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No Shield for Misconduct

Supreme Court Rules Against Sanction Protection for Police Fabricating Cases

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In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court of India has clarified that police officers accused of lodging false cases or fabricating evidence cannot shield themselves under Section 197 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), which generally provides protection to public officials for acts performed in the line of duty. The Court unequivocally stated that acts like fabricating evidence or filing bogus cases fall outside the purview of "official duties" and...

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