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Supreme Court Warns Against “Mini-Trials” When Adding New Accused Under S.319 CrPC

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In a sharp reminder that the criminal process must not be derailed by premature scrutiny, the Supreme Court has overturned a ruling that blocked the summoning of a woman’s in-laws as additional accused in a dowry-linked shooting case. The Court made it clear: when judges decide whether to invoke the extraordinary power under Section 319 of the CrPC, they are not meant to sift evidence like it’s judgment day.

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