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Further information on UA 269/00 (ASA 20/48/00, 6 September 2000) - Fear of torture/fear for safety

INDIARajiv Singh

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Rajiv Singh was released on 9 September on the orders of a magistrate, who reportedly expressed "displeasure" at police conduct during the case.

Punjab police arrested Rajiv Singh on 5 September, and charged him with murdering two people during a bank robbery. He was remanded in custody by an Amritsar magistrate until 8 September, when police asked to have him remanded in custody for a further 24 hours, so they could take him to Gurdaspur to recover weapons used in the robbery. In fact they did not take him to Gurdaspur.

When he was brought before the magistrate again on 9 September the police reportedly admitted that they had insufficient evidence to hold him any further.

The magistrate reportedly expressed displeasure that the police had made "false claims before the court". All charges have now been dropped.

Rajiv Singh, a key witness in the trial of police officers accused of abducting a human rights activist, had been arrested twice before on false charges.

**No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Rajiv Singh.**