

**CRM-M-25781-2025****1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.****Sr. No.211****Case No. : CRM-M-25781-2025****Decided On : July 22, 2025**

Bablu Petitioner
vs.
State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR.

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

Mr. P. S. Pandher, AAG, Punjab.

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SUKHVINDER KAUR, J. :

Prayer in the present petition, filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.140 dated 08.12.2023, under Section 379 IPC, registered at Police Station Kathu Nangal, District Amritsar Rural.

The FIR in question was got registered by complainant namely Kulwant Kaur, alleging therein that on 04.12.2023, the petitioner had stolen money amounting to Rs.2,00,000/- by breaking open the lock of trunk kept in her house. On seeing the complainant, he fled away. Initially she and her son kept searching for the petitioner in order to get their money back but when they failed to nab him, they got registered the present FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that there is unexplained delay of four days in registration of FIR in the present case.



Except the statement of the complainant, no other material is on record to support the allegations levelled against the petitioner. Learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner is ready to join investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required for any purpose. So, he be granted concession of anticipatory bail.

Notice in this case was issued on 13.05.2025 and Status Report was called from the State, which has already been filed and placed on record.

Learned State counsel has opposed the present bail petition while contending that the petitioner committed theft of Rs.2,00,000/- from the petitioner's house by breaking open the lock of her trunk. Apart from the case in hand, two more FIRs have been registered against the petitioner. He is a habitual offender and thus, does not deserve concession of anticipatory bail as the stolen money is also to be recovered yet.

Heard.

There is specific allegation against the petitioner that he committed theft of Rs.2,00,000/- from the trunk of complainant lying in her house, by breaking open its lock and fled away from the spot. Recovery of alleged stolen money is yet to be effected. As per the Status Report, petitioner is habitual offender and is involved in two other criminal cases, one of these cases is FIR No.61 dated 04.06.2023, under Sections 379, 511 and 295 IPC, registered at Police Station Kathunangal, Amritsar (Rural). The custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for fair investigation of the case and for recovering the alleged stolen money of the complainant and to take the investigation to its logical conclusion.



Keeping in view the aforesaid, no ground for granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made out. Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

July 22, 2025
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(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned ?	Yes/No.
Whether reportable ?	Yes/No.