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Scrapping 'Fraud' Labels Won't Halt Criminal Cases Against Borrowers

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In a decisive move, the Supreme Court ruled that borrowers facing fraud charges can't simply wipe the slate clean by getting their loans' "fraudulent" classification tossed on technicalities. Criminal investigations, the Court emphasized, run on their own tracks—and they're not so easily derailed. The bench, led by Justices MM Sundresh and Rajesh Bindal, breathed new life into several criminal proceedings originally kicked off by banks against borrowers. These cases had...

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