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Supreme Court Expands Powers to Add Accused in Ongoing Trials Under CrPC

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In a pivotal ruling, the Supreme Court of India clarified the discretionary power granted to trial courts under Section 319 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC). The judgment emphasizes that individuals dropped from an investigation, even exonerated through a police closure report, can still be summoned as additional accused if new evidence emerges during the trial. The Court noted that trial courts are not bound by police findings or...

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