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After 5 Years of Despair, Man Is Freed When Killer Confesses

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HOMER, Ill. — In a scrapbook with Tootie Burow on the cover were
the keepsakes ofa 12-year-old girl: a photo of her with her grandmother, a handmade card
for a Sunday school teacher, a dazzling report card from the fifth grade, and
everything she was working on as a homecoming queen. The girl, Carrie, asked tearfully at one visit.

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