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No Repeated Sanctions for Public Servant Prosecution Without New Evidence

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In a recent ruling, the Supreme Court underscored that once a request to sanction the prosecution of a public servant under Section 197 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) has been denied, the same cannot be revisited based on identical materials. A bench comprising Justices MM Sundresh and Aravind Kumar emphasized that fresh evidence or substantive new grounds must justify any subsequent sanction. The judgment arose from an appeal...

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