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Bigfoot, there is evidence that points to the existence of an enormous creature, half

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man half ape.

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It could be the elusive missing link.

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Anthropologists are studying footprints, hand prints, and now a new film exclusive to sightings

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that appears to some to be authentic.

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Serious researchers won't give up their quest for proof that Bigfoot is a living, breathing

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creature stalking the words of North American.

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Sightings has brought you startling footage before, and now a surge in reports brings

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new information about this elusive monster.

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There are new eyewitness accounts, plaster footprints, photographs, and this exclusive

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video tape.

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This is the most compelling evidence to date that there is a Sasquatch.

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Researchers have now discovered what they believe is a pattern of Bigfoot activity,

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concentrated in eastern Washington state near the Idaho border.

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With over 50 sightings in the past year, local police here take Bigfoot reports seriously.

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One officer, Michael Bisbee, took us to the site of his own encounter.

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Early evening, about 6.37 o'clock, I's on patrol in an area known as McCormick Ridge,

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and this big black object was walking away from me, walking into the timber.

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I really didn't know what it was.

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I didn't really get a good look at him.

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He was running so fast, there was no human could run that fast.

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My boss got nervous, you know, after we started working again, he was worried about it trying

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to sneak around and trying to come, you know, do something to us, you know, sneak attack

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is what he said.

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Based on the high concentration of sightings here, our investigative team mounted an expedition

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into the area, headed by researcher Cliff Crook.

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Head of the expedition, Cliff and his partner, Dean Smith, believed that only a small, unobtrusive

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team would have any chance of capturing a Bigfoot on film.

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It was just this kind of expedition led by Roger Patterson in 1967 that resulted in a

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startling piece of evidence.

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This 16mm film was believed to be the only authenticated Bigfoot footage to date.

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Patterson's partner, Bob Gimlin, was there.

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When we came upon the creature, it was standing still by the creek, it immediately turned

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around and started to walk away.

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There is no way that this could ever be falsified or any man could be in a suit because of the

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movement of the muscle underneath the hair.

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The Patterson film is the second best evidence after some footprints.

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Professor Grover Kranz heads the anthropology department at Washington State University.

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His scholarly research concludes that Bigfoot is real.

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This is one of the most interesting ones.

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It's a 14.5 inch track.

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It shows what we call dermal ridges, the little fingerprint type ridges.

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These have been studied by police fingerprint experts and no one's found any flaw in any

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of them.

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This one is the imprint of some knuckles with the right hand.

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You can see it's substantially larger than my hand and this is the thumb over here.

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The individual apparently stumbled, hit the hand on the ground and left the imprint and

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the cast was made of those four digits curled around and the fifth digit, the thumb coming

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out to the side.

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Right here is the thumbnail, the edge of the thumbnail.

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Professor Kranz divides his research time between lab study and expeditions into the

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field.

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He is constantly searching for new evidence to support his theories.

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His findings indicate that Bigfoot is nocturnal, a creature of the night.

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It brought a specially equipped star-like filter into the research area.

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We hope that this night vision feature would increase our chances of finding an actual

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Bigfoot.

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Unfortunately, bad weather forced us to end the investigation before any sightings occurred.

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Soon after our team left the area, an anonymous videotape arrived with a Washington State

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postmark.

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There are those who believe this is actual footage of a small, possibly female, Bigfoot.

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The creature appears in two sections of this VHS tape.

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The tape is played in its entirety.

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Here the supposed Bigfoot moves behind some trees and then unexpectedly turns toward

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the camera.

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Washington based photo analyst Mike Stosser studied this videotape for sightings.

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The most compelling evidence in the tape is as simple as a head turn.

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In hoaxes you see an animal that maybe someone in a suit move with their head and their neck.

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And real Bigfoot specimens would move as a gorilla with their entire torso and their

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head would move similarly.

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The typical ape posture as the shoulders carried very high and the mouth and the jaw is lower

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than the shoulder.

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So if an ape wants to turn its head, its jaw runs into its shoulder.

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The creature that Patterson watched turned its head and then the shoulder went with

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it in what you just as what you would expect with an ape.

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In the Patterson footage you can see that the animal is walking straight forward but

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then when he turns to see the cameraman his entire body, his torso and all, moves up and

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to the right.

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Here in the most recent Washington footage you've got the animal crouched into clearing

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here and then as it starts to look towards the camera person, its entire torso comes

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up and to the left.

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It's full body, not just the neck but up and to the left.

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Very similar to the Patterson footage.

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Is this evidence of the legendary missing link?

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Experts aren't divided but they all continue to gather evidence.

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Although there is no proof positive that Bigfoot exists, to many the circumstantial evidence

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is overwhelming and researchers remain dedicated to finding that one piece of hard evidence

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that will finally lay the controversy to rest.

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Joining us now is Richard Greenwell, Secretary for the International Society of Cryptozoology.

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Richard has conducted numerous expeditions in search of Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster.

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Richard thanks for joining us.

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You've had a chance to look now at the new Bigfoot footage.

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What do you make of it?

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Is it the real thing or a hoax?

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I'd say probably a hoax.

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For one thing the supposed creature looks very much like a costume to me.

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Its gait and movement is wrong.

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The gait is very human like and the movement is very slow.

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What else would you need to see to be sure that one exists?

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Well the only evidence that's going to convince the zoologists and the anthropologists is

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physical remains, bones or a part of an animal or a complete animal dead or alive.

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That's the bottom line.

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Is there any sort of photographic evidence or videotape evidence that you would find persuasive?

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If there was film footage that was in conjunction with extremely good eye witness testimony

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from reliable people then that would be a very strong case.

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Otherwise when it's a videotape that comes in you don't know who took it or is questionable

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has very little value.

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If you were betting, Richard, what would you say the odds are that there is a Bigfoot?

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Well I may get into trouble for this.

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I'd say in my opinion based on all the evidence I've looked at in the 3000 reports I would

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say that the odds are just over 50% that there is a living Sasquatch or Bigfoot.

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Richard Greenwell thank you very much for being with us.