

Criminal Trial not a theatre of the absurd Hostile

Prosecutrix alone cannot absolve Accused, SC

The Supreme Court has held that merely because a rape survivor turns hostile and submits false evidence favouring the rapist, it would not be sufficient to acquit him if there is sufficient evidence to prove his guilt otherwise.

In this case, the Gujarat High Court had reversed a Trial Court's acquittal of the rape accused after prime witnesses, including the prosecutrix/survivor, turned hostile. Dismissing an appeal preferred by the accused, the Bench of Justices **Ranjan Gogoi** and **Navin Sinha** affirmed the High Court . . .



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