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Supreme Court Restores Jail Term in Attempt to Murder Case

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In a stern reminder that criminal law is not a marketplace, the Supreme Court of India has declared that compensation to a victim can never replace punishment in grave offences. Writing off prison time in exchange for a fatter fine, the Court warned, risks sending a dangerous signal — that liberty can be bought.



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