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Supreme Court Revisits Exceptions to Murder Charges

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The Supreme Court recently shed light on a critical distinction in criminal law—when murder is mitigated to culpable homicide under the influence of grave and sudden provocation. The ruling clarified that not every instance of provocation justifies this exception under Section 300 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The judgment emphasized two core elements required to invoke this exception: the provocation must be both grave and sudden, triggering a simultaneous...

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