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Delay Without Malice Isn't Contempt, But Courts Won't Tolerate Excuses Forever

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The Supreme Court has drawn a sharp line between careless delay and deliberate defiance, ruling that contempt of court cannot be invoked merely because compliance came late—unless the delay carried a willful or obstinate intent.



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