



Evidence Might Prove Innocence in 1996 Murder

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Members of University of Illinois-Springfield's Innocence Project had a hearing at the Macon County Courthouse today. They had a request for the judge – have the fingerprint analyzed again. It was found on the bridge where Karyn Slover's body parts were thrown. Drops of Slover's blood were found six inches away from the print. Illinois state police initially ruled the print as unsuitable evidence in 2002. But investigators there have been advancements in print identification since then, and they want the fingerprint to be analyzed again. "That matched none of the Slovers, none of the friends and none of the people the police were looking at as suspects. If we could identify whose print that is, it would be a significant lead," said Innocence Project Investigator Bill Clutter. The automated fingerprint identification system would analyze it. Clutter says it takes minutes to examine. It would then pick the 10 best matches in the system. Michael Slover Jr., and his parents Michael and Jeanette are in prison. Jeanette is serving 60 years for Karyn's murder, while the two men are serving 65 years. They got five more for concealing the crime.
