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CRIME
TRIAL NETWORK

CA v. CHARLES MERRITT
MCSTAY FAMILY MURDER TRIAL

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00:00:05,300 --> 00:00:02,149
back one more time tonight with attorney

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00:00:08,390 --> 00:00:05,310
Jim Breslow so Jim who exactly did this

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00:00:10,070 --> 00:00:08,400
here we've got one man on trial without

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00:00:12,919 --> 00:00:10,080
a lot of evidence directly pointing to

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00:00:16,580 --> 00:00:12,929
him and another possible suspect the

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00:00:18,680 --> 00:00:16,590
defense is naming what do you think yeah

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00:00:22,130 --> 00:00:18,690
it's an interesting dichotomy because

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00:00:24,439 --> 00:00:22,140
the strength of the apparent case versus

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00:00:26,120 --> 00:00:24,449
the defendant merit seems to be similar

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00:00:28,130 --> 00:00:26,130
to the strength of the case against this

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00:00:29,960 --> 00:00:28,140
other potential defendant Kavanaugh I

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00:00:31,759 --> 00:00:29,970
think the defense has to be careful

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00:00:35,180 --> 00:00:31,769

pushing too much toward the cabin off

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00:00:37,880 --> 00:00:35,190

angle because the the evidence of his

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00:00:39,080 --> 00:00:37,890

guilt is just as weak so you don't want

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00:00:40,790 --> 00:00:39,090

to make the mistake perhaps the

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00:00:42,889 --> 00:00:40,800

prosecution is doing which is bringing a

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00:00:44,779 --> 00:00:42,899

case that is relatively weak against

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00:00:47,090 --> 00:00:44,789

this defendant but then on the same hand

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00:00:49,459 --> 00:00:47,100

saying that hope Kavanaugh did it based

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00:00:51,560 --> 00:00:49,469

on similar evidence yeah I mean this is

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00:00:54,799 --> 00:00:51,570

gonna be a really interesting case as it

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00:00:56,990 --> 00:00:54,809

grinds along here this supposition that

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00:00:58,970 --> 00:00:57,000

the family died in the family's home

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00:01:01,459 --> 00:00:58,980

no blood they've got these little tiny

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00:01:02,930 --> 00:01:01,469
suspected dots of what might be blood

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00:01:05,660 --> 00:01:02,940
but they didn't notice them until the

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00:01:08,300 --> 00:01:05,670
pictures weren't large no testing has

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00:01:10,219 --> 00:01:08,310
been done and yet they seem to be

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00:01:12,500 --> 00:01:10,229
sticking with this theory and and one of

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00:01:15,140 --> 00:01:12,510
these pieces of fabric that they found

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00:01:17,060 --> 00:01:15,150
in the grave that they think might just

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00:01:19,460 --> 00:01:17,070
possibly be the missing towels from the

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00:01:21,260 --> 00:01:19,470
family's residence again it's evidence

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00:01:23,480 --> 00:01:21,270
that this family is dead well we know

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00:01:26,600 --> 00:01:23,490
that how does it point the finger at

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00:01:28,399 --> 00:01:26,610
chase Merritt exactly and what's

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00:01:31,550 --> 00:01:28,409

incredible in this case is that the San

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00:01:33,440 --> 00:01:31,560

Diego County police said that this house

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00:01:35,420 --> 00:01:33,450

was not a crime scene they didn't even

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00:01:36,980 --> 00:01:35,430

put crime tape up they allowed multiple

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00:01:39,260 --> 00:01:36,990

people to go in they allowed the mother

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00:01:41,420 --> 00:01:39,270

to go in and clean this house now San

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00:01:43,249 --> 00:01:41,430

Bernardino police are saying it's not

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00:01:45,139 --> 00:01:43,259

only a crime scene it's actually where

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00:01:47,389 --> 00:01:45,149

the murders of this entire family took

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00:01:48,440 --> 00:01:47,399

place and yet there's hardly a shred of

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00:01:50,179 --> 00:01:48,450

evidence of it there

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00:01:52,310 --> 00:01:50,189

furthermore the bodies would have had it

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00:01:54,560 --> 00:01:52,320

been transported presumably in the

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00:01:56,630 --> 00:01:54,570
defendants car they've got no evidence

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00:01:58,850 --> 00:01:56,640
of any DNA in that car and they've got

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00:02:01,340 --> 00:01:58,860
no evidence of Merit at the ultimate

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00:02:02,870 --> 00:02:01,350
place where the body it's a big whodunit

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00:02:05,359 --> 00:02:02,880
Jim Breslow appreciate your insight