

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-51122-2022

Date of Decision: 23.03.2023

Gurlal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. L.S.Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Siddharth Attri, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.136 dated 24.06.2021 at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur, under Sections 379-B, 411 IPC.
2. The FIR was lodged at the instance of Nirmal Singh, wherein it is alleged that on 16.06.2021 at about 4.10 PM, 2 unknown persons came on a red coloured motor-cycle and the pillion rider snatched his mobile phone while he was listening to some call. It is further alleged that upon checking the CCTV footage, he came to know that the petitioner (Gurlal Singh) was driving the said motor-cycle, while pillion rider was Nandu.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the present case and that in any case since the charges already stand framed and the petitioner otherwise has been behind bars

- since the last more than 1 year & 8 months, his further detention would not be justified.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner stands involved in 3 other cases and as such is a habitual offender. It has also been informed that as on date only 1 PW out of cited 12 PWs has been examined.
 5. This Court has considered rival submissions.
 6. Without commenting anything as regards the merits of the case, but while noticing that the petitioner has been behind bars for the last about 1 year, 8 months & 23 days and that the conclusion of trial will take some time inasmuch as only 1 PW out of cited 12 PWs has been examined so far, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

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