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Arrest made in 1986 Roe Killing

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After nearly 18 years, police have made an arrest in the stabbing death of John Roe. The suspect is a stranger to the family, linked to the killing after all these years by DNA on a cigarette butt found in a beer bottle at the crime scene.

Murder Solved 18 Years Later

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It was a story straight out of television. Like a scene in the popular CBS series CSI: Crime Scene Investigations, a cigarette in a beer bottle solved an 18- year-old Bloomingburg murder case. In January of this year, the DNA on that cigarette came up with a match on the national DNA database...