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Revealed in upcoming episodes of this program are the contents of a recently

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unearthed repository classified by the secret government, the Phenomenon Archives.

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On a humid August night in 1987, two high school seniors, Don Henry and

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Kevin Ives while hiking in the woods of their nearby southern community, paid a terrible

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price for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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The facts in the case indicate that the two boys happened upon a transaction of some kind,

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involving a ring of long time smugglers and billion dollar drug profiteers.

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But the story doesn't end with the tragic deaths of these two young men, or the years

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of pain and suffering caused their families.

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Now the story takes a turn toward the dark corners of government, where lives are routinely

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sanctioned by powerful men.

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You know very early on we knew that there was local corruption in law enforcement.

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My parents received word that from a couple of law enforcement agencies that there was

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a hit contract out on my head.

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While my head was turned, I heard a, what sounded like a gunshot.

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If they can stick some garbage like this on me, then every American better be scared

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to death.

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The risk and everything that you do in this line of work, that's why the pay is so good.

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It's time for the American people to wake up and realize that unless they make government

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behave that a very big criminal is going to join the right to the criminal, and that's

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called government.

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If you think that the largest most profitable business in the United States is the automobile

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industry, or any other American mega corporation, you're wrong.

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The illegal drug business generates revenues of over \$140 billion per annum, more than

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any of the largest multinational corporations.

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In the mid 1980s, cocaine and her evil sister Crack flood the United States.

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The vicious tentacles of the drug trade penetrating deep into the heart of the country's inner

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cities.

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Though government lip service is given and appointments made, the drug czars and border

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patrols thrown at the problem cannot curtail the efforts of the country's largest and

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most enterprising of smugglers, the government itself.

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Why would members of the highest levels of government stoop to such base pursuits?

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This small town of Mina, Arkansas may hold the key.

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In August 1987, my son Kevin had spent the night with his friend Don Henry.

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And Don's dad had allowed them to go out hunting.

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The next thing we knew, we'd been told that they'd been run over by a train.

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Seventh judicial district prosecutor Dan Harmon heads the initial grand jury.

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The chief deputy at that time ordered the scene worked as an accident against all apparent

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police policy.

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They used the rear end of the train as a reference point in locating different evidence and things

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along the tracks.

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And of course, when the train left the scene, they had absolutely nothing.

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We were told to work as an accident.

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Or the investigators were told to work as an accident.

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And it was not enough time and emphasis put into it right there at the scene.

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They literally fanned out about four deputies across and walked the point of impact to where

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the bodies were.

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And whatever they found, they simply dumped in black garbage bags.

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Their investigation was so thorough that they left my son's foot out there for two

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days in plain sight.

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Arkansas's controversial chief medical examiner Fami Malak takes over the case.

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His friend, Jocelyn Elders, heads up the Arkansas Health Department.

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Both Malak and Elders are close friends and supporters of then-governor of Arkansas, Bill

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Clinton.

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Well, the explanation that the medical examiner had three weeks after the death was that they

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had smoked massive amounts of marijuana, had simply fallen asleep on the tracks and

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didn't hear the train coming.

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One of the things that we knew at that time, and they were lying in identical positions

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across the tracks, and certainly didn't add up to the fact that they were stoned out of

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their minds.

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Nobody knew Kevin.

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He had a very good reputation as a good kid, was not known as some dopehead.

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And certainly, I think the fact that his father was a locomotive engineer was very troubling

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to many as to why he would lay down and rest on the railroad tracks if he had ever been

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cautioned about anything.

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It was a danger of trains.

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As the investigation progresses, the Ives family receives more disturbing news.

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We also had begun hearing rumors of a tarp covering the boys.

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We questioned the authorities about it and were told that it was simply an optical illusion.

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Later on, we learned that not only did the train crews see the tarp, they even took one

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deputy back to the point of impact, located the tarp, shined his light on in its head.

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Here's the tarp that was covering the boys before impact of the train.

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Tension, I knew it was some kind of a tarp.

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It wasn't a bad body bag.

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It had it more or less folded.

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And closest I can remember, they laid it down right there.

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That tarp disappeared and has not been seen since.

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Embarded by conflicting evidence and lies, the families do their best to cope with their

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grief.

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Meanwhile, Dan Harman slows and blocks the investigation in whatever manner possible.

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Ben decided that there would be a gag order imposed on all 16 members of the grand jury,

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although one should not be necessary.

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Whatever comes out of it, if someone's charged or not charged, then the grand jury has done

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a tremendous job.

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We got absolutely no cooperation whatsoever from local or state officials.

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We were very frustrated and angry.

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We had been told to obtain court orders, which we did.

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The Little Rock Crime Lab defied a court order to supply the things that we were requesting

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in order to get a second opinion.

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The Salam Memorial Hospital also defied a court order.

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And everywhere we went, we ran into Brick Wall.

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This local news program breaks a story impugning the competence of the coroner, Fami Malak.

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Malak's friend and longtime associate, Jocelyn Elders, stands firmly behind him, blaming

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the press for irresponsible reporting.

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I really feel that Arkansas owes Dr. Malak a great debt and a real apology.

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Reports have also indicated that Malak lied in various trials when asked about his credentials.

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In an exclusive interview, Dr. Fami Malak defended his record.

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I never lied under it.

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Never.

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Never.

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But not all of Malak's former coworkers hold the same confidence.

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Philip Kaplan represents Malak's former assistant, Dr. Lee Beamer.

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Beamer is suing Malak for allegedly firing him without proper cause.

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Beamer previously revealed that Malak testified about autopsies he never conducted.

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Dr. Malak admitted that although he testified under oath in a court proceeding involving

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a murder trial, that he had actually himself conducted an autopsy, that he was in the state

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of Mississippi having some car trouble while that autopsy was being performed.

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Although Malak is no longer under a gag order by the Saline County Grand Jury, he has decided

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not to comment on any allegations against him.

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Dr. Malak, people say that a state medical examiner you bungled cases of lies.

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I said I told you before.

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Like our president said, read my lips.

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I'm not going to command.

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According to an extensive review of court documents and trial testimony, Malak has been

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overturned in at least three medical cases.

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In total frustration, the families hired Dr. Joseph Burton, a nationally respected forensic

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pathologist to perform a new autopsy on Don Henry and Kevin Ives.

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The deaths of these two boys most probably were not an accidental death, but that they

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met their death as a result of injuries inflicted on them by other people or another person.

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Don Henry had been stabbed and Kevin was crushed in the face with a butt of a rifle

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most likely.

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Dr. Malak conducted autopsies on the two boys at the state morgue.

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But to the astonishment of experts who later conducted a second autopsy, Dr. Malak somehow

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failed to notice clear evidence of beating marks and a stab wound.

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But Dr. Malak never admitted making a mistake.

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Was there a stab?

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The answer is no, they were not stabbed.

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What did they did beforehand?

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Absolutely no, they were alive.

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In addition to the controversy surrounding the deaths, dark rumors about illegal drugs

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circulate throughout the small community.

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We began hearing things about drugs, drop sites and drops from trains.

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After nearly two years of botched investigations, blatant lies, false autopsies and cover-ups,

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Linda Ives remains committed to uncovering the identity of the killers.

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She can't help but wonder who is going to all of this trouble to cover up the truth.

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Would a small town like Mina have so much meaning to drug lords and smugglers that they would

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risk mutilating and murdering two innocent young boys?

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With all of the potential places for obscured drug drops in other states, perhaps even in

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states that are in a closer proximity to U.S. borders, why did little Mina become so significant

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to the drug trade?

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Russell Welch, an Arkansas state police officer, begins working on the criminal investigation

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unit in the early 80s.

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His first major assignment is to monitor suspicious flight activity at Mina Airport.

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There are shops at the airport that do good work on aircraft, and it is small.

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There's not a tower on it, so it's not monitored, so it's ideal spot for a smuggler to be able

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to find at night time without having to worry about being recorded every time they come in

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and leave.

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It seems to be an isentrally located field without a lot of monitoring, without a lot

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of law enforcement to bother them.

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During the 80s, the most notorious drug smuggler in America was Barry Seale.

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Seale began his career as TWA's youngest pilot.

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His resourcefulness and talent soon earned him a place with the U.S. Army's Special Forces.

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Ultimately, Seale is recruited by the CIA for anti-Castro and anti-communist smuggling

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jobs in Central and South America.

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Seale's ties with the CIA protect him from the DEA, the FBI, and other law enforcement

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agencies.

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Gradually, he amasses a fleet of airplanes with a network of pilots and mechanics.

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He develops strong ties with the Medellin Cartel, working on both sides of the law.

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In setting up drug stings and covert operations for government agencies, it is often said

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00:13:43,400 --> 00:13:48,760

that Barry brings back a kilo for the feds and another for himself.

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The local sheriff was passing information on about a cocaine smuggler from Baton Rouge

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00:13:54,200 --> 00:13:56,800

by the name of Barry, whose planes were being stored out there.

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They gave a complete rundown.

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They were able to photograph activity at Ridge Mountain Aviation, tail numbers being

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changed, planes being handled in a suspicious manner, characteristic of what you would

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expect from a consistent with smuggling operation.

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I knew that Barry Seale was working as an informant.

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I knew that he had been busted and convicted in Florida and had rolled over, had become

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00:14:21,800 --> 00:14:24,200

a snitch to stay out of prison.

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00:14:24,200 --> 00:14:29,760

I assumed that while he was working with federal agents in Florida that they were protecting

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00:14:29,760 --> 00:14:33,040

him from my investigation in Arkansas.

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On April 15th, 1985, President Reagan makes a speech relating his dismay over the situation

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in Nicaragua.

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The history of this century forces me to believe that to do nothing in Central America is to

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give the first communist stronghold on the North American continent a green light to

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spread its poison throughout this free and increasingly democratic country.

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1985 is also a significant year for Barry Seale's career.

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1985, a DE agent in Arkansas told me that he had been contacted by a friend of his in

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Mobile, Alabama, who said that Barry Seale was smuggling guns to Nicaragua and being

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00:15:20,880 --> 00:15:27,320

allowed as a reward to fly back into country with a load of cocaine.

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Among Seale's highly efficient tight-knit group of pilots is his closest friend and brother-in-law,

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Billy Bob Bottoms, an ex-Vietnam helicopter jockey.

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Keeping things all in the family, Billy Bob is entrusted as one of Barry's major cocaine

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pilots.

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We had a light twin-engine airplane that was highly sophisticated with its electronics

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and the range capability.

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We could fly a nonstop from the United States to Columbia.

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I would make the flight.

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00:15:58,760 --> 00:16:03,320

I would take off usually in the middle of the night, fly to Columbia, land in Columbia,

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00:16:03,320 --> 00:16:11,440

refuel, and I would pick up approximately six duffel bags of cocaine, which was around

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00:16:11,440 --> 00:16:13,320

300 kilos.

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I would fly back nonstop from Columbia to the United States, and I would make an airdrop.

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Seale's operation maximizes efficiency and secrecy.

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The drops are mechanically executed on a carefully contrived schedule, always conducted under

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00:16:29,600 --> 00:16:32,640

a shroud of darkness.

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00:16:32,640 --> 00:16:37,240

We had a door modification that we could pull the door inside the airplane and move it out

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00:16:37,240 --> 00:16:38,480

of the way.

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00:16:38,480 --> 00:16:41,720

We had a roller track built on the floor.

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We built a pallet, an aluminum pallet that we could put all six duffel bags in that aluminum

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pallet and fold sides up around the duffel bags and clip the top together.

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We had these harnesses that were hooked to each duffel bag and to a parachute.

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When the drop point approached, we would push it out the door with a static line hooked

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to the airplane, we would deploy the chute.

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Our altitude was usually around slightly less than a thousand feet to where when the chute

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opened, the merchandise hit the ground.

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The pallet system was designed such that when the merchandise hit the ground, it burst open

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absorbing all the shock and the duffel bags just lay on the ground.

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There was never any tumbling or damage to the merchandise.

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We didn't need anybody's protection to fly an airplane into the United States and evade

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the radar.

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We didn't need protection for that.

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We did it routinely without any fear.

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His efficiency and the freedom to operate out of a remote, virtually ignored location

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makes it easy for SEAL to generate a tremendous revenue stream.

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He spreads his cheer liberally with many local officials and MENA business owners, exchanging

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00:17:52,200 --> 00:17:56,560

money for protection or their agreement to look the other way.

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None are interested in rocking the boat.

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It is conservatively estimated that at the height of Barry SEAL's operation in the mid-80s,

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planes were flying into MENA and other locations in the U.S. at the rate of four to five times

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a week.

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The cargo ranged from 300 kilos to 1500 kilos of flight and the street value of this deadly

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daily load would easily be worth 15 to 75 million dollars.

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Marijuana, cocaine and heroin were all freely smuggled in.

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The stalled and mishandled investigations into Kevin's and Don's death reach a dead

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end.

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Even the nationwide coverage of network television series like Unsolved Mysteries and Interest

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from 60 Minutes can't crack the shell of cover-up in circling the case.

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Rumors abound, but solutions are not at hand.

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Nearly two and a half years after the train deaths, a federally mandated drug task force

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is established throughout Arkansas.

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A feisty prosecutor, Gene Duffy, is assigned to run the seventh task force.

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I established a drug task force, set it up, hired undercover officers, learned what I

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could to help the district get on its feet with investigation of drug activities in the

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district.

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Instantly, one of our investigators reveals that the now infamous train deaths may be

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tied to a major drug smuggling ring operating out of MENA.

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There were people who had been turning up dead, who were possible witnesses in the train

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deaths case.

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I respected my undercover officers' instincts about the case and I certainly gave him permission

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to go forward with an investigation.

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He said that there were drug drops coming from airplanes in that area in the exact vicinity

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where Kevin and Don had been murdered.

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And these drug drops from airplanes had virtually not been investigated by any of the law enforcement

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agencies in our district.

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Further investigation reveals numerous complaints by residents, informing police of low-altitude

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flybys occurring late at night.

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The Duffey-Selene County Sheriff Officer would go out, take the statement from the witness,

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00:20:25,200 --> 00:20:26,880

and then file the report.

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And there was actually no investigation of these reports were there when Kevin and Don

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were murdered.

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If the police are taking payoffs, Duffy knows that her team must gather evidence from the

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streets first.

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I hired seven undercover officers whose job it was to initially make street buys, work

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00:20:45,520 --> 00:20:52,120

their way up the ladder into the suppliers eventually.

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And of course that's who we were after.

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00:20:54,400 --> 00:21:01,120

And the connections that we made almost immediately led to several public officials.

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And the person whose name came up immediately and most frequently was a Dan Harmon.

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We also developed an informant who was confessed drug smuggler who told us that she had actually

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picked up a package of cocaine from that vicinity.

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She also had testified before the federal grand jury that she and Dan Harmon were lovers,

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but he was married at the time.

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When Harmon, now newly elected county prosecutor, becomes aware of her investigation, the local

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press starts receiving false leaks discrediting Duffy and her task force.

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The people who were immediately launched a campaign to discredit me and disband my task

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force was led by Dan Harmon.

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And of course it became apparent almost immediately that Dan Harmon was a key player in the drug

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smuggling drug trafficking activity.

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As county prosecutor, it is easy for Dan Harmon to file trumped up charges against Jean Duffy.

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00:22:08,880 --> 00:22:14,800

My drug task force was shut down cold because we were getting too close.

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00:22:14,800 --> 00:22:20,320

We were shut down actually before we could get even get into our investigation to the

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point where we had something significant to take to the grand jury in the way of asking

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for indictments.

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Harmon succeeds in getting Duffy fired, after which he pursues her with a vengeance.

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00:22:33,560 --> 00:22:40,320

I didn't understand why two felony warrants were issued for my arrest when the warrants

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were illegal because there was no felony charge.

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I knew there had to be some very powerful players behind what was happening.

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In an unexpected twist, Harmon himself falls into trouble with the law.

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Harmon was released from federal custody yesterday while he awaits his trial.

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You may remember just last Thursday, Harmon was jailed after refusing to take drug tests.

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Harmon maintains his innocence and says he's a victim of government harassment.

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If they can take some garbage like this on me, then every American better be scared to

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00:23:17,360 --> 00:23:18,760

death.

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00:23:18,760 --> 00:23:22,040

Why should every American be scared to death?

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00:23:22,040 --> 00:23:28,960

Was Harmon involved in a much larger illegal operation?

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Stable details of the Barry Seal story may help provide insights into the substance and

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magnitude of Harmon's statements.

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Although he has been in and out of jail and is constantly fighting the law, by 1985, Barry

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Seal is making so much money working with Pablo Escobar, Carlos Lader, and the Medellin

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00:23:47,000 --> 00:23:53,600

Cartel that his daily deposits into his bank are often more than \$50,000.

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Some officials estimate that Seal's public and hidden assets are worth well over \$5 billion.

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His most important asset, however, seems to rest in his uncanny ability to work within

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the margins of law enforcement.

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Louis Unglesby, then a young Baton Rouge attorney, represents Seal in his various entanglements

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with the law.

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The documented evidence is that while Barry may have done some bad things, which I don't

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know that he ever did, but he certainly was being chased for him and convicted of at least

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two different events, when he got out of jail, he did a lot of things that the government

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couldn't do.

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And he brought into justice a lot of extremely bad people, very dangerous people, and very,

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very, very serious worldwide criminals.

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Meanwhile, the Reagan administration is having difficulty convincing the American people

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00:24:52,480 --> 00:24:57,840

and Congress to fund the Contra Army and their counterinsurgencies against the Sandinista

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government in Nicaragua.

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The Soviets and Sandinistas must not be permitted to crush freedom in Central America and threaten

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our own security on our own doorstep.

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00:25:08,040 --> 00:25:11,920

Now the Congress must decide where it stands.

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00:25:11,920 --> 00:25:16,560

So tonight, I ask you to do what you've done so often in the past.

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Get in touch with your representatives and senators and urge them to vote yes.

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Tell them to help the freedom fighters.

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Help us prevent a communist takeover of Central America.

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Reagan's anti-communist fervor proves useful to Barry Seal because later that year, Barry's

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luck runs out.

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After several brushes with the law, he is busted for trying to fence \$200,000 worth

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of quailudes in Fort Lauderdale.

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Based on bail and facing a 10-year federal sentence, Seal flies to Washington, D.C. and

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boasts to officials at the Drug Enforcement Agency that he can implicate the Nicaraguan

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00:25:51,840 --> 00:25:55,800

Sandinistas in a cocaine smuggling operation.

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This meets with strong interest from representatives of the George Bush Drug Task Force and Reagan's

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poignant in covert operations at the National Security Agency, Admiral Poindexter and his

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top aide, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North.

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Just weeks away from certain conviction, Seal finds himself a free man and back in

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00:26:14,480 --> 00:26:17,240

the drug and arms delivery business.

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00:26:17,240 --> 00:26:23,120

He convinces the CIA and DEA to fund over \$40,000 worth of upgrades to his favorite freight

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00:26:23,120 --> 00:26:27,440

aircraft, his C-123.

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Once Oliver North and the CIA found out about the drug sting that the DEA was working on

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was in Nicaragua, he interjected himself into that drug sting.

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With DEA and National Security Agency assistance, Seal enlists the help of his Medellin cartel

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connections in Panama and Frederico Vaughn, a CIA operative in Nicaragua.

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Together they stage a drug delivery at a small crop duster field in Nicaragua.

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The photos that Seal takes have tremendous significance when Oliver North delivers them

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to President Reagan.

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The Sandinistas have even involved themselves in the international drug trade.

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I know every American parent concerned about the drug problem will be outraged to learn

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00:27:10,920 --> 00:27:16,960

that top Nicaraguan government officials are deeply involved in drug trafficking.

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This picture, secretly taken at a military airfield outside Managua, shows Frederico

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Vaughn, a top aide to one of the nine commandanties who rule Nicaragua, loading an aircraft with

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00:27:29,000 --> 00:27:32,840

illegal narcotics bound for the United States.

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No, there seems to be no crime to which the Sandinistas will not stoop.

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This is an outlaw regime.

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00:27:41,200 --> 00:27:46,240

CIA operatives in Central America report back that Reagan's speech has effectively blown

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the cover on the Medellin cartel, which until that time had been moving their drugs primarily

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through the corrupt Panamanian government and the Contra leadership.

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The cartel quickly shifts its smuggling routes.

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What Oliver North was trying to do was support the Contras.

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He didn't care about the Medellin cartel and what they could do or what they went on

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00:28:07,240 --> 00:28:11,080

to do as a result of him blowing the cover on that operation.

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Had he not blown the cover on that operation, free force of the Medellin cartel would have

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00:28:15,840 --> 00:28:17,200

been arrested.

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Within weeks, the cartel's operation is back in full swing.

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00:28:20,960 --> 00:28:25,320

With the large inflow of drug profits that follows, the Reagan administration's Freedom

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00:28:25,320 --> 00:28:30,880

Fighter Fund coffers are full enough to finance the development of Nella, Arkansas, a small

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airport and base camp a few miles from Mina.

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Here, the CIA trains and equips Contra insurgents.

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00:28:37,040 --> 00:28:39,040

The runway is right there.

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00:28:39,040 --> 00:28:41,040

That's the runway.

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00:28:41,040 --> 00:28:44,560

And that hill, there's electricity up there.

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00:28:44,560 --> 00:28:47,560

In fact, you see a little jack there now.

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00:28:47,560 --> 00:28:52,680

And we were going to build a camp there.

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00:28:52,680 --> 00:28:56,040

The gears of SEAL's operation turn flawlessly.

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00:28:56,040 --> 00:29:01,320

But in the illegal drug trade, nothing blows harder than the winds of change.

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00:29:01,320 --> 00:29:05,800

Story users, a \$350,000 contract on your life.

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00:29:05,800 --> 00:29:08,800

That's true.

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00:29:08,800 --> 00:29:14,240

John is a risk in all covert operation work.

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00:29:14,240 --> 00:29:18,360

It's a risk in everything that you do in this line of work.

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00:29:18,360 --> 00:29:24,880

That's why the pay is so good.

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In early 1986, the Reagan administration found itself embroiled in controversy.

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A Beirut newspaper broke a story about a secret arms deal between the United States

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00:29:36,160 --> 00:29:38,240

and Iran.

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00:29:38,240 --> 00:29:42,840

Profits from the sale of American tow missiles to Iran were being hidden in a Swiss bank

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00:29:42,840 --> 00:29:43,840

account.

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These funds were used by Reagan's Red Guard, Admiral Poindexter and Oliver North to fund

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the contra-operation in Nicaragua against the will of the Congress, the American people,

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and most importantly, against the letter of the Constitution.

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00:29:58,680 --> 00:30:03,560

With the controversial news leaks over Iran contra-funds, public pressure on the administration

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increases and ultimately forces a reply.

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What is involved is that in the course of the arms transfers, certain monies were taken

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and made available to the forces in Central America which are opposing the Sandinista

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government there.

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00:30:26,560 --> 00:30:31,120

Senator John Tower assembles a commission to study the covert operation.

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Rumors circulate that all involved will be subpoenaed to public hearing.

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One of the principles, however, will not be subpoenaed.

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Barry Seal is assassinated in February 1986 by Hitman allegedly sent by the Medellin cartel.

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At the time of his assassination, the FBI, DEA, and state and local New Orleans police

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00:30:51,000 --> 00:30:55,800

were each tailing Barry investigating one of several drug indictments.

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00:30:55,800 --> 00:31:01,080

A local prosecutor, Sam Dalton, discovers how important Seal is to the FBI when they

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00:31:01,080 --> 00:31:04,680

seize a trunk from Barry's car on the night of the assassination.

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The trunk allegedly has information linking Seal to the National Security Agency, CIA

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00:31:09,960 --> 00:31:13,240

director William Casey, and other high officials in Washington.

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00:31:13,240 --> 00:31:18,400

If it hadn't been for a good state judge with enough courage to back the federal government

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00:31:18,400 --> 00:31:22,320

up, we'd have never gotten inside that trunk.

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00:31:22,320 --> 00:31:24,920

He made them give us that trunk back.

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00:31:24,920 --> 00:31:30,800

Obviously, they had ransacked that trunk and some of the things we didn't get back, but

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00:31:30,800 --> 00:31:37,440

they had missed a few things that indicated just how valuable that trunk was.

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00:31:37,440 --> 00:31:42,760

Three months later, another international embarrassment plagues the Reagan administration.

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00:31:42,760 --> 00:31:50,240

On October 3, 1986, Barry Seal's infamous fat lady, now in use by the CIA, is shot down

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00:31:50,240 --> 00:31:53,280

by Sandinista gunners over southern Nicaragua.

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00:31:53,280 --> 00:31:58,120

The plane is loaded to the gills with weapons and supplies for the Contras.

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00:31:58,120 --> 00:32:03,160

Three American crewmen are killed and a fourth, Eugene Hasenfuss, is captured.

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My name is Gene Hasenfuss.

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Where did he come from?

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Marinette, Wisconsin.

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The people involved were not from our military, not from any U.S. government agency, and

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CIA included.

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CIA activities involving Eugene Hasenfuss date back to the agency's 60s drug smuggling

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operations in Laos, under the infamous Air America Corporation.

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Following his arrest, Sandinista officials find concealed in his uniform the phone numbers

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00:32:36,760 --> 00:32:39,400

for CIA operatives in Nicaragua.

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For the national security agency, and a direct line to the offices of then Vice President

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00:32:44,880 --> 00:32:48,200

George Herbert Walker Bush.

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00:32:48,200 --> 00:32:53,400

The Sandinista government sentences Hasenfuss to 30 years for armed smuggling.

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Within a month, he is mysteriously pardoned and released.

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00:32:58,080 --> 00:33:04,160

In 1987, as Congress investigates the covert contra-operation, drugs and contra-resupply

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operate freely out of Mina.

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Despite constant monitoring by federal and local agents, payoffs and kickbacks effectively

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prevent any arrests.

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00:33:14,680 --> 00:33:19,720

Every afternoon when I was working out, I'd see an Oliver North answer questions.

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00:33:19,720 --> 00:33:23,600

It was his turn and he was answering questions to the subcommittee and I thought, well,

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00:33:23,600 --> 00:33:28,200

these guys are telling me something illegal is going on here because Congress is investigating

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00:33:28,200 --> 00:33:31,000

it as illegal activity.

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00:33:31,000 --> 00:33:33,960

But had been overloaded on the Barry Seal thing, it just wore me into the ground.

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00:33:34,240 --> 00:33:42,440

Admiral Poindexter and Lieutenant Colonel North are sent packing as the Iran contra-hearing

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00:33:42,440 --> 00:33:44,400

draw to a close.

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Only a few weeks before Kevin and Don are murdered, Russell Welch observes some interesting

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developments.

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00:33:50,560 --> 00:33:56,160

In August of 1987, two FBI agents came here to Mina, asked to meet with me, agents that

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00:33:56,160 --> 00:34:02,200

I'd known and worked with for years, and told me that they had just received word that

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00:34:02,400 --> 00:34:07,440

Southern Air Transport had moved its operation from Miami to Mina.

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00:34:07,440 --> 00:34:14,440

But out of nowhere, C-130 appeared at the Mina airport.

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00:34:16,760 --> 00:34:20,080

It was the same month that the boys were killed that the agents came to Mina.

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00:34:20,080 --> 00:34:25,560

Southern Air Transport, a CIA front since the 60s, continues the nighttime drop into

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00:34:25,560 --> 00:34:28,160

Mina even after the deaths of Kevin and Don.

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With no support from state, federal, or even local authorities, Linda Ives and Jean Duffy

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continue their search for missing clues related to the murders, even though it's obvious

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00:34:42,680 --> 00:34:47,840

to them that the marching orders for the drug activity come from on high, from people who

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00:34:47,840 --> 00:34:52,240

have never even heard of the trained deaths or the names of the two young men, Kevin Ives

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00:34:52,240 --> 00:34:54,120

and Don Henry.

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00:34:54,120 --> 00:35:00,480

No one wants to jeopardize that heavenly flow of money, even if it is drug money.

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The first investigation, of course, was the Cillin County Sheriff's investigation led

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by James Steed.

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It was very apparent that he was covering up information, suppressing information, and

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certainly was part of the cover-up initially.

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When Dan Harmon was appointed special prosecutor, he led a county grand jury investigation, which

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was nothing more than a several months of orchestrated cover-ups where several witnesses

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turned up dead.

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And when the state police got involved, we were ecstatic because we thought that finally

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00:35:40,000 --> 00:35:45,880

somebody was going to get to the bottom of what was going on in Cillin County.

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Another investigation that was nothing more than a sham was the Arkansas State Police

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00:35:51,280 --> 00:35:58,280

investigation. They now have a file that is almost three feet high. Only about an inch

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00:36:00,120 --> 00:36:06,400

of that file reflects interviews that were actually conducted, and it is nothing more

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than a sham.

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And then there was a 1990 federal investigation, and we were in fact promised indictments out

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of that 1990 federal grand jury investigation. And suddenly when Chuck Banks shut that investigation

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down in June of 1991, without prior warning, we were devastated because who has the power

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00:36:29,560 --> 00:36:32,440

to shut down a federal investigation?

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I didn't understand then why the U.S. Attorney Chuck Banks shut down the federal investigation

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and cleared Dan Harmon. And this was in spite of that grand jury unanimously wanting to

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indict Dan Harmon.

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Six years after the incident, an eyewitness to the murders reveals himself to Linda Ives.

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Linda Ives turned this witness over to a local investigator who took him to the FBI. The FBI

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immediately put this witness into protective custody, gave him a polygraph test which he

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passed and opened their investigation.

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We didn't realize there was anybody else out there at first. We were just like I said,

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goofing off. And we didn't look up on, we noticed there were people on the tracks.

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So a flashlight came on and then go back off. They weren't looking in our direction, but

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we could see the light. And so we kind of quieted down and snuck up a little bit closer

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to see what was going on. And there was five individuals standing on the tracks. One thing

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that struck my curiosity was at the time my mother was dating an attorney named Dan Harmon.

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I knew him well enough to recognize him. There were two more individuals that, a few minutes

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after we got there, were walking down the railroad tracks that had a rifle. And it looked to be

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a flashlight. They were more or less kind of minding their own business. And when they

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realized someone else was on the tracks, they stopped and was fixing to turn around when

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someone or Danny motioned for them to come closer over to where they were. They hesitated

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and eventually ended up walking on towards the rest of the group. While my head was

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turned, I heard a sound like a gunshot. I saw a flash as you would expect with a gunshot

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at night. We were pretty much terrified and bolted and ran. Other witnesses corroborated

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that evidence. I know that Dan Harmon went down there because I was down the road from

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there, sitting on an automobile. I do know that a drop was made. I was absolutely 100%

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equivocally made there that night. The only positive note in the ongoing investigation

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is that the law finally catches up with Dan Harmon. Court definitely wasn't in session

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this morning, but instead a farewell party for Selene County prosecutor Dan Harmon, who

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says he's headed to Gulfport, Mississippi to live. It's time to move on to another chapter

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and do something different. Enjoy it about all this I can stand. Shortly after Harmon's

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resignation, he is indicted and convicted on a number of tax evasion, drug, and racketeering

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counts. After two days of deliberations, the jury found Harmon guilty of five of 11 counts,

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guilty of drug charges, racketeering, and extortion. In November of 1995, Linda and

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Larry Ives insisted on having a meeting with the FBI in charge of the Little Rock office

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who told Linda and Larry that after an exhaustive FBI investigation of 18 months, they had no

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evidence of anything and they should consider that a crime had not been committed. Every

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stalled or dropped investigation prolongs the misery felt by the families of these two

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lost boys. Because there is no closure, there can be no peace. Working independently, Linda

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and Jean occasionally turn up new evidence about the trained deaths. Louis Unglesby, former

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attorney for Barry Seal, makes a startling revelation about his former client. When Barry

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died, he was being pursued by the IRS for unpaid taxes estimated at over \$80 million.

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I was going to court and arguing all the time for different issues involving Barry because

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I felt like they really were guilty of a lot of misconduct in the manner in which they

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were investigating him. Not knowing about his involvement in the government. In the

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course of that, it was a lot of work for me, it was a lot of work for the prosecutors here

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and one of them said to me, why don't you just tell Barry to call in the Calvary and

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we won't have to worry about this anymore. I didn't know what he was talking about. So

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I asked Barry and as a result, and asked him, he said, okay, I won't tell you much, but

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let me show you, just call this phone number. So he gives me this phone number, I call the

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phone number. That's when we talked to Vice President Bush's office. So then they put

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this admiral on the phone or they put somebody who said he was an admiral on the phone. Then

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I told him who I really was and he was non-plus by that and hung up. And then I said, you

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know, now Barry, really I'm confused. So Barry called back and they, you know, they

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just changed a little greeting and Barry apologized to him for having me call.

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Well, the only thing I can conclude is because they were talking to each other very seriously

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over probably what was a secured phone number, a secured phone. And Barry Seales was in direct

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contact with Bush. That's what I say. He had Bush pretty well conned.

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In its desperation to finance a clandestine underground war, the Reagan administration

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was already dealing with terrorists in Iran. Why not drug lords in Columbia? Barry Seales

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was clearly connected to men occupying the highest offices in the land. With prosecutor

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Dan Harmon allegedly Seales local operative indicted, the guilty finger was taking a turn

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toward government.

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It's time for the American people to wake up and realize that unless they make government

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behave, they're going to be in a state of emergency.

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Wake up and realize that unless they make government behave and do right, they're going

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to lose their freedoms. And on the premise that government can solve the crime problem

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if they give up their freedom. And the American people kind of realize that they're going

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to wind up with both. They're going to wind up with the loss of their freedoms and they're

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still going to have the crime problem. The only difference is going to be that a very

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big criminal is going to join Iraq's criminal and that's called government.

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The murderers of Kevin and Don may never be brought to justice. If their deaths are related

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to government impropriety, then there the stain of shame shall remain. The drugs flowing

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out of Mina, Arkansas have destroyed many lives. But the extent of misery, waste and

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destruction suffered as a result of the cocaine, crack and other drugs that freely transverse

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our borders, will not be stopped through any just say no rhetoric. Unless the government

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says no first. They could shut the borders of this country down tomorrow morning so tight

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that not one gram of cocaine could get inside this country. The lives of those involved

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with the train deaths have changed. While Russell Welch was working on his Mina Airport

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investigation, he was slowly poisoned with anthrax through a series of tainted letters

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sent to his office. He nearly died and his kidneys and immune system were almost totally

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destroyed. He is retired from the force. Jean Duffy was publicly defamed and her career

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ruined by Dan Harmon and the local press, despite the credible evidence she was gathering

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with her task force. She now works as a high school teacher. As for Kevin and Don and their

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families, tragically, there is no amount of money or justice that can ever compensate

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for the loss of a child. The only thing I'm interested in is my son's murder on August

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23rd of 1987, and I just want his killers brought to justice. A mother's grief has led

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us down the path of discovery, though we may never know who was directly responsible for

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the deaths of the Ives and Henry boys. We're confronted once again with a larger and perhaps

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more pressing question. How do we respond when our government, be it local state or federal,

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turns a blind eye toward and even becomes a party to corruption? Though we've searched

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tirelessly, we've found no answer to this question in the phenomenon archives.

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