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I remember one night as a child, I was watching that movie, War of the Worlds.

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It scared to live in daylight out of me.

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The walls of all the spaceships, they were going around zapping people and houses.

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My dad told me, son, that is just a movie.

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He said things like that don't exist until one day.

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Two local men confronted authorities with a rather bizarre story.

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Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker told of a strange craft landing near their fishing

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site and of being taken aboard by three unearthly creatures.

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I said, now daddy tell me what happened that night.

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He started telling me and all of a sudden I noticed he got tears in his eyes.

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I said, what's the matter daddy?

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He said, son, I've been scared in my lifetime, but I've never had anything scare me like

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this before.

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I was so afraid that they were going to take me away from here and they would never know

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00:01:36,560 --> 00:01:48,840

what happened to us.

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On the evening of October 11th, 1973, Charlie Hickson and Calvin Parker were fishing on

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a river and claimed to have had an otherworldly encounter.

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For 50 years, many have asked, what really happened that night?

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I love everything about Mississippi.

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Sound of a train whistle, barks, root beer.

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It's just a way of life, the way I was brought up.

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We don't get in a hurry.

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It's just a way to live down here.

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Dad and I moved to Pascagoula in 1969.

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Pascagoula was a sleepy, small fishing village until the construction of a shipyard, Engle

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Shipbuilding began manufacturing destroyers for the US Navy back in the 50s, which required

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workers and recruited workers from all over the state.

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The crime rate was very low.

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00:03:10,000 --> 00:03:19,720

You could still, at that time, sleep with your windows up and your doors left open.

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Daddy was my best friend.

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We did a lot of fishing.

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Daddy just knew how to catch fish and he used to make me so mad he'd be yanking them in

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the boat and I wouldn't catch anything.

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And I'd put my cork or throw it over beside him and I still wouldn't catch anything.

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We used to go pick dewberries and all that kind of stuff.

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00:03:42,440 --> 00:03:46,480

We raised our own pigs and cows and we did it all.

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00:03:46,480 --> 00:03:50,640

We survived on our own.

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00:03:50,640 --> 00:03:52,600

Calvin and I went to school together.

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We didn't live very far apart from each other.

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He was 18 at the time, same age as me.

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Calvin and his dad and my dad would all go camping.

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We spent a lot of time together.

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00:04:07,840 --> 00:04:12,600

My dad helped get him a job down at one of the shipyards.

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00:04:12,600 --> 00:04:17,760

One day they decided to go fishing after work and that's how they ended up down on the

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00:04:17,760 --> 00:04:30,320

river and that's when everything happened.

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00:04:30,320 --> 00:04:37,600

I had just gotten a bite and I was reeling it in as I turned almost froze with fear.

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00:04:38,080 --> 00:04:40,400

Zippering sounds all I heard.

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00:04:40,400 --> 00:04:47,240

About 60 or 70 feet away some type of craft was approaching the ground.

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00:04:47,240 --> 00:04:52,600

He said this thing was sitting there above, it wasn't touching the ground, above the ground

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00:04:52,600 --> 00:04:56,240

and it had lights on it.

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00:04:56,240 --> 00:04:58,960

It seemed to just stop, just land.

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00:04:58,960 --> 00:05:03,560

All of a sudden it, uh, one end of it just opened up.

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00:05:03,560 --> 00:05:06,280

It seemed to hold me spellbound.

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00:05:06,280 --> 00:05:07,840

Maybe it would just leave.

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00:05:07,840 --> 00:05:11,360

We can run for the car, get the hell out of here.

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00:05:11,360 --> 00:05:15,160

And then all of a sudden these three beings come out.

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They never touched the ground.

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Two of them came straight to him and one went to Calvin.

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I don't remember seeing any eyes.

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00:05:24,400 --> 00:05:29,240

They had something in about the center of what I would call a face, something that came

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00:05:29,240 --> 00:05:30,240

straight out.

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00:05:30,240 --> 00:05:34,960

Well, it's about four nose and the human being's face would be.

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00:05:34,960 --> 00:05:40,160

I didn't see any neck, it looked like it just sit down on a, on a body and it didn't have

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00:05:40,160 --> 00:05:41,440

hands as we have.

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00:05:41,440 --> 00:05:46,280

They had more or less like pictures or cloth.

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00:05:46,280 --> 00:05:53,240

They grabbed him by his arm and he said from that point on he could not move his eyes,

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00:05:53,240 --> 00:05:55,080

he could not speak.

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00:05:55,080 --> 00:05:59,200

He was just totally paralyzed.

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00:05:59,200 --> 00:06:01,280

One of them took hold of Calvin.

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00:06:01,280 --> 00:06:05,800

I saw him go limp and found out later he had fainted.

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It was kind of like a humming noise.

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00:06:07,640 --> 00:06:10,880

Just one of them made it as a human, just like that.

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00:06:10,880 --> 00:06:15,040

And the only one I seen that made it the rest of them I didn't hear anything because I was

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00:06:15,040 --> 00:06:17,560

at the point where I passed out.

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00:06:17,560 --> 00:06:21,800

Two of them reached for my arms, one on each side.

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00:06:21,800 --> 00:06:27,360

They took them both inside of the spacecraft and he described it as being inside of a light

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00:06:27,360 --> 00:06:28,360

bulb.

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It was so bright.

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00:06:31,120 --> 00:06:34,400

I was alone for what seemed an eternity.

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00:06:34,400 --> 00:06:36,680

God help us.

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00:06:36,680 --> 00:06:38,080

Where is Calvin?

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00:06:38,080 --> 00:06:41,040

What have they done with it?

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00:06:41,040 --> 00:06:42,040

Then I saw him.

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00:06:42,040 --> 00:06:47,360

Something that resembled a big eye seemed to come out directly from the wall.

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00:06:47,360 --> 00:06:50,680

I tried to close my eyes but couldn't.

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00:06:50,680 --> 00:06:55,240

The eye came closer, stopped about six inches from my face.

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00:06:55,240 --> 00:07:01,000

The guy lingered there for a while and started to move down my body and returned to move

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00:07:01,000 --> 00:07:04,280

over my entire body.

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00:07:04,280 --> 00:07:08,880

Daddy estimated that he was in there probably 30 minutes.

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00:07:08,880 --> 00:07:15,160

He said when they bought me out they took me back to the same place they picked me up

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00:07:15,160 --> 00:07:18,520

and he said Calvin was standing there by the river.

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00:07:18,520 --> 00:07:23,600

With his arms out straight like that, just like he was staring at something.

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00:07:23,600 --> 00:07:29,720

Before I reached him I heard the zipping sound again and as I looked around I saw the blue

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00:07:29,720 --> 00:07:39,520

flashing lights and almost instantly the craft was gone.

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00:07:39,520 --> 00:07:42,160

Their first instinct was to get in the car and go home.

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00:07:42,160 --> 00:07:45,200

That's what they started heading over there.

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00:07:45,200 --> 00:07:51,000

They were talking and said we need to let the authorities know about this because it

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00:07:51,000 --> 00:07:56,680

could be somebody getting ready to invade us.

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00:07:56,680 --> 00:08:00,440

It was two men came into the Sheriff's Department at approximately 8.30 and then a clock.

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00:08:00,440 --> 00:08:04,120

They were all excited and said what climbed the walls?

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00:08:04,120 --> 00:08:06,120

It was terrible, crying.

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00:08:06,120 --> 00:08:08,240

That's actually all I know is what happened.

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00:08:08,240 --> 00:08:16,360

As far as we see and what happened I don't know.

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00:08:16,360 --> 00:08:23,120

The Sheriff's Department of Fred Dime, they felt like an interrogation more than somebody

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00:08:23,120 --> 00:08:24,120

you could talk to.

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00:08:24,120 --> 00:08:29,160

I didn't know what I was going to do or where I was going to go or who I was going to see

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00:08:29,160 --> 00:08:31,640

or who I was going to tell.

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00:08:31,640 --> 00:08:36,920

I didn't make it to my mind that I didn't tell nobody though.

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00:08:36,920 --> 00:08:40,040

Well I didn't find out about it right away.

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00:08:40,040 --> 00:08:46,480

I think it was about three days into it and I had heard something had happened.

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I didn't realize the extent of it until I actually laid eyes on Calvin.

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00:08:53,120 --> 00:08:57,960

Back then I wanted to protect her and I didn't know how.

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This happened October.

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00:08:59,920 --> 00:09:01,920

We got married November.

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00:09:01,920 --> 00:09:09,520

I didn't know how to keep it a secret because all the news media had hammered down.

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00:09:09,520 --> 00:09:15,880

Two Mississippi men say they were examined by creatures from the spaceship.

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00:09:15,880 --> 00:09:20,040

There's some question about how the story got out so quickly.

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00:09:20,040 --> 00:09:23,960

Calvin used to think that Charlie might have leaked it because for the national media to

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00:09:23,960 --> 00:09:31,880

pick up on it so quickly was pretty phenomenal.

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00:09:31,880 --> 00:09:33,400

Rolling Stone came to town.

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00:09:33,560 --> 00:09:42,200

I don't ever remember reading the article that they wrote.

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00:09:42,200 --> 00:09:50,400

I was twelve and I remember that weekend I think it sort of broke like headline.

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00:09:50,400 --> 00:09:56,880

I was going to a sleep favorite one of my friends house and all I remember is saying

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00:09:56,880 --> 00:10:02,320

why is your daddy putting a lumen on full in the windows and she said well I don't know

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00:10:02,320 --> 00:10:09,800

so I went and asked him and he said it's to keep the aliens from getting to our brains.

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00:10:09,800 --> 00:10:11,480

UFOs are here now.

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00:10:11,480 --> 00:10:14,080

A number of scientists take them very seriously.

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00:10:14,080 --> 00:10:19,120

The sheriff's department was getting something like two or three thousand phone calls during

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00:10:19,120 --> 00:10:20,120

that week.

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00:10:20,120 --> 00:10:24,120

Those were mostly people afraid or worried or curious.

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00:10:24,120 --> 00:10:26,440

It was a mess here.

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00:10:26,440 --> 00:10:28,160

I mean how the town was.

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00:10:28,160 --> 00:10:32,120

I know how the police department works with you know calls coming in.

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00:10:32,120 --> 00:10:36,880

I just can't imagine all the calls that they had gotten not only there but you know at

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00:10:36,880 --> 00:10:41,840

the county seeing blue lights and people were scared.

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00:10:41,840 --> 00:10:46,640

At first it was treated as a big joke but no one who has talked to the two men is laughing

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00:10:46,640 --> 00:10:47,640

now.

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00:10:47,640 --> 00:10:48,640

There's two different reactions.

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00:10:48,640 --> 00:10:51,400

There were people who were afraid to stay at home by themselves at night.

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00:10:51,400 --> 00:10:55,160

You know aluminum foil hats and things like that.

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00:10:55,160 --> 00:10:58,560

There were some people that dismissed it.

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00:10:58,560 --> 00:11:03,160

Most people in Pascagoula probably just discounted it and said that couldn't have happened.

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00:11:03,160 --> 00:11:08,720

It was just too out there to be something that possibly occurred.

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00:11:08,720 --> 00:11:12,720

You know the first thing someone asked me when I went to church and they were like yeah

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00:11:12,720 --> 00:11:14,320

well those guys drunk.

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00:11:14,320 --> 00:11:18,920

I knew he was telling the truth without question.

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00:11:18,920 --> 00:11:24,320

With no hard evidence to prove they were abducted the town was divided on believing

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00:11:24,320 --> 00:11:27,000

Charlie and Calvin's claims.

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00:11:27,000 --> 00:11:38,720

Even so their story never changed.

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00:11:38,720 --> 00:11:44,920

Daddy was always kind of jovial like to laugh and everything like that and after this happened

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00:11:44,920 --> 00:11:49,040

to him he kind of lost some of that.

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00:11:49,040 --> 00:11:56,800

I could just see it in his eyes and his face and his mind was always thinking and for a

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00:11:56,800 --> 00:12:00,440

long time I do know that he did have problems sleeping.

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00:12:00,440 --> 00:12:03,280

My mother she was scared to death.

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00:12:03,280 --> 00:12:04,280

It freaked her out.

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00:12:04,280 --> 00:12:06,600

I mean really it did.

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00:12:06,600 --> 00:12:07,600

He had cold sweats.

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00:12:07,600 --> 00:12:13,920

Had to change his sheets at least two and three times a night from cold sweats and he's never

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00:12:13,920 --> 00:12:16,880

been the same since and I have it either.

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00:12:16,880 --> 00:12:22,600

My dad of course being older and what happened to him in Korea and stuff like that he was

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00:12:22,600 --> 00:12:26,320

more prepared for something like that than Calvin.

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00:12:26,320 --> 00:12:30,360

When Calvin got out of the car first of May I had seen him since it happened four days

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00:12:30,360 --> 00:12:31,360

later.

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00:12:31,360 --> 00:12:35,840

I can't say he ran towards me but he got to me pretty quickly.

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00:12:35,840 --> 00:12:38,920

We embraced and hugged for the longest time.

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00:12:38,920 --> 00:12:42,200

I noticed his mouth was quivering.

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00:12:42,200 --> 00:12:46,160

Just very traumatized very unsettled.

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00:12:46,160 --> 00:12:49,440

You experienced a couple of breakdowns is that correct?

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00:12:49,440 --> 00:12:54,000

You know it was a time or two that I had to go in the hospital and count my nerves and

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00:12:54,000 --> 00:12:57,760

you know I still have problems with my nerves.

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00:12:57,760 --> 00:13:02,280

When he went to the emergency room he tried to have a place up.

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00:13:02,280 --> 00:13:07,720

He just couldn't handle it and that's why I believe daddy went off and tried to let

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00:13:07,720 --> 00:13:10,120

everybody know this.

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00:13:10,120 --> 00:13:12,600

Calvin didn't want to talk about it.

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00:13:12,600 --> 00:13:17,680

All he wanted to do at that time was forget about it.

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00:13:17,680 --> 00:13:19,040

I don't know what happened.

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00:13:19,040 --> 00:13:20,760

I truly don't.

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00:13:20,760 --> 00:13:28,320

I don't but after I met Mr. Parker something happened to that man.

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00:13:28,320 --> 00:13:35,800

There's not a doubt in my mind.

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00:13:35,800 --> 00:13:42,360

Do you remember the first time you saw me babing when I met you out of the car?

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00:13:42,360 --> 00:13:46,800

Yeah I was so glad to see you.

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00:13:46,800 --> 00:13:47,800

So glad.

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00:13:47,800 --> 00:13:49,960

How long we held each other.

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00:13:49,960 --> 00:13:50,960

Yeah.

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00:13:50,960 --> 00:13:57,560

I could tell he didn't want to talk to me about it which was fine.

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00:13:57,560 --> 00:14:01,000

I didn't want to do anything that was going to upset him.

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00:14:01,000 --> 00:14:08,080

I gave him his space and I felt like in my heart that when he got ready to talk to me

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00:14:08,080 --> 00:14:14,840

about it he would.

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00:14:14,840 --> 00:14:20,640

There was a lot of UFO activity in the area in the 70s.

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00:14:20,640 --> 00:14:24,120

There was UFO sightings all along the Mississippi coast.

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00:14:24,120 --> 00:14:25,120

There was a lot of it.

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00:14:25,120 --> 00:14:34,360

A lot of some kind of activity.

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00:14:34,360 --> 00:14:40,560

The area where Calvin and Charlie fished that night was near the Pascagoula River drawbridge

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00:14:40,560 --> 00:14:55,840

which at the time was operated around the clock by a bridge tender.

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00:14:55,840 --> 00:15:00,480

One thing that really bothered me when I started looking into this case the bridge tender

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00:15:00,480 --> 00:15:02,400

did not see anything.

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00:15:02,400 --> 00:15:09,040

So there were two bridge tenders and you can see by one of the photographs of Charlie down

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00:15:09,040 --> 00:15:16,920

by the site you can see that bridge tender's box in the background so it was not far away.

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00:15:16,920 --> 00:15:18,400

Why didn't the bridge tender see it?

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00:15:18,400 --> 00:15:23,240

It was so bright if it happened right there it was a reflection on the water all these

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00:15:23,240 --> 00:15:28,120

other things why didn't the bridge tender see it?

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00:15:28,120 --> 00:15:33,440

Calvin and Charlie thought they were alone in what they saw but the spot where the encounter

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00:15:33,440 --> 00:15:40,920

occurred was not far from working shipyards and private residences and there were others

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00:15:40,920 --> 00:15:47,480

who saw something the night of October 11th.

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00:15:47,480 --> 00:15:52,640

I was at my home and I was leaving right at about dusk with my girlfriend.

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00:15:52,640 --> 00:15:57,360

When I got in my car I seen these strange lights over on this side of the river.

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00:15:57,800 --> 00:16:03,360

They were like LED lights like 6k LED lights that were so bright and LED was unheard of

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00:16:03,360 --> 00:16:08,480

then and I thought maybe it was a big plane coming in or something then wrong place for

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00:16:08,480 --> 00:16:10,720

a plane to be landing.

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00:16:10,720 --> 00:16:15,120

But when we got up on the bridge good then the lights got brighter and they were right

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00:16:15,120 --> 00:16:19,840

over the old shipyard area there on the south side of the bridge and as we got on top of

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00:16:19,840 --> 00:16:24,600

the bridge the lights didn't move they were just staying right there.

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00:16:24,640 --> 00:16:30,720

I happened to be outside my backyard and saw something odd that I watched for 20 minutes.

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00:16:30,720 --> 00:16:36,160

It was basically blue it appeared to have a line of lights you would say rotating around

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00:16:36,160 --> 00:16:42,160

it and it stopped and it just stayed there and it had actually lowered down to the coast

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00:16:42,160 --> 00:16:45,960

of the horizon.

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00:16:45,960 --> 00:16:53,120

We were stopped at a red light and I could see an object coming toward us and I couldn't

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00:16:53,120 --> 00:16:55,200

make out what it was.

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00:16:55,200 --> 00:17:04,360

I said look it was so low just above the light poles but there was no engine noise and it's

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00:17:04,360 --> 00:17:11,000

got a really bright light under it that you couldn't look at it at a long period of time.

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00:17:11,000 --> 00:17:17,640

The radio started acting crazy and we were freaking out and we were saying what is this

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00:17:17,640 --> 00:17:20,040

what in the world is that.

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00:17:20,040 --> 00:17:24,800

And then the only way I can describe it is it shot off to the north of the pier really

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00:17:24,800 --> 00:17:28,800

high rate of speed just like it was gone.

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00:17:28,800 --> 00:17:34,560

We didn't know what it was either all of it came together in the same time frame same

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00:17:34,560 --> 00:17:39,400

evening we didn't know what we'd seen but we we seen the lights from it.

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00:17:39,400 --> 00:17:44,600

I headed back in house and I told my parents and they told me they was like well you know

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00:17:44,600 --> 00:17:49,880

I wouldn't tell anybody about this they're gonna think you're crazy.

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00:17:49,880 --> 00:17:54,600

That was the way things were looked on in that day.

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00:17:54,600 --> 00:17:59,000

Everybody was saying well I'm not telling anybody they won't believe us you know and

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00:17:59,000 --> 00:18:05,120

they'll make fun of us and we kind of made a pact that nobody was gonna say anything

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00:18:05,120 --> 00:18:06,840

about it.

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00:18:06,840 --> 00:18:17,640

I think people were nervous and worried about what someone else would think about them.

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00:18:17,640 --> 00:18:22,000

Whether they believed it or not it was taboo.

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00:18:22,000 --> 00:18:30,600

They couldn't relate it to being in the Bible or being a part of something that God created.

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00:18:30,600 --> 00:18:36,040

Daddy was a very religious man he was raised that way by his mom and dad and daddy raised

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00:18:36,040 --> 00:18:38,520

me the same exact way.

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He turned to his faith because he knew that God's not gonna put on anything on him that

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he can't handle.

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I certainly believe in God and I think that God in all of his greatness didn't only create

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00:18:53,320 --> 00:18:58,480

this little wall here he created all those walls out there.

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00:18:58,480 --> 00:19:04,960

There's been some witnesses that's come forth after the fight way after the fight.

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00:19:04,960 --> 00:19:13,160

I'm not so sure that people much care anymore about what someone says about them.

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00:19:13,160 --> 00:19:21,720

Who we to say God didn't create something else out there.

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I remember the Tonight Show and other national media that picked up on the event.

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I mean the story is an amazing story that two average guy shipyard workers fish for

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a little while after they got off work and all of a sudden what happened apparently changed

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their lives.

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After the story broke Charlie and Calvin were flooded by media requests.

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News outlets and TV shows were eager to have the men share their experience and profit

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from it.

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Daddy appeared on several shows he was on Johnny Carson the cavit and to tell the truth.

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Number one could you did you have the power to resist or to restrain yourself or was

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00:20:07,920 --> 00:20:10,200

you sort of hypnotizing?

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I didn't have any power to resist no.

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00:20:12,720 --> 00:20:23,680

So will the real Charles Hickson please stand up.

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There was money to be made off a UFO story and Charlie in particular didn't miss an

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opportunity to recount the abduction.

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Charles Hickson is preparing to tell his story on stage before an audience or a price.

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Hickson has teamed up with a group of hypnotists and psychics for a series of personal appearances.

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The price of tickets is five and ten dollars.

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When he's not busy making personal appearances or appearing on radio and television talk

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shows or promoting his record Hickson works on the book he's writing about his experience.

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00:21:04,320 --> 00:21:10,920

My dad has been all over the country on interviews and stuff like that and I want you to know

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00:21:10,920 --> 00:21:16,080

that he did not profit from this by any at all.

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00:21:16,080 --> 00:21:24,880

All he would ask these people is to pay him what he would lose in a day's work.

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Charlie I lost confidence in him because we agreed.

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00:21:30,360 --> 00:21:32,440

Me and him weren't going to tell nobody.

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00:21:32,440 --> 00:21:36,120

I felt like he told the world.

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00:21:36,120 --> 00:21:40,760

So I didn't have nobody I didn't feel like down here.

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00:21:40,760 --> 00:21:45,640

I had a lot of people that I didn't feel like I had anybody I could talk to.

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The news media was just everywhere.

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00:21:49,720 --> 00:21:51,520

It started to get to daddy.

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00:21:51,520 --> 00:21:57,600

He was being pulled this way, pulled that way and anybody watching to tell the truth

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00:21:57,600 --> 00:22:04,120

they could tell and look at his demeanor and tell that it took a lot out of him.

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00:22:04,120 --> 00:22:07,000

He wasn't the same Charlie.

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Mr. Hickson was out front and very visible after this happened.

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Mr. Parker had significant emotional problems as a result of the incident and sort of shunned

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the publicity.

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00:22:20,800 --> 00:22:24,880

I think he was struggling to comprehend it himself.

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00:22:24,880 --> 00:22:27,400

He was questioning himself mentally.

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I don't know how you couldn't.

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00:22:30,000 --> 00:22:37,640

He wanted to stay out of the public eye because you know you never know how people will treat

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00:22:37,640 --> 00:22:40,560

you after something like this.

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I do remember Mr. Calvin telling me that he was at a funeral here local and somebody

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00:22:48,600 --> 00:22:56,880

recognized his name and came up to him and said are you Calvin Parker and he said yes

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00:22:56,880 --> 00:23:00,120

but he said he did not hang around.

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He said there was someone mourning someone being gone and he said he and his wife just

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got in the car and left and went home.

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00:23:12,040 --> 00:23:16,120

Several of them followed us out to the car even so we got away from them and we were

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00:23:16,120 --> 00:23:23,560

on the way home and shortly after that in 2018 that's when he started opening up to

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00:23:23,560 --> 00:23:25,480

me about it.

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00:23:25,480 --> 00:23:32,240

I knew whatever it was was traumatizing but I didn't realize the extent.

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00:23:32,240 --> 00:23:40,880

You know something coming from the unknown and they have you and they're poking and

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00:23:40,880 --> 00:23:48,360

probing and I mean you don't know if you're going to live or die.

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00:23:48,360 --> 00:23:55,400

I don't think anyone really knew what to think back then.

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The ones that say they saw the lights said they were scared.

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They were scared that if they came out and admitted to seeing it that they'd be shown

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00:24:05,800 --> 00:24:06,800

too.

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00:24:06,800 --> 00:24:08,400

Did you believe it immediately?

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00:24:08,400 --> 00:24:09,400

I'm not sure.

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00:24:09,400 --> 00:24:10,400

I probably not.

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00:24:10,400 --> 00:24:18,280

I mean I was young at the time but the secret recording of the two characters involved that

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went a long way to letting people know that this was a very possibly an actual incident.

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I guess they really put a form on this one.

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In early 2020 a recording surfaced that to many added credibility to Charlie and Calvin's

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story.

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The night they reported the abduction, Haska Gula police officers recorded the men without

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00:24:50,040 --> 00:24:52,040

their knowledge.

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00:24:52,040 --> 00:24:55,600

The sheriff put Charlie and Calvin back in that room by themselves.

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00:24:55,600 --> 00:25:10,080

He put a tape in a drawer or up under the desk somehow he had installed it.

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00:25:10,080 --> 00:25:13,320

They put these two guys back in that room by themselves and left them.

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00:25:13,320 --> 00:25:17,480

That would have been an opportune time for them to say gosh you think they believed us.

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00:25:17,480 --> 00:25:45,960

We need to get our story straight but there was no change in the story.

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00:25:45,960 --> 00:25:53,760

You could hear the fear in their voices and the sincerity and especially Calvin said you

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00:25:53,760 --> 00:25:56,000

could tell he was scared half dead.

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00:25:56,000 --> 00:26:05,200

They were absolutely convinced that what had happened to them was reality.

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00:26:05,200 --> 00:26:12,280

Years later Calvin claimed to have been visited again and unlike before Calvin shared his

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00:26:12,600 --> 00:26:17,760

second encounter freely in an effort to work through his experience.

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00:26:17,760 --> 00:26:21,840

One of your thoughts today is that I'm just magnitude having to.

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00:26:21,840 --> 00:26:27,040

I am more mentally stable now than what I've ever been in my whole life and I can deal

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00:26:27,040 --> 00:26:32,520

with this in a more mature manner.

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00:26:32,520 --> 00:26:35,440

Talking about it kind of gave them a little relief.

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00:26:35,440 --> 00:26:42,600

You know it can't be good for anybody to case something stored up that long.

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00:26:42,600 --> 00:26:48,360

There's probably some that still think he's crazy but you know what the great thing is

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00:26:48,360 --> 00:26:50,640

he don't care anymore.

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00:26:50,640 --> 00:26:56,000

Honestly I think telling his story sort of set him free.

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00:26:56,000 --> 00:27:03,240

Charlie Hixon also claimed to have been visited a second time in 1974.

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He was sitting under a tree eating an orange one day and he said he just got this feeling

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00:27:09,320 --> 00:27:14,200

something was watching him and he said he turned around a look and there was two of

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00:27:14,200 --> 00:27:20,040

them standing right behind him and they never came any closer and he said it was just like

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00:27:20,040 --> 00:27:29,960

a radio that turned on in his head that we mean you know harm and we will be back.

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00:27:29,960 --> 00:27:37,400

He said all of a sudden they were gone just boom that fast.

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00:27:37,400 --> 00:27:42,000

My daddy was one of the first that was captured by UFO.

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00:27:42,000 --> 00:27:49,120

He stuck to his word the day he died it never changed under anything and that's good enough

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00:27:49,120 --> 00:27:52,120

for me.

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00:27:52,120 --> 00:28:04,320

You can't live a normal life you always got this in the back of your head.

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00:28:04,320 --> 00:28:09,200

She slipped through this and I know it's been hard on her.

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00:28:09,200 --> 00:28:15,480

She hadn't got much credit for putting up with me through the whole thing.

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00:28:15,480 --> 00:28:21,440

Really I didn't do her right because I waited a long time to talk to her about it.

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00:28:21,440 --> 00:28:22,840

Eighteen years.

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00:28:22,840 --> 00:28:25,240

No more than that.

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00:28:25,240 --> 00:28:28,240

More than 18 darling.

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00:28:28,240 --> 00:28:29,240

Yeah.

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00:28:29,240 --> 00:28:33,080

How do you tell somebody that you love something like that?

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00:28:33,080 --> 00:28:38,600

Or they think you're an idiot or something?

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00:28:38,600 --> 00:28:54,160

This is the marker that was dedicated in my father and Calvin Parker across from where

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00:28:54,160 --> 00:29:04,400

the actual incident happened and I'm very proud of it and it's a legacy to him is the

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00:29:04,400 --> 00:29:06,640

way I see it.

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00:29:06,640 --> 00:29:13,680

My dad was to me a super super man and I miss him dearly.

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00:29:13,680 --> 00:29:19,960

The marker brought healing not only for a community that I think at the time didn't

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00:29:19,960 --> 00:29:29,320

believe but especially for Mr. Calvin so we laid that out and we made that happen.

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00:29:29,320 --> 00:29:33,080

Mr. Calvin was blown away.

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00:29:33,080 --> 00:29:40,320

It felt real good to have a city to acknowledge it and I thought it was a big honor and I

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00:29:40,320 --> 00:29:47,360

told one Ed when I died just got her my ashes right around the marker somewhere because

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00:29:47,360 --> 00:29:54,520

I have a marker there and people will be able to come visit.

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00:29:54,520 --> 00:30:03,480

Mr. Charlie's family was there as well and they got a chance to talk about their life

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00:30:03,480 --> 00:30:10,560

growing up with the whole scenario.

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The experience of Charles Hixon and Calvin Parker is so unique that it cannot be ignored

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00:30:18,200 --> 00:30:23,160

as part of our our culture here.

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On Fridays are events that are held in the downtown area, bands, food trucks and one

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00:30:29,960 --> 00:30:35,880

of the Fridays is dedicated to the alien abduction.

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00:30:35,880 --> 00:30:40,920

I believe as a city we need to celebrate that story.

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00:30:40,920 --> 00:30:49,640

Now I have you know the the blow up green ones.

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00:30:49,640 --> 00:30:56,760

As tall as him I've got actually one taller than him that we have to sort of tie you know

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00:30:56,760 --> 00:31:00,720

to one of the poles.

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00:31:00,720 --> 00:31:05,320

There's one in just about every business.

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00:31:05,320 --> 00:31:07,200

But this is my prize.

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00:31:07,200 --> 00:31:14,120

This is just the cover of the first book that Mr. Parker wrote.

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00:31:14,120 --> 00:31:20,480

I have bigger ones that he signed and only a few people got one and I happened to be

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00:31:20,480 --> 00:31:26,360

one of them so I was very proud of that.

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This is in the 70s, early 70s.

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Times were different.

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I think people were open minded now.

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00:31:35,680 --> 00:31:41,360

The bottom line is they were a couple of shipyard workers that did not ask for this and that

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00:31:41,360 --> 00:31:45,280

it just occurred and have no reason why it occurred.

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But I think it's very good that they both have been able to come forward and say yes

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00:31:50,440 --> 00:31:56,120

this happened yes we were part of it believe it or not it happened.

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00:31:56,120 --> 00:32:00,440

I don't not believe I could not rule that out.

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00:32:00,440 --> 00:32:06,520

You know when you think about it and this is probably why Pascugula reacted like it did.

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You think about it.

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00:32:08,440 --> 00:32:11,200

It will rock your world.

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00:32:11,200 --> 00:32:18,240

If you really believe that it happened then it should change your whole life.

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00:32:18,240 --> 00:32:22,640

It certainly changed theirs.

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00:32:22,640 --> 00:32:27,560

My daddy he always wondered why he was the chosen one.

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00:32:27,560 --> 00:32:34,720

He didn't understand why they would want to chose him as just an old country boy.

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00:32:34,720 --> 00:32:37,040

He thought about that a lot.

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00:32:37,040 --> 00:32:39,040

I was going to lie about it.

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00:32:39,040 --> 00:32:42,360

There's some kind of hopes that for sure come clean.

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00:32:42,360 --> 00:32:48,280

You don't want to go meet your maker and have all that on you.

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00:32:48,280 --> 00:32:50,600

I really wasn't planning on it.

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00:32:50,600 --> 00:32:56,520

I figured the Lord has all his reasons for doing things.

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00:32:56,520 --> 00:33:02,360

That if it's good enough for him it's good enough for me.

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00:33:02,360 --> 00:33:06,640

Who knows what really happened on that river all those years ago.

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00:33:06,640 --> 00:33:13,280

But for Charlie and Calvin and many others in Pascugula there is no question.

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00:33:13,280 --> 00:33:21,760

You look in space at night time if you get away from life you can see thousands of stars.

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00:33:21,760 --> 00:33:27,400

As far as we can tell right now they ain't down the end of it yet.

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00:33:27,400 --> 00:33:30,760

So you can't tell me there's not something out there somewhere.

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My daddy believed that.

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00:33:32,880 --> 00:33:37,040

I know there's other worlds out there with life on it and someday everyone will know

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00:33:37,040 --> 00:33:39,560

that to be a fact without any doubt.