

Supreme Court of India

Jarnail Singh vs State Of Punjab on 15 April, 1981

Equivalent citations: 1982 CriLJ 386, (1982) 3 SCC 221

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Bench: A Varadarajan, P Bhagwati

JUDGMENT P.N. Bhagwati, J.

1. We are of the view that having regard to the circumstances in which the offence took place it is not possible to convict the appellant Jarnail Singh of the offence under Section 302 read with Section 34 of the I.P.C. since there was no pre-concert between Sarwan Singh and the appellant nor a meeting of minds between them before the offence took place. We, therefore, set aside the conviction of the appellant under Section 302 read with Section 34 I.P.C, and since he merely gave a takwa blow on the ear and caused simple injuries, we alter his conviction to one under Section 324 of the Indian Penal Code. We are told that the appellant has already been in jail for about 2 1/2 years and we, therefore, reduce the sentence imposed upon him to that already undergone by him and direct that he may be set a liberty forthwith.