

Surinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab
BA No.251 of 2023
CNR No.PBPT01-000898-2023

FIR No.85 dated 16.7.2022.
U/s 61/1/14 Punjab Excise Act
PS Ghanaur

Present: Sh.Satish Sharma, Advocate for the applicant-accused,
namely, Surinder Singh,
Sh.Rajinder Pal, learned APP for the State, alongwith
ASI Swaran Singh.

Order :

Arguments are heard. Prosecution story, in nut shell is that on 16.7.2022 recovery of 50 litres of lahan was made from the house of the applicant, who managed to flee away from the spot, by the police.

Vide order dated 30.1.2023 this Court granted interim bail to the applicant with a direction to join the investigation. ASI Swaran Singh has appeared and made statement that the applicant has joined the investigation on 21.2.2023 and his custodial interrogation is not required. Now the case is at initial stage. So, there is no reason to deny the benefit of anticipatory bail to the accused-applicant, particularly when he has already joined the investigation. Therefore, the interim order dated 30.1.2023 is made absolute subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant shall join the investigation as and when called by the investigating officer;
2. That the applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
3. That the applicant shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

File be consigned to the Judicial Record Room, Patiala.

Pronounced in open Court,
1.3.2023

(Muneesh Arora)
Addl. Sessions Judge, Patiala
(UID No.PB00135)

Typed by Brijinder Batish
Stenographer-II