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Zero-Tolerance Signal From Kerala HC

Repeated Small-Quantity Drug Possession Can Trigger Preventive Detention

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Even possession of minor quantities of narcotic substances, if repeated, can bring a person within the sweep of Kerala's preventive detention law, a Full Bench of the Kerala High Court has ruled, underscoring that society cannot afford even minimal tolerance toward drug abuse.



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