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

**CRM-M No. 61383 of 2023 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 11.12.2023**

Karan Bhandhari @ Karan

..... Petitioner

**Versus**

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA**

Present: Mr. Hardik Ahluwalia, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurlal Singh Dhillon, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab

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**HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)**

By way of present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No. 16, dated 14.02.2023, under Sections 379-B(2) & 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station Verka, District Amritsar, whereby the petitioner has been implicated with the allegations of having snatched the purse of complainant besides one silver colour mobile (A74-Oppo) and also having beaten him up.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the investigation in the present case stands concluded with the filing of challan, however, charges are yet to be framed and the petitioner is in custody since 22.02.2023.

[3] On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer while submitting that such kind of incidence are on rise in the society; thus, he does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

[4] I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book. I find substance in the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

[5] In the present case, the petitioner is in custody since last more than nine months and investigation already stands concluded with the filing of challan; however charges are yet to be framed; the trial is likely to take some time; the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case besides he on his own volunteer to compensate the complainant for a non-refundable sum of Rs. 20,000/- (Twenty Thousand only) without prejudice to his rights.

[6] In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the present petition, the same is **allowed**. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds / surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned. The petitioner shall pay an amount of Rs. 20,000/- to the complainant at the time of furnishing of his bail bonds/surety bonds.

[7] However, in case the petitioner indulges himself in similar kind of activity, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted in favour of the petitioner in the present case.

**December 11, 2023**  
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**( HARKESH MANUJA )**  
**JUDGE**

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| <i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| <i>Whether Reportable</i>        | <i>Yes/No</i> |