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FIR Statements Invalid If Informant Dies of Natural Causes

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The Supreme Court has ruled that if the informant of a First Information Report (FIR) dies a natural death, the contents of that FIR cannot be considered admissible evidence or be proven through an investigating officer. The judgment clarifies that unless the FIR qualifies as a dying declaration, it holds no standalone evidentiary value in court. A bench comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan examined an appeal related to...

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