

1

00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,000

The following program deals with controversial subjects.

2

00:00:03,000 --> 00:00:06,500

The theories expressed are not the only possible interpretation.

3

00:00:06,500 --> 00:00:10,500

The viewer is invited to make a judgment based on all available information.

4

00:00:10,500 --> 00:00:15,000

Tonight, on Sightings, a satanic deliverance gets out of control.

5

00:00:15,000 --> 00:00:17,500

She began to punch, to kick, to bite.

6

00:00:17,500 --> 00:00:19,500

And leaves this woman maimed.

7

00:00:19,500 --> 00:00:22,000

Was it the exorcist or the demon himself?

8

00:00:22,000 --> 00:00:26,500

And 100 years ago, Lizzie Borden was acquitted of the brutal acts murders of her parents.

9

00:00:26,500 --> 00:00:30,500

Now a forensic expert and a psychic uncover gruesome new evidence.

10

00:00:57,000 --> 00:01:00,500

Welcome to Sightings. I'm Tim White.

11

00:01:00,500 --> 00:01:05,500

Folklore has it that Lizzie Borden, who was acquitted of killing her parents with an axe,

12

00:01:05,500 --> 00:01:07,500

literally got away with murder.

13

00:01:07,500 --> 00:01:12,500

Well now on the 100th anniversary of the killings, a Sightings investigation reopens the case.

14

00:01:12,500 --> 00:01:16,500

Working with forensic technology and a psychic investigator,

15

00:01:16,500 --> 00:01:21,500

Sightings has found important new information that challenges the legend of Lizzie Borden.

16

00:01:21,500 --> 00:01:26,500

Lizzie Borden took an axe, gave her mother 40 bucks.

17

00:01:26,500 --> 00:01:32,500

100 years after the murders, the name Lizzie Borden still echoes in the rhymes of school children.

18

00:01:32,500 --> 00:01:37,500

And continues to fascinate us because of the sheer horror and brutality of the crime.

19

00:01:37,500 --> 00:01:41,500

Recent national media coverage is once again challenging Lizzie Borden's innocence.

20

00:01:41,500 --> 00:01:46,500

And Sightings has launched a unique investigation to search for the truth behind the murder.

21

00:01:46,500 --> 00:01:49,500

But first, who was Lizzie Borden?

22

00:01:49,500 --> 00:01:53,500

Lizzie Andrew Borden was born and raised in Fall River, Massachusetts,

23

00:01:53,500 --> 00:01:56,500

the youngest child of an extremely wealthy family.

24

00:01:56,500 --> 00:02:02,500

Unmarried at age 32, Lizzie still lived with her parents at the time of their brutal murder.

25

00:02:02,500 --> 00:02:09,500

There were between 19 and 23 axe blows put into the stepmother's head and 11 into the father's head.

26

00:02:09,500 --> 00:02:12,500

This is a pretty savage killing.

27

00:02:12,500 --> 00:02:16,500

Although a great deal of evidence pointed to Lizzie Borden as the murderer,

28

00:02:16,500 --> 00:02:18,500

she was found not guilty of the crime.

29

00:02:18,500 --> 00:02:21,500

But to this day, 100 years after the murders,

30

00:02:21,500 --> 00:02:26,500

most people believe Lizzie Borden was guilty of butchering her parents in cold blood

31

00:02:26,500 --> 00:02:29,500

and that her stepmother was her first victim.

32

00:02:29,500 --> 00:02:33,500

Those blows were continually delivered and she must have enjoyed it.

33

00:02:33,500 --> 00:02:36,500

And she was the first victim.

34

00:02:36,500 --> 00:02:39,500

Those blows were continually delivered and she must have enjoyed it.

35

00:02:39,500 --> 00:02:41,500

She obliterated the woman.

36

00:02:41,500 --> 00:02:43,500

She took her face off the planet.

37

00:02:43,500 --> 00:02:47,500

What would lead someone to commit such a brutal, bloody crime?

38

00:02:47,500 --> 00:02:53,500

Leading historian Jules Reikabusch believes that there were dark secrets behind the closed doors of the Borden mansion.

39

00:02:53,500 --> 00:02:57,500

We can talk about all the motives that existed, the confinement in the house,

40

00:02:57,500 --> 00:03:01,500

the possibility of abuse as a child, possibility of incest.

41

00:03:01,500 --> 00:03:03,500

There are many, many theories.

42

00:03:03,500 --> 00:03:07,500

We know that she avoided the company of men, both young and old.

43

00:03:07,500 --> 00:03:11,500

She had difficulty with all forms of relationships since early childhood.

44

00:03:11,500 --> 00:03:15,500

This is certainly consistent with being an incest victim.

45

00:03:15,500 --> 00:03:20,500

And most strikingly, we know that the house had a morbid and brooding air of secrecy about it.

46

00:03:20,500 --> 00:03:23,500

There were multiple locks on the interior bedroom doors.

47

00:03:23,500 --> 00:03:25,500

The outside doors were triple locked.

48

00:03:25,500 --> 00:03:28,500

This is all very unusual for a Victorian home at that time,

49

00:03:28,500 --> 00:03:32,500

all of which suggested to me the possibility of some abuse.

50

00:03:32,500 --> 00:03:38,500

Lizzie was a virtual prisoner locked inside the suffocating atmosphere of a Victorian household.

51

00:03:38,500 --> 00:03:44,500

Reikabusch believes that on the morning of the murders, Lizzie's stepmother made one fatal mistake.

52

00:03:44,500 --> 00:03:47,500

It was a hot day. Lizzie left the door open to her bedroom.

53

00:03:47,500 --> 00:03:50,500

The stepmother never came up the front stairs.

54

00:03:53,500 --> 00:03:56,500

Lizzie was caught at a moment of embarrassment

55

00:03:56,500 --> 00:04:02,500

that combined with years of anger, hatred, resentment, confinement, torment,

56

00:04:02,500 --> 00:04:06,500

finally let her explode and she exploded.

57

00:04:06,500 --> 00:04:08,500

Took the hatchet and took her out.

58

00:04:08,500 --> 00:04:12,500

At 9.30 a.m., Mrs. Borden was murdered.

59

00:04:12,500 --> 00:04:17,500

At 11 a.m., Mr. Borden returned home where the same gruesome fate awaited him.

60

00:04:17,500 --> 00:04:21,500

Strangely, these brutal murders went undiscovered for several hours.

61

00:04:21,500 --> 00:04:23,500

No one claimed to have heard a sound.

62

00:04:23,500 --> 00:04:31,500

I think it's unlikely that anybody in the house could have stayed there and not heard the noise of that kind of a killing.

63

00:04:31,500 --> 00:04:33,500

The human head has made a bone.

64

00:04:33,500 --> 00:04:39,500

It's very heavy and very hard and you start smashing a human head on a wooden floor.

65

00:04:39,500 --> 00:04:43,500

It's going to sound something like somebody dribbling a bowling ball.

66

00:04:43,500 --> 00:04:45,500

Lizzie was brought to trial.

67

00:04:45,500 --> 00:04:48,500

In 1892, police investigation techniques were crude.

68

00:04:48,500 --> 00:04:50,500

Fingerprinting hadn't been adopted yet.

69

00:04:50,500 --> 00:04:56,500

Without physical evidence or eyewitnesses, Lizzie Borden could not be linked directly to the crime.

70

00:04:56,500 --> 00:05:05,500

In addition, she hired a former governor of Massachusetts to defend her and paid him \$25,000 of fortune in 1892.

71

00:05:05,500 --> 00:05:09,500

Her defense lawyer, who was a former governor of Massachusetts, George D. Robinson,

72

00:05:09,500 --> 00:05:13,500

had appointed one of the three judges who sat on the case.

73

00:05:13,500 --> 00:05:17,500

And that's the judge who gave the charge to the jury to acquit her.

74

00:05:17,500 --> 00:05:22,500

The jury deliberated for less than an hour before returning a verdict of not guilty.

75

00:05:22,500 --> 00:05:28,500

Townspeople were outraged and brought charges that important, damning information had been suppressed.

76

00:05:28,500 --> 00:05:35,500

A pharmacist who refused to sell Lizzie a package of poison the day before the murders was never called to the witness stand.

77

00:05:35,500 --> 00:05:40,500

I think if she were prosecuted for it today and the pharmacist's evidence came in,

78

00:05:40,500 --> 00:05:48,500

and the inferences about her time in the critical hour and a half between the two deaths were drawn properly from what we did know,

79

00:05:48,500 --> 00:05:52,500

that would have been sufficient, would be sufficient. I think she'd be convicted today.

80

00:05:52,500 --> 00:06:00,500

The grisly Borden murders put Fall River on the map, but people here were eager to suppress the town's dubious distinction.

81

00:06:00,500 --> 00:06:03,500

My mother-in-law was a character witness for Lizzie at the trial.

82

00:06:03,500 --> 00:06:07,500

Lizzie Borden was mentioned only once when I was in her presence.

83

00:06:07,500 --> 00:06:11,500

She looked me straight in the eye. Lizzie Borden was tried and she was acquitted.

84

00:06:11,500 --> 00:06:15,500

Now, you know perfectly well, we don't talk about that anymore.

85

00:06:15,500 --> 00:06:26,500

But the legend has refused to die, so we ask Psychic Dale Shear and forensic scientist Dr. James Starrs to bring their considerable talents to Fall River for this investigation.

86

00:06:26,500 --> 00:06:30,500

They're two experts with very different ideas about what happened here a century ago.

87

00:06:30,500 --> 00:06:35,500

Shear has worked with law enforcement agencies worldwide as a psychic detective.

88

00:06:35,500 --> 00:06:47,500

Starrs, a professor of forensic science at George Washington University, is one of a growing number of graveyard detectives using a controversial new radar probe that can record images inside graves.

89

00:06:47,500 --> 00:06:54,500

Dr. Starrs hopes his probe of the Borden graves will provide enough new information to convince authorities to exhume the bodies.

90

00:06:54,500 --> 00:07:00,500

Centerpiece of the prosecution's case was that the deaths were separated by an hour and a half or more.

91

00:07:00,500 --> 00:07:09,500

That would therefore remove the possibility of any stranger having been on the premises, killed one, and then lingered waiting for the other one to come on the scene.

92

00:07:09,500 --> 00:07:15,500

But the method of determining the time of death that they used was complete scientific balder dash.

93

00:07:15,500 --> 00:07:19,500

Shear tries to pick up psychic images from personal objects.

94

00:07:19,500 --> 00:07:24,500

At the Fall River Historical Museum, we ask her to touch the victim's hair.

95

00:07:24,500 --> 00:07:32,500

The energy around this hair is incredible. I'm going to try to draw visual pictures of what I see in the past.

96

00:07:32,500 --> 00:07:45,500

There is a woman on a bed. She looks up. She sees someone. Oh my God, over her she sees somebody. It's a woman. She sees an ax coming at her.

97

00:07:46,500 --> 00:08:01,500

This man was not sleeping. He was knocked unconscious with the ax. Oh my God, she comes in. She comes in and she's going to kill him. She hates him.

98

00:08:01,500 --> 00:08:11,500

It's often been said that Andrew Borden was killed while sleeping. Well, suppose we look at his body and we find that he got defense wounds in his arms,

99

00:08:11,500 --> 00:08:16,500

indicating that he threw his arms up to protect himself. Then he wasn't sleeping, was he?

100

00:08:16,500 --> 00:08:26,500

There's no death on this hatchet. There is death, but it's more like chicken, birds. It's not people.

101

00:08:26,500 --> 00:08:38,500

I've looked at the hatchet that the prosecution introduced at the trial as being the murder weapon, and that murder weapon, in my view,

102

00:08:38,500 --> 00:08:46,500

would not have been sufficient to inflict the wounds and the skulls of her parents that were testified to at the trial.

103

00:08:46,500 --> 00:08:53,500

If this hatchet is not the weapon used to butcher Lizzie's parents, then what did shatter their skulls?

104

00:08:53,500 --> 00:09:01,500

Sheer believes that the real murder weapon is still hidden in the Borden home, but the present owner of the home refuses to allow anyone inside.

105

00:09:01,500 --> 00:09:10,500

There's something hidden still in this attic. There is some murder weapon. There is something else used other than what has ever been found.

106

00:09:10,500 --> 00:09:19,500

We did talk to Ed Thebo, lifelong resident and local historian, who had been allowed to search inside the attic on a rare visit to the Borden home 10 years ago.

107

00:09:19,500 --> 00:09:26,500

Had I been alone, I never would have stayed more than two seconds, but someone was with me. I think I did stay about a minute and a half,

108

00:09:26,500 --> 00:09:31,500

but I just didn't want to be there alone. There was something airy about it. Something gave me a funny feeling.

109

00:09:31,500 --> 00:09:39,500

With this sightings investigation, both Dale Sheer and James Starrs raise profound new questions about the Borden murders.

110

00:09:39,500 --> 00:09:47,500

They are both convinced that the real murder weapon has not been found yet and may still be hidden in the home at 92 Second Street.

111

00:09:47,500 --> 00:09:53,500

Until it's found, the legend of Lizzie Borden remains just that. A legend.

112

00:09:53,500 --> 00:09:56,500

I think the evidence really points to Lizzie.

113

00:09:56,500 --> 00:09:58,500

I'm satisfied that she did it.

114

00:09:58,500 --> 00:10:05,500

As a scientific matter, I've long been a believer that she was not guilty and the jury was correct in acquitting her.

115

00:10:05,500 --> 00:10:11,500

But I'd like to see some hard scientific evidence to back that up and I think we can get it right here.

116

00:10:11,500 --> 00:10:13,500

I'm convinced Lizzie Borden did it.

117

00:10:13,500 --> 00:10:18,500

It was Lizzie Borden who killed her mother and father.

118

00:10:18,500 --> 00:10:23,500

Whether she did or she didn't, the murder of Lizzie Borden's parents set her free.

119

00:10:23,500 --> 00:10:28,500

Soon after the acquittal, Lizzie inherited her father's considerable fortune.

120

00:10:28,500 --> 00:10:34,500

She bought this mansion in Fall River and lived here for the next 35 years until her death in 1927.

121

00:10:34,500 --> 00:10:41,500

She was laid to rest alongside Andrew and Abby Borden, the parents whose murder remains unsolved to this day.

122

00:10:41,500 --> 00:10:45,500

Coming up, a satanic deliverance leaves a woman maimed.

123

00:10:45,500 --> 00:10:48,500

She began to punch, to kick, to bite.

124

00:10:48,500 --> 00:10:52,500

Was it the exorcist or the demon himself?

125

00:10:52,500 --> 00:10:57,500

The exorcist was one of the most disturbing films ever to come out of Hollywood.

126

00:10:57,500 --> 00:11:03,500

The story of an innocent young girl transformed by demonic possession set a standard for fictional horror.

127

00:11:03,500 --> 00:11:10,500

But for some, the real-life exorcisms going on today at one Chicago church are more disturbing than any movie.

128

00:11:10,500 --> 00:11:15,500

The rite of exorcism has been part of the Catholic Church for nearly 2,000 years.

129

00:11:15,500 --> 00:11:18,500

But it is not strictly a Catholic practice.

130

00:11:18,500 --> 00:11:23,500

Other faiths also perform exorcism and call it by a different name, deliverance.

131

00:11:23,500 --> 00:11:29,500

Last year alone, more than 10,000 deliverances were performed throughout the United States.

132

00:11:29,500 --> 00:11:36,500

I think one of the most interesting phenomenon we see in this whole area today is that of demonic possession.

133

00:11:36,500 --> 00:11:45,500

Some people will say it can't happen, but all you need to do is be present when there has been one and you'll never deny it again.

134

00:11:45,500 --> 00:11:50,500

I felt they were going to kill me. I felt they were going to finish me off.

135

00:11:50,500 --> 00:11:54,500

And at that time I just said, Lord, it's in your hands.

136

00:11:54,500 --> 00:11:58,500

You are unclean and she is been cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

137

00:11:58,500 --> 00:12:01,500

You are awesome! Look at me.

138

00:12:01,500 --> 00:12:07,500

The pastor started praying for me and he was using the name of Jesus.

139

00:12:07,500 --> 00:12:11,500

I thought, you have no power in Jesus.

140

00:12:11,500 --> 00:12:13,500

In his eyes.

141

00:12:13,500 --> 00:12:20,500

Sometimes when I lay down at night I'd see these really scary faces when I'd chuck my eyes and be looking right at me.

142

00:12:20,500 --> 00:12:26,500

These ghostly faces with things and like blood on the teeth looking at me.

143

00:12:26,500 --> 00:12:32,500

Julie Gibson didn't understand why she had so much rage and anger inside her.

144

00:12:32,500 --> 00:12:35,500

She tried traditional counseling without success.

145

00:12:35,500 --> 00:12:40,500

And finally, on the brink of suicide, she brought her problems to her pastor, Jim Herless.

146

00:12:40,500 --> 00:12:43,500

He performed a deliverance that lasted several hours.

147

00:12:43,500 --> 00:12:47,500

Herless was attempting to free Julie from what he believed were powerful demons.

148

00:12:47,500 --> 00:12:51,500

Here we see exclusive footage of part of Julie's deliverance,

149

00:12:51,500 --> 00:12:56,500

which she claims freed her from demonic possession and changed her life.

150

00:12:56,500 --> 00:12:58,500

Shut up.

151

00:12:58,500 --> 00:13:00,500

Look at me.

152

00:13:00,500 --> 00:13:02,500

Look at me.

153

00:13:02,500 --> 00:13:04,500

Look at me.

154

00:13:04,500 --> 00:13:06,500

In the name of Jesus. Stop this.

155

00:13:06,500 --> 00:13:08,500

I command you.

156

00:13:08,500 --> 00:13:10,500

I like that.

157

00:13:10,500 --> 00:13:15,500

Father, let your light shine forth in Jesus' holy name.

158

00:13:15,500 --> 00:13:18,500

Father, I lose your power.

159

00:13:18,500 --> 00:13:26,500

At his Fox River Christianity Center, Jim Herless is assisted during each deliverance by members of his growing congregation.

160

00:13:26,500 --> 00:13:30,500

But not all deliverances have been as successful as Julie Gibson's.

161

00:13:30,500 --> 00:13:37,500

In August of 1992, his church in Fox Lake, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, came under fire

162

00:13:37,500 --> 00:13:44,500

because self-proclaimed minister Jim Herless performed one deliverance he admits got out of control.

163

00:13:44,500 --> 00:13:51,500

In this specific incident that I was involved in recently, I did not recognize my limitations soon enough.

164

00:13:51,500 --> 00:13:59,500

And as I became more tired, this demonic force became stronger in this woman.

165

00:13:59,500 --> 00:14:04,500

On the night of August 14, 1992, after four days of fasting and prayer,

166

00:14:04,500 --> 00:14:08,500

a distraught church member, Sandy Mays, turned to Jim Herless.

167

00:14:08,500 --> 00:14:14,500

He concluded that Sandy was the victim of a demonic possession and a deliverance was called for.

168

00:14:14,500 --> 00:14:22,500

At this point, I was laying on the floor and I heard somebody say,

169

00:14:22,500 --> 00:14:24,500

the enemy's coming.

170

00:14:24,500 --> 00:14:30,500

I felt like God was speaking to me, you're not going to get hurt, just do what I tell you.

171

00:14:30,500 --> 00:14:36,500

I felt something or somebody grab my arm and tie it.

172

00:14:36,500 --> 00:14:41,500

It took over her mind. She tried to hurt me. She began to punch, to kick, to bite.

173

00:14:41,500 --> 00:14:45,500

And at the time, my main concern was for her safety.

174

00:14:45,500 --> 00:14:50,500

I heard the pounding. I reached up and I felt the nail on the floor. They had nailed me to a floor.

175

00:14:50,500 --> 00:14:57,500

I was not ready for the strength and the trickery of the demonic forces that I was confronted with.

176

00:14:57,500 --> 00:15:02,500

My chest was in severe pain. I thought, am I having a heart attack?

177

00:15:02,500 --> 00:15:06,500

In a panic, Herless and his assistants left Sandy alone in the house,

178

00:15:06,500 --> 00:15:11,500

24 hours passed before she could break free and escape wearing only her underwear.

179

00:15:11,500 --> 00:15:19,500

According to the initial officers around the scene there, she was an incoherent state, extremely emotional.

180

00:15:19,500 --> 00:15:21,500

She was claiming to be the Antichrist.

181

00:15:21,500 --> 00:15:26,500

I was running up the street. I seen a car coming and I was scared.

182

00:15:26,500 --> 00:15:29,500

I didn't want anybody to see me running down the road.

183

00:15:29,500 --> 00:15:33,500

The next thing I know, the police are there. They're looking at me and they're saying, what happened to you?

184

00:15:33,500 --> 00:15:36,500

I said, I got beat up by demons.

185

00:15:36,500 --> 00:15:43,500

Sandy was taken to a mental hospital for observation. Doctors discovered extensive bruises and contusions,

186

00:15:43,500 --> 00:15:47,500

but Sandy insisted no person had hurt her and refused to press charges.

187

00:15:48,500 --> 00:16:02,500

At the time, Mike, you know, I felt we were beaten up on the devil's head and he got mad and he sent in reinforcements and he decided to beat up on me.

188

00:16:02,500 --> 00:16:07,500

At one point towards the end of this deliverance, I basically gave up.

189

00:16:07,500 --> 00:16:15,500

I had by that time gotten some advice from another minister who explained to me that I could just quit and so I did.

190

00:16:15,500 --> 00:16:17,500

And we put it into God's hands.

191

00:16:17,500 --> 00:16:25,500

Something horrible had happened to Sandy that night, but who or what had caused her injuries remains a mystery.

192

00:16:25,500 --> 00:16:36,500

A lot of times, the people who are involved in these deliverances come from a childhood where they've been abused or in a family situation now where they're being abused

193

00:16:36,500 --> 00:16:47,500

or are afraid of being the abuser. And it's kind of ironic and sad that they often become the one who is abused in these deliverances themselves.

194

00:16:47,500 --> 00:16:56,500

Although Sandy appears to have been the victim of real physical abuse, some church officials believe that bodily injury can sometimes be caused by the devil.

195

00:16:56,500 --> 00:17:10,500

Can a devil inhabit a person? The answer is yes. They can take over the operation of the body of a person for a time period and while that's going on, the person really doesn't know anything that's happening.

196

00:17:10,500 --> 00:17:15,500

But could Satan actually be responsible for Sandy's battered body?

197

00:17:15,500 --> 00:17:29,500

There are also what they call psychic phenomena where, and this would be caused by the demons where actually as a person is there they will begin to see spots or bruises come on with absolutely nothing seeming to happen.

198

00:17:29,500 --> 00:17:43,500

And I have a sneaking suspicion that we've got some people performing deliverance ministries or perhaps calling them exorcisms such that are concerned not so much for the well-being of the individual who's come to them but for their own personal gain.

199

00:17:43,500 --> 00:17:53,500

Then there's no reason to suspect that the devil wouldn't be able to infect with evil purposes even somebody who thinks they're trying to do good.

200

00:17:53,500 --> 00:18:01,500

I don't think that the point can be made strongly enough as to how dangerous these situations are.

201

00:18:01,500 --> 00:18:13,500

People who go to be delivered are trains running out of control and are putting themselves in the hands of people who are themselves for the most part out of control.

202

00:18:13,500 --> 00:18:18,500

But the actual deliverance itself could in fact put them over the edge.

203

00:18:18,500 --> 00:18:26,500

The bottom line is that anything bad that has ever happened in anyone's life is directly or indirectly related to Satan.

204

00:18:26,500 --> 00:18:35,500

I cannot testify to the fact that anyone touched me because I have no recollection of it.

205

00:18:35,500 --> 00:18:41,500

I felt no blows, I felt no black eyes, I felt no beating.

206

00:18:41,500 --> 00:18:48,500

And I believe that it was a supernatural thing that took place and God protected me.

207

00:18:48,500 --> 00:18:55,500

Despite Sandy's claims to the contrary, there are many people who believe Sandy was the victim of physical abuse.

208

00:18:55,500 --> 00:19:01,500

Not at the hands of the devil, but at the hands of someone within the church she knew and trusted.

209

00:19:01,500 --> 00:19:11,500

Although no formal charges have been made, the Illinois State Attorney General's office continues to investigate the unusual circumstances around Sandy's deliverance.

210

00:19:11,500 --> 00:19:21,500

But there is no investigation capable of proving whether the forces of evil are so great that people can be physically transformed.

211

00:19:21,500 --> 00:19:31,500

Psychologists suggest that fear of the devil can be so strong that some people will endure severe abuse in order to be freed from what they believe is demonic possession.

212

00:19:31,500 --> 00:19:36,500

In their hysteria, they may be unaware of who or what is hurting them.

213

00:19:36,500 --> 00:19:41,500

For this reason, we may never really know what happened to Sandy Mays during her exorcism.

214

00:19:41,500 --> 00:19:47,500

Coming up in a special sightings report, NASA's search for extraterrestrial life officially begins.

215

00:19:47,500 --> 00:19:51,500

What are they really looking for and what do they expect to find?

216

00:19:51,500 --> 00:19:57,500

NASA has just been granted \$100 million for a new special project.

217

00:19:57,500 --> 00:20:03,500

Over the next 10 years, \$10 million a year will be spent to support CETI, S-E-T-I,

218

00:20:03,500 --> 00:20:09,500

a NASA organization whose sole aim is to search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

219

00:20:09,500 --> 00:20:21,500

Since its inception in 1978, NASA's CETI program has come under considerable fire from people who believe the government is wasting money searching for a real-life E-T.

220

00:20:21,500 --> 00:20:30,500

But in the last few years, enthusiastic support for the program has come from distinguished scientists like Carl Sagan, Linus Pauling and Stephen Hawking.

221

00:20:30,500 --> 00:20:36,500

They join an increasing number of scientists who believe there is intelligent life beyond Earth.

222

00:20:36,500 --> 00:20:41,500

For at least 2,000 years, people have been speculating about life in space. That's an old idea.

223

00:20:41,500 --> 00:20:47,500

But it's really only in the last half of this century that we finally got the technology to really look for life in space.

224

00:20:47,500 --> 00:20:52,500

The centerpiece of the CETI program is the Aracibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico.

225

00:20:52,500 --> 00:20:59,500

It is the most powerful radio telescope in the world, with the effective power of 20 trillion watts.

226

00:20:59,500 --> 00:21:07,500

Then on October 12, 1992, astronomers in Aracibo will use the telescope to listen for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence.

227

00:21:07,500 --> 00:21:14,500

Nobody knows when success is going to occur. You just got to be in there for the long haul. It's a bit like building a cathedral.

228

00:21:14,500 --> 00:21:17,500

You may not see it completed in your own lifetime, but it's a worthy project.

229

00:21:17,500 --> 00:21:28,500

Sightings will travel to Puerto Rico and record the historic moment when the Aracibo telescope is turned on, and CETI's search begins.

230

00:21:28,500 --> 00:21:36,500

If you've recorded what you believe to be a UFO, or if you've had an encounter with a paranormal, our sightings investigative team wants to know.

231

00:21:36,500 --> 00:21:44,500

To report your sighting, call 1900 740 Sight. That's 1900 740 S-I-T-E.

232

00:21:44,500 --> 00:21:50,500

Each call 75 cents a minute. Average call lasts 2 minutes, and you must be 18 years or older.

233

00:21:50,500 --> 00:22:00,500

Again, to report your paranormal experiences, call the sightings hotline at 1900 740 7483.

234

00:22:00,500 --> 00:22:08,500

On the next sightings, in 1965 an unidentified flying object crashed in this Pennsylvania town. Many still claim it was an alien spacecraft.

235

00:22:08,500 --> 00:22:12,500

There is documentation that proves once and for all UFOs are real.

236

00:22:12,500 --> 00:22:15,500

On the next sightings.

237

00:22:15,500 --> 00:22:22,500

Join us next time for new investigations into the unexplained. For Sightings, I'm Tim White. Good night.

238

00:22:24,500 --> 00:22:30,500

Coming up next, Fox's Friday Night Search Party continues with an all-new episode of Likely Suspects.

239

00:22:30,500 --> 00:22:35,500

And tomorrow, check out the new comedy that critics are calling wildly funny.

240

00:22:35,500 --> 00:22:39,500

In the tradition of in living color comes The Edge. Tomorrow night.