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Police Custody Need Not Be Restricted to Initial 15 Days of Remand

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The Supreme Court has clarified that the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 permits investigating agencies to seek police custody of an accused beyond the first fifteen days of remand, provided the total period of police custody does not exceed fifteen days and is exercised within the statutory remand period. Delivering an important interpretation of Section 187(2) and (3) of the BNSS, a Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice...

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