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# Supreme Court Overturns Conviction, Cites Denial of Legal Aid as Violation of Fair Trial Rights

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In a landmark ruling, the Supreme Court nullified the life imprisonment sentence of a man accused of the rape and murder of a nine-year-old girl, highlighting egregious lapses in providing him legal representation during the trial. The Court expressed deep concern over the accused's lack of legal aid during critical phases of the trial, including the prosecution's examination-in-chief. This omission deprived the accused of the opportunity to contest leading questions—an...

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