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Supreme Court Frees Man Convicted on Thin Circumstantial Threads

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In a striking verdict, the Supreme Court overturned a murder conviction, underscoring that being the “last seen” with a victim cannot stand alone as a foundation for guilt. The justices emphasized that without a solid chain of corroborative evidence, suspicion—even strong suspicion—falls short of proving a crime beyond reasonable doubt. The case hinged on a man who was convicted primarily because witnesses placed him near the deceased shortly before the...

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