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Kerala High Court Dismisses Drug Case Based Solely on Officer's Sense of Smell

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In a significant judgment, the Kerala High Court has quashed criminal proceedings against an individual accused of consuming narcotics, ruling that an investigating officer's sense of smell cannot serve as the sole evidence for prosecution under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act). The case revolved around an incident dated January 3, 2023, when the accused, identified as Ibnu Shijil, was found smoking a cigarette near the...

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