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- (iii) Composite document Having characteristics of a will as well as a gift Registration of such document, if necessary Held: In a composite document, which has the characteristics of a will as well as a gift, it may be necessary to have that document registered otherwise that part of document which has the effect of a gift cannot be given effect to Therefore, it is not unusual to register a composite document which has the characteristics of a gift as well as a will Registration Act, 1908 s.17.
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so requires, he shall be searched before a gazetted officer or a Magistrate - Failure to do so would vitiate conviction and sentence where conviction has been recorded only on the basis of recovery of contraband from person of accused - The provision is mandatory and requires strict compliance - In the instant case, merely consent of appellants was sought for search of their person by police party - Therefore, recovery of opium from them is unsustainable for non-compliance of provisions of s.50(1) - If, the quantity recovered from vehicle is excluded, the remaining would not come within the mischief of 'commercial quantity' for imposing of such conviction and sentence - Sentence imposed set aside.

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- (ii) ss.342 and 364 r/w s.34 Conviction Held: Justified Examining the conduct of appellant along with other accused in wrongfully restraining the victim, inflicting severe injuries on his body in which process victim lost his consciousness, thereafter shifting him to a different place, where

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(3) ss. 279, 337, 338 and 304A - Motor accident - Resulting in many deaths and injuries to several others - Acquittal by trial court - Conviction by High Court - Held: Evidence of witnesses are consistent and supported by unchallenged documentary evidence - Minor variations in statements of witnesses are not material - Applying the principle of *res ipsa loquitur*, it can be inferred that it was a serious accident causing many deaths - Conviction justified.

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