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Speedy Trials Prevail Over Severity of Offenses in Bail Decisions

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In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court has rebuked the National Investigating Agency for sluggish trial proceedings under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967. Emphasizing the constitutional right to a speedy trial, the Court declared that the severity of an offense cannot justify withholding bail if the prosecuting agency fails to expedite proceedings. The case involved a man held since February 2020 on charges related to counterfeit currency smuggling...

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