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intercepted him and while extending threat to break his legs, if he did not part with his mobile phone, they snatched the same from his hand and managed to flee. The complainant noted down the number of vehicle as PB 10 HM 9398. On making inquiries, he came to know the names and particulars of snatchers as Gurnam Singh @ Gagu, Harshdeep Singh @ Guri and present petitioner Chetan Singh @ Chetan. On registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner and co-accused were arrested on 24.02.2024. The snatched mobile phone and the vehicle used in the offence was recovered from them. Investigation has since been completed. The petitioner had moved an application for grant of regular bail before the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, but the same was dismissed vide order dated 05.04.2024.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since 24.02.2024. The false recovery has been planted upon him. Investigation has since been completed. Trial is likely to take time. No useful purpose would be served by his further detention. Therefore, he is urged that petitioner deserves to be released on bail.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has argued that keeping in view the severity of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, he does not deserve to be given concession of bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel at considerable length and have gone through the



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record carefully.

6. The petitioner along the co-accused is alleged to have snatched the mobile phone of the complainant from him as on 23.02.2024. Investigation has since been completed. *Challan* stands presented in the Court. The trial is likely to take time. Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents. Keeping in view the discussion made above but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

12.08.2024
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| 1. <i>Whether speaking/ reasoned</i> | : | <i>Yes / No</i> |
| 2. <i>Whether reportable</i> | : | <i>Yes / No</i> |