IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

Criminal Misc.14886-M of 2008

DATE OF DECISION: AUGUST 29, 2008

RANJIT SINGH PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & RESPONDENT(S)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAI LAMBA

PRESENT: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate, for the petitioner(s).

Mr. HS Brar, DAG, Punjab.

AJAI LAMBA, J. (Oral)

This petition under Section 439, Code of Criminal Procedure, seeks regular bail in FIR No.110 dated 4.8.2007 under Sections 399/402, Indian Penal Code, Police Station, Kahnuwan, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has pointed out that the petitioner has been in custody for more than one year now. The conclusion of trial is likely to take time. Case of Baljinder Singh, co-accused, who has been allowed bail on 19.5.2008 in CRM 7364-M of 2008, is at par with that of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State has pointed out that the case of Baljinder Singh is distinguishable in so much as no weapon of offence was recovered from him, whereas the petitioner was armed Criminal Misc.14886-M of 2008

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with .315 bore revolver.

Having regard to the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since August, 2007; the petitioner is not involved in any other case; no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner and the conclusion of trial is likely to take substantial time, this petition is allowed.

Bail to the satisfaction of CJM, Gurdaspur.

August 29, 2008 Kang (AJAI LAMBA) JUDGE