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CRM-M-12979-2026** **1**
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

120 **CRM-M-67532-2025**

Karandeep Singh . . . Petitioner(s)
Versus

State of Punjab . . . Respondent(s)
206 **CRM-M-12979-2026**

Khushdev Singh @ Munny . . . Petitioner(s)
Versus

State of Punjab . . . Respondent(s)

Decided on :11.03.2026
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Lakshay Bector, Advocate for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-67532-2025).

Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-12979-2026).

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr.DAG, Punjab.

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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. By way of this common order, both the aforementioned petitions are being disposed of.

2 Petition i.e. CRM-M-67532-2025 has been filed by Karandeep Singh seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 18 dated 17.09.2025, under Sections 319, 140, 318(4), 3(5) of BNS, registered at Police Station Cyber Crime Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Petition i.e. CRM-M-12979-2026 has been filed by Khushdev Singh @ Munny, seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 18 dated 17.09.2025, under Sections 318(4), 319, 140, 3(5) of BNS (Sections 420, 416, 149, 364, 34 IPC), registered at Police Station Cyber Crime, Khanna, District Ludhiana.



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3. **As per the case of the prosecution,** the FIR has been registered against the accused, including **Karandeep Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-67532-2025)** and others, on the allegations that they, along with police personnel, illegally abducted **Tarun Agarwal, Herat Sah, and Thurai Raj** from Noida, Delhi, on 15.09.2025. It is alleged that the accused, posing as police officers, confined the victims at Ludhiana, threatened them to extort money, forcibly transferred **999 UST and 3650 USDT (cryptocurrency)** from their accounts, and took mobile phones and other valuables. The victims were repeatedly threatened and coerced to arrange ransom amounts running into crores.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the allegations against them are vague and that nothing specific has been attributed to the petitioners individually. It has been primarily alleged that the petitioners are members of a gang involved in the crime of defrauding people through cryptocurrency. Learned counsel further submits that even if the allegations regarding the transfer of 999 UST and 3650 USDT (cryptocurrency) and the procurement of gift cards worth Rs. 1 lakh from the victims are taken at face value, these are matters of record that need to be established during the trial to prove the charges against the petitioners beyond reasonable doubt.

Counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners, Karandeep Singh and Khushdev Singh @ Munny, are in custody since 17.09.2025 and 10.10.2025, respectively, and, therefore, prays for the grant of regular bail.



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5. Learned State counsel opposes the grant of bail to the petitioners, Karandeep Singh and Khushdev Singh @ Munny, and submits that the allegations against them are serious and specific. Learned State counsel further submits that petitioners were part of a gang that illegally abducted the victims, threatened them to extort money, and forcibly transferred cryptocurrency and other valuables. Learned State counsel contends that the offence involves multiple accused, a clear motive, and organized criminal activity, which cannot be ignored. Thus, prays for dismissal of present petitions.

6. I have heard Learned Counsel for the parties and perused the paper book and the documents appended thereto.

7. Considering the fact that the petitioners, Karandeep Singh and Kushdev Singh @ Munny, are in custody since 17.09.2025 and 10.10.2025, respectively, no specific evidence has yet been produced against them, and the trial is likely to take considerable time, this Court is of the view that further incarceration of the petitioners would not serve any useful purpose.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, present petitions are allowed . Petitioners are ordered to be released on bail, subject to their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

8. Any of the discussion done and recorded hereabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case.



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Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.

9. Petitions stand disposed of.

10 A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of another connected case.

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

11.03.2026

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