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No Splitting Offences to Dodge Section 195 CrPC

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The Supreme Court has drawn a firm line—cases linked to offences under Sections 172–188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) cannot be cleverly split up to sidestep the mandatory safeguard of Section 195 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). A bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan clarified that a magistrate cannot take cognizance of such offences without a written complaint from the very public servant obstructed in the...

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