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Supreme Court Says Delay in Witness Statements Not Always Damaging

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In a ruling that reshapes how courts should view delays in eyewitness testimonies, the Supreme Court has held that a lag in recording witness statements under Sections 161 or 164 of the CrPC doesn't automatically cripple a case—provided there's a good reason for the pause. The verdict came in a murder case appeal, where the accused challenged their conviction under Section 302 read with Section 34 of the IPC, arguing...

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