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Supreme Court Draws Line on Joint Accused Disclosures

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In a ruling sharpening the contours of discovery evidence, the Supreme Court has clarified that disclosure statements made jointly by multiple accused can be admissible under Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act—but only when each statement leads investigators to a distinct fact tied to the crime. A repeated pointing to what police have already found, the Court made clear, does not create fresh evidentiary value.

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