

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-60901-2024
Date of decision: 21.01.2025

LATIFPETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJABRESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. S.K. Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
08	18.01.2024	307, 353, 186, 427 of IPC	Sujanpur, District Pathankot.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 09.01.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 09.01.2025.
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Dalbir Singh, on telephonic instructions, intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation on 09.01.2025 and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.



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4. During the course of hearing on 09.01.2025, following order was passed:

“Heard.

2. *Status report dated 02.01.2025 in the form of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division-Dhar Kalan, District Pathankot, has been filed. The same is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.*

3. *ASI Sham Lal, Investigating Officer of the case, is present in Court along with record.*

4. *After considering the respective submissions and perusing the record, it transpires that as per the allegations levelled in the FIR, the petitioner had rammed his vehicle in the official vehicle of the police officials with intent to kill. Admittedly, no one was injured in the alleged occurrence. The perusal of the police file would reveal that there is no photograph of the alleged occurrence or any damage or anything to show that any damage was ever caused to the official vehicle.*

5. *Be it the case, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023.*

6. *List on 21.01.2025.”*

6. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State

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counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 09.01.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 09.01.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

7. The petition stands allowed.
8. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)

JUDGE

21.01.2025

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |