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Supreme Court Sets Guidelines on False Marriage Promises

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In a pivotal ruling, the Supreme Court has drawn clear boundaries for cases alleging rape on the basis of a false promise of marriage. The judgment underscores that to invoke criminal liability, a sexual relationship must be shown to have occurred solely due to the promise of marriage, without other motivations. The Court observed that when a woman maintains a physical relationship with a man over an extended period, it...

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