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Recovery of Weapon or Articles Under Evidence Law Not Enough to Prove Murder Without Independent Corroboration

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The Supreme Court has restored the acquittal of six men in a murder case dating back to 1988, holding that recoveries made under Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872—now reflected in Section 23 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam—cannot, by themselves, justify a conviction unless supported by reliable evidence linking the recovered material to the crime. A Bench comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and K. Vinod Chandran ruled that the...

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