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Witness Testimony Alone Can Justify Adding New Accused Before Cross-Examination

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In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court has reaffirmed that trial courts can summon additional accused based solely on the un rebutted testimony of a witness, without waiting for cross-examination. A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan ruled in favor of an appellant-complainant who had sought the summoning of additional accused under Section 319 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). The trial court, relying on the witness's initial testimony, had...

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