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

2025:PHHC:132961



CRM-M-16269-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 23.09.2025.

HAJI SHAQEEL AHMAD @ SHAKIL AHMAD

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- None for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Navraj Singh Mahal, Advocate,
for respondent No.2-complainant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Seeking quashing of FIR bearing No.13 dated 17.01.2023 registered under Section(s) 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sadar Division No.6, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, the instant petition has been filed.

2 Mr. Navraj Singh Mahal, Advocate, enters appearance and files memo of appearance on behalf of respondent No.2-complainant.

3 There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner.

4 Hence, Mr. Ishank Bansal, Advocate, (PH-3653-2024; Mobile
No.8196851367) is nominated as legal-aid-counsel to assist this Court on
behalf of the petitioner. He has gone through the paper book and submits
that the aforesaid FIR had been registered in view of the order dated
13.11.2010 passed in proceedings under Section 138 of the Negotiable
Instruments Act, 1881 whereby the petitioner was declared a proclaimed
offender. He submits that since the main complaint filed under Section 138
of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 already stands dismissed as
withdrawn as is evident from the order dated 05.05.2025 placed on record as
Mark 'X', the present petition deserves to be allowed and the aforesaid FIR
along with all the consequential proceedings be quashed.

5 Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent No.2-
complainant does not dispute that the main case itself stands withdrawn and
therefore, the present petition may be allowed.

6 State counsel also does not have any serious objection to the same.

7 Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and noticing
that the main case filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments
Act, 1881 by the respondent No.2-complainant already stands withdrawn
vide order dated 05.05.2025 Mark 'X', I am of the opinion that continuance
of the proceedings pursuant to order dated 13.11.2010 culminating into
registration of FIR No.13 dated 17.01.2023, under Section(s) 174-A of the
Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sadar Division No.6, District
Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, is not likely to advance any substantial
interest of justice.

8 Consequently, the present petition is allowed. The order dated

13.11.2010 declaring the petitioner a proclaimed person along with consequential FIR No.13 dated 17.01.2023, under Section(s) 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sadar Division No.6, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar are hereby quashed.

9 A copy of this order be also sent to the High Court Legal Services Committee, for further necessary action.

September 23, 2025.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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