

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.10215 of 2024
Date of Decision: 03.05.2024

SANDEEP SINGH	Petitioner
Vs	
STATE OF PUNJAB	Respondent

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

Present: Ms. Ruby Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Jindal, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.407 dated 06.12.2023 registered under Section 379-B(2) IPC at Police Station Tanda, District Hoshiarpur, whereby he has been implicated against the allegation of having snatched a mobile phone from the complainant-Harjit Kaur.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the investigation in the present case stands concluded with the filing of challan and the petitioner is in custody since 07.12.2023 besides he is ready to compensate the complainant for non-refundable sum of Rs.10,000/- without prejudice to his rights in the trial; thus, prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.
3. On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer while referring to the involvement of the petitioner in one more case of similar nature against him in which he is in custody besides submitting that such kind of incidents are on rise in the society as also considering the short custody period of the petitioner, 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 07.12.2023 and the investigation already stands concluded with the filing of challan. The petitioner is behind the bars for almost 05 months and the trial is likely to take some time in its culmination; the petitioner, who is stated to be a young boy of 23 years of age, besides he on his own volition is ready to compensate the complainant for a non-refundable sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand only) without prejudice to his rights. As regards other case, the petitioner was taken on remand though the said FIR was registered on 20.08.2023.

6. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate and deposit of non-refundable sum of Rs.10,000/- without prejudice to his rights during trial, with the Trial Court at the time of his release, which shall be released in favour of the complainant upon due verification.

7. It is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on the merits of the case.

May 03, 2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No