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Supreme Court Warns Against Misuse of Criminal Law in Consensual Breakups

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The Supreme Court has voiced concern over an emerging trend of weaponizing criminal law against men following the breakdown of consensual relationships, particularly in cases involving accusations of rape under the pretext of false marriage promises. In a decision quashing a rape case FIR, a bench comprising Justices BV Nagarathna and N Kotiswar Singh emphasized that prolonged consensual relationships turning sour should not be hastily criminalized. They noted this...

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