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Supreme Court Acquits Man, Says Disclosure Statements Need Proof

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The Supreme Court has ruled that a disclosure statement under Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act, without supporting evidence, cannot be the sole basis for conviction. The verdict underscores that such statements, while relevant, are weak forms of evidence and must be corroborated by additional proof to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. A bench comprising Justice Abhay S. Oka and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan overturned the murder conviction of...

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