

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 2180 of 2017
(Arising out of SLP(Crl.)NO.8172 of 2017)

INDERJIT SINGH

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

The appellant has been convicted only on the basis of circumstantial evidence. According to the prosecution version the appellant apprehended that the deceased had illicit relationship with his sister and, therefore, killed him. However, prior to the said version, the version of the prosecution was that the deceased had illicit relationship with one Deepa and there was suspicion that father and brother of the said Deepa got the deceased murdered.

In these circumstances, we are not of the view that the prosecution has come out with conflicting versions and in absence of acceptable evidence, it is difficult to sustain conviction.

In view of above, appellant-Inderjit Singh is entitled to benefit of doubt. His conviction and sentence are set aside. He be released from custody unless required in any other case.

The appeals is accordingly allowed.

.....J.
(ADARSH KUMAR GOEL)

.....J.
(UDAY UMESH LALIT)

New Delhi,
December 14, 2017.

ITEM NO.12

COURT NO.11

SECTION II-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 8172/2017

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-07-2012
in CRA No. 894/2009 passed by the High Court Of Punjab & Haryana At
Chandigarh)

INDERJIT SINGH

Petitioner(s)

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Date : 14-12-2017 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UDAY UMESH LALITFor Petitioner(s) Mrs. Laxmi Arvind, AOR
Mr. Pradeep Kumar Mathew, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Ms. Jaspreet Gogia, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
ORDER

Leave granted.

In terms of the signed order, the appeal is allowed.

Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed
of.(MAHABIR SINGH)
COURT MASTER(PARVEEN KUMARI PASRICHA)
COURT MASTER
(Signed order is placed on the file)