



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.31813 of 2024
Date of Decision: 24.10.2024

Harmanjit Singh @ Harman ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab,
for the respondent-State.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking regular bail in FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
85	09.05.2024	Khanna City-2, District Ludhiana, Punjab	379-B and 411 of IPC

2. As per the prosecution case, the aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant Dr. Amandeep Kaur alleging therein that on 09.05.2024, she was performing duty at Civil Hospital, Khanna. At about 12:30 AM, she was going to see some patient in the Emergency Ward while carrying purse wherein she had kept her headphone of Apple Company along with some other stuff

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when the petitioner suddenly came there and after snatching her bag, he fled away. She disclosed the name of the petitioner as the snatcher and also that she could identify on seeing him. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner was arrested on 11.05.2024. Investigation has since been completed.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he is in custody since 11.05.2024. The investigation has since been completed. Challan has been filed. The trial is likely to take time. He does not have any criminal antecedents. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody. Therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has argued that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and, therefore, it is urged that he does not deserve to be released on bail.

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

6. The petitioner is alleged to have snatched the purse of the complainant on 09.05.2024. Recovery of the purse and headphone of the complainant had been effected from him. He is in custody since 11.05.2024. Investigation has since been completed. Trial is likely to take time. His further detention would not serve any useful purpose. It is well settled proposition of law that the bail is the rule and jail is an exception. Keeping in view the discussion as made above but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, it is held that the petitioner deserves to be released on bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is

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ordered to be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing personal as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court.

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JUDGE

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