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SC Refuses to Let Missing 2003 Phone Records Derail Kidnapping Conviction

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A kidnapping-for-ransom conviction dating back more than two decades has survived scrutiny before the Supreme Court, which held that the absence of call records from a rural telephone exchange cannot, by itself, undermine an otherwise well-supported prosecution case. A Bench of Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Prasanna B. Varale upheld the conviction of two accused under Section 364A of the Indian Penal Code in a case arising from a 2003...

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