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Procedural Lapses Don't Sink NDPS Cases

Supreme Court Upholds Conviction Despite Technical Challenges

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In a decisive judgment, the Supreme Court ruled that procedural deviations under Section 52A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) do not undermine a conviction if the evidence of contraband recovery is robust. This ruling emerged in a case where the accused challenged the validity of his conviction, citing procedural flaws in the handling and sampling of seized contraband. The bench, comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and...

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