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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:008872



CRM-M-63001-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.01.2026.

RITESH KUMAR

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Onkar Singh Wahla, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Seeking quashing of FIR bearing No.1264 dated 11.08.2023 registered under Section(s) 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Civil Lines, Karnal and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, the instant petition has been filed.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner(s) submits that the aforesaid FIR had been registered in view of the order dated 28.07.2023 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Karnal, whereby the

petitioner was declared as a proclaimed person with a direction to the SSP, Karnal, to register the present FIR in a police Challan bearing No.578-2017, arising out of FIRNo.172 dated 10.03.2017 under Section 160 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Civil Line, Karnal. He contends that the petitioner approached this Court by way of present petition wherein while issuing notice of motion, the following order was passed on 04.12.2025: -

“Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner was initially nominated as an accused in FIR No. 172 dated 10.03.2017 registered under Section 160 of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Civil Lines, Karnal. The petitioner went to Australia in 2018 for the purposes of studies and return only in the year 2025. However, the petitioner had in the meanwhile been declared as a proclaimed person resulting of registration of FIR No. 1264 dated 11.08.2023 registered under Section 174-A of the IPC at Police Station Civil Lines, Karnal. He contends that after his return from Australia, the petitioner surrendered before the Court and was sentenced with a fine of Rs. 100/- which has already been deposited by him.

Notice of motion, returnable for 19.02.2026.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had appeared before the trial Court in the main case and was convicted for offence under Section 160 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and sentenced to pay only a fine of Rs.100/- which such fine has been deposited by the petitioner. In support of his contention a certified copy of the order dated 19.11.2025 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Karnal, has been placed

on record which is taken on record as Mark 'X.' He thus submits that the present petition deserves to be allowed and the aforesaid FIR along with all the consequential proceedings be quashed.

State counsel also does not dispute the aforesaid fact that the petitioner has been convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs.100/- in the main FIR.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and noticing that the main FIR case already stands decided qua the petitioner vide order dated 19.11.2025 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Karnal, imposing a fine of Rs.100/-, I am of the opinion that continuance of the proceedings pursuant to order dated 28.07.2023 culminating into registration of FIR bearing No.1264 dated 11.08.2023 registered under Section(s) 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Civil Line, Karnal, is not likely to advance any substantial interest of justice. The same would amount to non-judicious utilization of Court time more-so when dockets of the Court would require focus on substantive litigation. The main case itself being a petty cause and having met with a fine of Rs.100/-, continuation of proceedings arising on his failure to appear in the above case, would be a sheer waste of time, effort and energy.

Consequently, the present petition is allowed. The order dated 28.07.2023 declaring the petitioner a proclaimed person along with consequential FIR bearing No.1264 dated 11.08.2023 registered under Section(s) 174-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Civil Line, Karnal are hereby quashed subject to the payment of a cost of Rs.25,000/- to be deposited with DHFWS SKS USERFEES CS OFFICE Panchkula, Account No.50100189689492, IFSC Code HDFC0004832, HDFC Bank,

Sector 6, Panchkula,, for wasteful deployment of resources only to serve his presence.

January 21, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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