



Mandatory FIR Registration in Alleged Fake Encounter Cases

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The Delhi High Court has ruled that a [first information report \(FIR\)](#) must be mandatorily registered in **cases of alleged fake encounters**, reinforcing legal accountability for police actions.

- **Case Background:** The petition was filed to challenge orders directing the registration of an FIR against police officers involved in the death of a man during an alleged encounter.
 - Despite an SDM's inquiry report claiming police fired in self-defense, the court insisted on further investigation to determine whether the encounter was genuine or a case of murder.
- Delhi High Court court cited the Supreme Court's ruling in **Lalita Kumari vs. State of Uttar Pradesh, 2013**, emphasizing that an **FIR must be registered if a complaint suggests a cognizable offence**, even if it may eventually lead to a closure report rather than a charge sheet.
 - The court highlighted the [National Human Rights Commission's](#) 1997 letter to Chief Ministers, stressing the need for proper investigation of extrajudicial killings by the police.

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