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Supreme Court Cracks Down on Shortcut to Pre-Arrest Bail

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In a firm reminder that legal shortcuts don't earn judicial applause, the Supreme Court has clarified that a High Court cannot hand out pre-arrest bail while simultaneously refusing to quash an FIR. If an accused wants protection from arrest, the journey must begin at the Sessions Court—no bypasses, no backdoors, no exceptions.

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