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Supreme Court Puts Brakes on 'Fishing Expedition' Investigations Without New Evidence

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In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court has set a firm boundary against ordering further investigations under Section 173(8) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) when no fresh evidence is provided. The court emphasized that reopening investigations without new material amounts to a “fishing and roving enquiry,” which undermines the justice process. The bench, composed of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan, made it clear that a solid foundation...

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