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Supreme Court Restores Attempted Murder Charge in Tractor Assault

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The Supreme Court on 7 October restored an attempted-murder charge arising from an alleged tractor and axe attack in Rajasthan. It held that the High Court had wrongly reduced the charge from Section 307 to Section 308 of the Indian Penal Code merely because the wounds were on non-vital parts of the victims' bodies. At the charge-framing stage, courts must ask whether the investigation discloses a prima facie case, not...

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