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Supreme Court Tells Judges to Respect Probation Law When Conditions Are Met

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When the law speaks, the courts must listen — and not selectively. That was the clear message from the Supreme Court, which ruled that judges cannot ignore or bypass the mandate of the Probation of Offenders Act when its conditions are met. The verdict puts a full stop to judicial hesitation on granting probation to eligible convicts. The top court was decisive: once a convict fulfills the criteria under Section...

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