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# Supreme Court Declares WhatsApp Notices Invalid for Criminal Proceedings

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In a decisive ruling, the Supreme Court has barred the use of WhatsApp, email, or any electronic means for serving notices under Section 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) or Section 35 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). The Court emphasized that such digital methods cannot replace the formal service modes outlined in the CrPC or BNSS. Highlighting the issue, the Court clarified that notices under Section...

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