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Hostile Witnesses' Testimonies Must Be Carefully Evaluated, Not Fully Dismissed

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In a pivotal ruling concerning the notorious 'Kannagi-Murugesan' honor killing case from Tamil Nadu, the Supreme Court has emphasized that a witness' testimony, even when hostile, cannot be disregarded entirely. The Court clarified that it is the responsibility of the trial court to assess which parts of a hostile witness's evidence are credible and relevant. The bench, consisting of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and PK Mishra, upheld the life sentences of...

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