

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

CRM-M-56207-2024
Date of decision: 11.12.2024

....Petitioner

Versus

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Hitesh Chopra, Advocate and
Mr. Amit Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

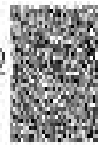
Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl.A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

Petitioner-Youdhveer Singh has filed the present petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.80, dated 26.07.2024, under Sections 109, 308(4), 324(2), 351(2) and 351(3) of BNS, 2023 and Section 25 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Shri, Hargobindpur, District Gurdaspur (P-1).

2. As per facts of the case, Jagdish Singh-complainant gave a statement that on 26.07.2024 he along with his son Vikrant and their servant Ghula Ram, were present in their Gold Smith shop under the name & style of Des Raj Gold Smith. At about 11:15 A.M., two young boys with muffled faces came outside their shop on motorcycle and fired two gun shots towards his shop with an intention to kill. The bullets hit the main glass fitted on the front portion of their shop. After firing gun shot, said unidentified persons went towards Batala road. The complainant further stated that about 4-5 days ago he had received a threatening call

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Security and
demanding ransom of Rs.50 lacs on his mobile phone. Many people



gathered outside shop. The matter was reported to the police.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that petitioner is falsely implicated in this case. He is not named by the complainant. Allegations are false and without any basis. There is nothing on record to connect the petitioner with the said occurrence. In fact, co-accused Arshdeep Singh was involved on the basis of his disclosure/confessional statement before the police and on that basis they connected other accused Taranjit Singh, Malkiat Singh and the present petitioner. There is no CCTV footage of the occurrence to show that shots were fired by the petitioner. He is ready to join investigation. Therefore, his anticipatory bail application may be allowed.

4. Status report is filed, which is taken on record. Learned counsel representing State referred to the status report taking the stand that it was revealed in the disclosure statement of Arshdeep Singh that he was known to Taranjit Singh who introduced him with Malkiat Singh. Malkiat Singh told them to find out a rich party to extort money. On this, Taranjit Singh suggested Jagdish Raj, jeweller i.e. complainant. Malkiat Singh had made a call demanding ransom but the jeweller did not agree to pay the ransom. On this, Malkiat Singh asked Arshdeep Singh that he was having a pistol and they should arrange two shooters who would be compensated. Arshdeep Singh arranged present petitioner Youdhveer Singh and Rajan as shooters who had fired at the shop of said jeweller. It is pointed out that considering the sequence of events and the peculiar facts of the case, custodial interrogation of petitioner is required.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. The complainant did not know the assailants. He had received a threatening call demanding ransom. When he refused to give money two



persons came on motorcycle and fired at his jewellery shop. As referred above, name of present petitioner has cropped up as one of the shooter. Allegations are serious, requires thorough investigation.

6. Considering, the gravity of offence and the manner in which it has been committed. I do not find it a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail and the same is accordingly declined.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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- 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes /No
- 2. Whether reportable : Yes /No