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Supreme Court Rejects Criminal Case, Emphasizes Consensual Breakups Aren't Crimes

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The Supreme Court has ruled that the collapse of a consensual relationship cannot be turned into a criminal matter, quashing a case where a man was accused of sexual assault under the pretext of marriage. "A mere breakup between consenting adults cannot justify criminal proceedings," the bench observed, underscoring that consensual relationships, even if they don't culminate in marriage, must not be given a "color of criminality." The case originated...

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