

CNR No. PBSG01008330-2022

BA -2976-2022

Coach Gurdit Puri Versus State

FIR No. 134 Dated 14.07.2022.

U/s 354, 354-A, 506 IPC & Sec. 10 of
POCSO Act.

Police Station : City Sangrur.

Present:- Shri Sirjiwan Jain, Advocate, for the applicant.
Shri Mahesh Goyal, Additional PP for the State.

ORDER

This application is for seeking regular bail under Section 439 Criminal Procedure Code filed by accused-applicant in the aforesaid case.

2. Upon notice, learned Additional PP for State appeared.
3. Heard learned counsel for applicant, learned Additional PP for the State and also perused the record.
4. It is argued by learned counsel for applicant that he is innocent. No offence has been committed by him. He has been falsely implicated in the present case. He is in custody since 27.08.2022. It was further contended that complainant/victim had earlier also got registered FIR no. 33 dated 18.03.2022 against another boxing coach. The said FIR was registered through mother of the victim wherein not even a single word has been mentioned against the present applicant. It was also submitted that applicant had moved an application before District Sports Officer (DSO) dated 25.10.2021 wherein he had mentioned that he had an apprehension that victim in connivance with another boxing coach might book him in a false case as he has some dispute with other boxing coach.

Challan has already been presented and conclusion of trial will take sufficient time. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the accused in custody. So, the accused-applicant be released on bail.

5. On the other hand, while controverting his contentions, learned Additional PP for State has vehemently argued that allegations against the applicant are grave in nature. As such, he does not deserve the leniency of the Court in grant of bail.

6. FIR in the present case was got lodged on the basis of statement of victim wherein she stated that her date of birth is 21.06.2006. She was doing practice in morning and evening in boxing ground situated at Banasar Bagh for the last one year. Applicant Gurdit Puri who was her coach was not giving proper training to her. In this regard, she narrated to her mother that applicant had been keeping an evil eye on her and used to make obscene gestures towards her. Earlier, her mother did not take the matter seriously. But after some time, victim stopped having meals and remained in tension. When her mother asked her about her condition, victim told her mother that applicant used to threaten her to come daily in the morning at 4:00 A.M. and do practice alone with him, otherwise, applicant would not allow her to do the practice anywhere in Sangrur. Victim told her mother that applicant used to touch her inappropriately on her private parts. On being confronted, he used to tell that it was his way to train the players. In the year 2018 also, applicant had committed sexual assault against some other girl and he was caught red handed by the family of that girl and the video had

gone viral. Applicant's brother also used to threaten her that if she told anything about the incident, he would defame her in the society.

7. Applicant is in custody since 27.08.2022. Challan has already been presented. Charge has also been framed against the accused and completion of trial is likely to take time, therefore, no useful purpose is to be served by keeping the applicant behind bars. So far as the allegations in FIR are concerned, the same are matters to be appreciated only after taking evidence during trial. The contentions of learned counsel are also matter of trial. Without commenting much on the merits of the case, application for regular bail is **allowed** and the applicant is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with one surety in the like amount on the condition that he will regularly appear in the Court and will not tamper with evidence or try to influence the witnesses.

No observation made herein will have any bearing upon the main trial.

Bail papers be attached with the main file.

Announced in open Court.
Dated: 04.10.2022.

(Saru Mehta Kaushik)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Sangrur (UID-PB0442)

(Direct Dictated)

(Sapna)
Stenographer-I.