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## Supreme Court Ruling Vehicle Confiscation Requires Owner's Hearing Under NDPS Act

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In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court has ruled that the confiscation of a vehicle under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act) is unlawful if done without providing the vehicle's registered owner an opportunity to be heard. Drawing on Section 63 of the NDPS Act, the Court underscored that any confiscation order must wait until at least one month has passed since the seizure and must...

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