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Supreme Court

Magistrate Can Order FIR If Complaint Reveals Cognizable Offence

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The Supreme Court has ruled that when a complaint clearly outlines the commission of a cognizable offence, a magistrate has every right to direct the police to register an FIR under Section 156(3) of the Criminal Procedure Code (now Section 175(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita).



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