



191 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-32921-2025
Date of Decision: **23.06.2025**

Hardalbir Singh alias Sonu Uppal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Sonpreet S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhuller, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for issuance of direction to respondent Nos.2 to 4 (District Police Administration, District Amritsar) to preserve the CCTV footage of Police Station Lopoke from 06:00 pm on 28.06.2024 to 06:00 pm on 30.06.2024 in case FIR No.135 dated 29.06.2024 under Sections 353/186/332/341/279/34 of IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar.

2. On the very outset, it is informed that one application with similar prayer has already been filed before the Court of concerned Magistrate on 15.04.2025 but despite taking up the application three times for its hearing, same is still pending undecided. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that an appropriate direction may be issued to the concerned Magistrate to decide the said application within some time bound manner.

3. On advance notice, Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhuller, DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and he raises no serious

objection to adhere the request of the petitioner.

4. After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and considering the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case, concerned Ld. JMIC, Amritsar is directed that if any such application is pending before it, same be decided expeditiously preferably within the period of four weeks from today.

Meanwhile, recording if any, already existing in the CCTV footage, is destroyed by the police administration under the excuse of completion of one year, before the period/date fixed by this Court, same would be viewed seriously.

5. With aforementioned direction, petition stands disposed of.

23.06.2025

Parveen kumar

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

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