

ANU BALA Vs THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Present : Sh. Rajanbir Singh, Advocate counsel for applicant.

Heard on the application for giving necessary directions to the SHO/IO of PS Bhargo Camp, Jalandhar i.e. the respondent no. 2 to preserve the CCTV footage of the CCTV cameras installed at the place of occurrence and nearby relevant placed for the period w.e.f. 14.06.2026 to 21.06.2026, also to get conducted still photography, videography of the place of occurrence and also to take possession some part of the floor tiles, where, the deceased had vomited at the time of his last breath. The counsel for applicant has placed reliance on case bearing citation AIR 2021 SC 64 and 2014 AIR SCW5940

In the opinion of undersigned, investigation is prerogative of the Investigating Agency and the court cannot interfere or dictate the manner for conducting investigation to the police. The court can however monitor the investigation and call for status report from the investigating agency. It is upto the investigation officer as to whether the CCTV footage is required to be preserved for the proper investigation of the present case. If the applicant feels that the Investigating Officer is conducting investigation in defective manner, the applicant is at liberty to approach higher police authorities or file criminal complaint in the court against the Investigating Officer but this court cannot pass any specific order for conducting investigation in a particular manner as prayed by the applicant. The present application is accordingly dismissed. **However, the Investigating Officer is directed to file status report regarding investigation of the present case within 7 days of this order. Copy of this order be forwarded to concerned police station.**

Present papers be tagged with the main case file/FIR/remand papers.

Pronounced in open Court :
Dated: 07.07.2026
*Sanjeev Kumar**

Lavdeep Hundal
Chief Judicial Magistrate/NRI Court,
Jalandhar(UID No.PB0309).