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

CRM-M-62046-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 10.03.2026

Manjit Singh @ Sunny

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)**CRM-M-44155-2025**

Allowed as prayed for.

Main case

1. Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.117 dated 31.07.2020, registered under Section 379-B IPC (Section 201 IPC added lateron), at Police Station Pau, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

2. Succinctly, facts of the case are that the FIR in the present case was registered on the statement of complainant Shipra Garg. It was alleged that on 29.07.2020, she went for shopping at Ghumiyar Mandi Ludhiana alongwith her children. At about 06:30 p.m. when she was going home with her children on Rikshaw after shopping and reached near circuit house road, then two young men with muffled faces came behind her on black coloured motorcycle and snatched the gold chain around her neck. It was alleged that the gold chain was weighed about two *tolas* and the person riding pillion, removed his mask from his face after snatching the gold chain and saw her back and she could recognize him on being produced before her. Thus, request was made to take legal action. On the registration of the FIR, the



investigation commenced. During the investigation, complicity of the petitioner was surfaced and he was arrested on 02.09.2020 in this case and granted bail by learned trial Court vide order dated 09.09.2020. Thereafter, the petitioner did not appear before the trial Court and hence, his bail was cancelled on 02.04.2021 and subsequently, he was declared as proclaimed offender vide order dated 01.12.2021. Thereafter, the petitioner was re-arrested on 12.02.2024 and since then he is behind the bars. He approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge (Fast Track Special Court), Ludhiana praying for grant of regular bail. However, after hearing both the sides, the learned Court finding no merit in the same, dismissed the bail application filed by the petitioner vide order dated 04.10.2025. Hence, the petitioner has approached this Court praying for grant of bail by way of filing the present petition.

3. It has been vehemently contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He has contended that the date of alleged occurrence was 29.07.2020, whereas, the present FIR was registered after a delay of two days i.e. on 31.07.2020. It is submitted that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 02.09.2020 and also enlarged on bail by learned trial Court vide order dated 09.09.2020, however, as he did not appear before the trial Court, his bail was cancelled and subsequently, he was declared as proclaimed offender vide order dated 01.12.2021. It is contended that the petitioner re-arrested on 12.02.2024 and since then he is behind the bars. He contends that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and thus, his false implication is writ large. He submits that all the material witnesses already



stands examined. To buttress his arguments, he submits that though the petitioner is involved in other cases, however, he is on bail in those cases. He, thus, submits that in the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner deserves to be granted regular bail.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. He has submitted that the petitioner is a habitual offender. Though he was granted bail in this case by learned trial Court, however, he misused the concession of bail and thus, was declared proclaimed offender. On instructions, he submits that out of total 10 prosecution witnesses, 05 witnesses have been examined. He has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner.

5. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner was granted regular bail by learned trial Court on 09.09.2020 after having been arrested on 02.02.2020 i.e. only after a week. Thereafter, he was declared as proclaimed offender and was re-arrested on 12.02.2024. As submitted before this Court, out of 10 prosecution witnesses, 05 witnesses have been examined. The custody certificate would show that the petitioner has suffered incarceration of 05 months & 30 days as on 09.03.2026. It further reflects that the petitioner is involved in other cases, however, he has been acquitted in one case and in rest of the cases he is on bail.

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. The trial of the case will take sufficient long time. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and



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perusing the record, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

7. 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.

8. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

10.03.2026

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No