



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

CRM-M-27403-2024

Date of Decision: May 28, 2024

Manpreet Singh @ Mani @ Midha ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Sukhmeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for pre-arrest bail in case FIR No.163 dated 03.05.2024, under Sections 304, 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

2. As per the allegations, Jugraj Singh @ Neer died on account of excess dose of intoxicant. FIR was lodged on the statement of his mother Manpreet Kaur, as per which deceased had left with Manpreet Singh @ Mani S/o Mela Singh. Later on, said Manpreet Singh @ Mani was arrested, who alongwith Jagsir Singh disclosed during interrogation that they had taken Jugraj Singh (deceased) in the fields and had injected him intoxicating powder, which had been purchased by them from Manpreet Singh @ Mani @ Midha (present petitioner), making Jugraj Singh as unconscious. Thus, petitioner is the supplier of the intoxicant, by taking which Jugraj Singh died.

3. It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner was not present at the spot nor injected the intoxicant to the

deceased.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Vinay Kumar Malhotra, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

6. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail petition.

7. Looking into the nature of the allegations and the fact that it is the petitioner, who has supplied the intoxicant, his custodial interrogation will be required, so as to know the source of the intoxicant. This Court does not find the present case to be a fit case for granting the benefit of anticipatory bail.

Dismissed.

May 28, 2024

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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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