk, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant a regular bail in case FIR No.110 dated 26.07.2023 registered under Sections 25/54/59 of Arms Act at Police Station Doraha, District Ludhiana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations, the petitioner and Prashant Kaura were travelling in a car and two magazines of .32 bore pistol alongwith 13 live cartridges were recovered from the said car. Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 26.07.2023 and the recovery has already been effected from the car. He further contends that the petitioner is a student of LLB and deserves sympathetic consideration by this Court. He further contends that his co-accused Rupak Joshi has already been granted concession of

regular bail by this Court in CRM M-42155 of 2023 vide order dated 31.08.2023.

3. Learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that there are serious allegations against the petitioner.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

5. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 26.07.2023 and the recovery has already been effected from him. Most of the investigation is complete and the trial may take quite a long time to conclude and further custody of the petitioner will serve no meaningful purpose.

6. In view of the above, without commenting any further on the merits, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/CJM concerned.

06.09.2023**(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)**

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JUDGE

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