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Supreme Court Warns Magistrates Against Blindly Issuing Summons on Suppressed Facts

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In a ruling that cuts to the heart of fair process, the Supreme Court has slammed the brakes on a cheque bounce case where the complainant allegedly played fast and loose with the truth. The top court, unraveling what it called a “textbook abuse” of legal process, quashed the complaint after finding key facts had been deliberately withheld to trigger criminal proceedings. The bench, comprising Justices Abhay S. Oka and...

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