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

CRM-M-21229-2026

Date of decision : 24.04.2026

Ravi Masih

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Utkrant Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed praying for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.112 dated 20.08.2025, under Sections 109, 132, 221 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Kalanaur, District Gurdaspur, Punjab.

2. Succinctly, facts of the case are that on 20.08.2026, the police party in connection with checking of suspected persons, was present in the area of Village Lopa/Pakiwan, where a secret informer informed that one Ravi Masih is coming towards Mir Kachana from the side of Dera Baba Nanak Road on his motorcycle black coloured bearing No.PB-06-AF-7510 and if barricading is laid, he could be arrested on the spot along with the contraband. On receiving the information, the police reached the place as disclosed and set the barricading. Soon a person was seen coming on a motorcycle as disclosed in the secret information. On seeing the police, he



abandoned his motorcycle and tried to hide under the bushes and started firing upon the police party with intention to kill them. Keeping in mind their and public safety, police opened back firing, on which, one bullet hit that person on the back of his right leg. As a result, he got injured and fell down with his pistol. He was caught and on asking, he disclosed his name as Ravi Masih (present petitioner). Thereafter, he was sent to the Civil Hospital, Gurdaspur for treatment. Request was made to take legal action against Ravi Masih who with intention to kill the police party fired upon them. Thus, the FIR was registered, investigation commenced and petitioner was arrested on the spot. On completion of the investigation, challan was presented and charges were framed. Petitioner approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Gurdaspur, praying for grant of regular bail. However, after hearing counsel for the parties, the same was declined vide order dated 09.01.2026. Hence, being aggrieved, the petitioner is before this Court by way of filing the present petition.

3. It has been contended by learned Senior counsel that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He has submitted that it is the petitioner who has suffered bullet injury fired by the police and there is no firearm injury suffered by the police officials at the behest of the petitioner thus, the false implication of the petitioner is writ large. He has contended that the petitioner is behind the bars since the date of his arrest but till date, not even a single witness has been examined. He has contended that once there is no prima facie case made out against the petitioner, he deserves the concession of regular bail.

4. *Per contra*, learned counsel for the State however has vehemently opposed the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner.



He has submitted that there was a specific secret information about the petitioner and on conducting the raid by the police, he opened fire on the police and it is in retaliation when the police fired and petitioner got injured. He, on instructions, has submitted that out of 18 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined till date. He has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 20.08.2025. Though there are allegations against the petitioner that he opened fire on the police, however, admittedly, there is no injury suffered by any police official. It is rather the petitioner who suffered firearm injury with the fire made by the police. Custody certificate produced would show that the petitioner has completed incarceration of 07 months and 28 days as on 23.04.2026. Custody certificate further shows that though the petitioner is involved in one more case, however, he has been acquitted in the same. As submitted, out of 18 prosecution witnesses, no witness has been examined till date.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after the conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and perusing the record, the Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for the grant of bail. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing



bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

24.04.2026
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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