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Supreme Court Emphasizes Trust in Eyewitness Testimony Despite Family Ties

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In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has clarified that a witness's relationship with the victim should not automatically render their testimony untrustworthy.

Addressing a criminal appeal concerning a murder conviction, the Court stressed the need to distinguish between a "related" and an "interested" witness. The Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Prasanna B. Varale noted that a related witness—someone connected to the victim—might be naturally...

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