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Supreme Court Ruling

Vehicle Seized Under NDPS Act Not Subject to Confiscation if Owner Was Unaware of Use

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In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court held that a vehicle seized under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) cannot be confiscated if the owner proves that it was used without their knowledge or consent. The decision emphasized that the owner must demonstrate they took all reasonable steps to prevent the misuse of the vehicle. The bench, consisting of Justices Sanjay Karol and Manmohan, clarified that confiscation...

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