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

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Date of decision: 4th December, 2024

Sukhdeep Singh @ Sukha

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Devansh Khanna, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arjun Lakhanpal, Addl. A.G, Haryana.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The petitioner who is facing trial for commission of offences punishable under Sections 384 and 506 read with Section 34 of IPC in case arising out of FIR No. 112 dated 09.03.2023 registered at Police Station Baldev Nagar, Ambala has prayed for grant of regular bail.

2. The aforementioned FIR had been registered against the petitioner on the allegations that on 09.03.2023, he had gone to the jewellery shop of the complainant and by representing that he was sent by the owner of Om Sai Paints, had asked him to give a gold ring. The father of the complainant had sent one of his employees along with that person to the shop of Om Sai Paints, but on the way the said person had fled away. Thereafter, the father of the complainant had received ransom calls from a particular mobile number and threats were also extended to him. After



registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner and co-accused Bobby who were in custody in another case, suffered disclosure statements on 14.11.2023 admitting their involvement in this case and on the basis of the same, the petitioner was nominated as an accused in this case and was arrested on 30.11.2023.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He was not named in the FIR. There is inordinate delay in lodging of the FIR, which has not been explained. He is in custody since 30.11.2023. His custodial interrogation is no more required. The ingredients for commission of offence under Section 384 of IPC have not been made out against him at all. The trial is likely to take time. Admittedly, he was not the person who had gone to the shop of the complainant on 09.03.2023. The mobile phone from which ransom calls were allegedly made to the father of the complainant has not been registered in his name but is in the name of the co-accused Bobby. Therefore, it is urged that the petitioner deserves to be released on bail.

4. *Per contra*, learned AAG, Haryana, who has advance notice of the petition has argued that the petitioner has criminal antecedents, as he is involved in five more cases of similar nature. Keeping in view the gravity of allegations as levelled against the petitioner, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

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



6. The petitioner is alleged to have made attempt to extort money from the complainant/his father by extending threats to them and is also alleged to have made ransom calls to them. He is in custody since 30.11.2023. Trial is likely to take time as out of fifteen witnesses, none has been examined so far. The petitioner is on bail in other cases which have been registered against him. Mere registration of other cases even otherwise is not a ground to deny benefit of bail to the petitioner. Keeping in view the period of incarceration of the petitioner, the nature of subject offences and the attendant facts and circumstances of the case but without meaning to make any comment on the merits thereof, I am of the considered opinion that the petition deserves to be allowed. Hence, the same is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail at this stage, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

4th December, 2024

Parveen Sharma

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