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Section 249 - Absence of complainant

249. Absence of complainant. When the proceedings have been instituted upon complaint, and on any day fixed for the hearing of the case, the complainant is absent, and the offence may be lawfully compounded or is not a cognizable offence, the Magistrate may, in his discretion, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, at anytime before the charge has been framed, discharge the accused.