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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,000

Dazs

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00:00:26,860 --> 00:00:28,860

I'm still hurt i'm

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00:00:28,860 --> 00:00:29,860

I'm still mad.

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00:00:32,360 --> 00:00:34,140

And no trust.

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00:00:35,140 --> 00:00:35,980

I lost that.

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00:00:40,500 --> 00:00:42,860

I always tell my grandkids and great grandkids,

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00:00:42,860 --> 00:00:47,860

always watch your back and don't be,

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00:00:49,300 --> 00:00:51,620

don't think everybody's your friend, you know?

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00:01:22,140 --> 00:01:25,020

I always go in the well, I always go against neighborhood rules.

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00:01:25,860 --> 00:01:27,780

Oh ■■■■■epartner.

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00:01:27,780 --> 00:01:31,020

Better not mix rushed marble and leftover grouped.

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00:01:31,020 --> 00:01:34,380

Oldest reference I was Two boys and Three girls.

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00:01:34,460 --> 00:01:38,900

And long ago, Lama, I lived nine Shu It.

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00:01:40,140 --> 00:01:43,740

And then my amidst all of the lights they casted on.

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00:01:44,940 --> 00:01:48,580

They put some crushing all over the place I bet they both

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00:01:48,580 --> 00:01:51,540

klouve it was, kept going to look like another settlist

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00:01:51,540 --> 00:01:53,540

This is Alonzo, the baby.

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00:01:56,280 --> 00:01:59,620

Growing up, he was upset because half the time

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00:01:59,620 --> 00:02:01,460

when the kids went somewhere, he couldn't go

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00:02:01,460 --> 00:02:02,960

because he was the youngest one.

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00:02:10,220 --> 00:02:12,260

This is Alonzo's jacket.

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00:02:12,260 --> 00:02:14,400

He's with all the time.

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00:02:14,400 --> 00:02:18,540

I wear this jacket and I just put it on

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00:02:18,540 --> 00:02:21,100

just because I know it's his.

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00:02:21,100 --> 00:02:23,340

Makes me feel good, you know, comfortable.

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00:02:23,340 --> 00:02:26,300

You know, like, he's realm-y.

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00:02:26,300 --> 00:02:29,020

He was definitely her baby.

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00:02:29,020 --> 00:02:30,900

He was her heart.

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00:02:30,900 --> 00:02:33,740

He was her youngest boy, and they had a really strong,

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00:02:33,740 --> 00:02:34,740

tight relationship.

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00:02:37,300 --> 00:02:38,580

And this is him.

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00:02:38,580 --> 00:02:41,900

When he was three years old, karate.

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00:02:41,900 --> 00:02:44,140

He loved to do karate because he was in the karate thing.

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00:02:44,140 --> 00:02:49,340

He was always a kind, little, sweet, shy, but playful kid.

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00:02:49,340 --> 00:02:52,740

He was a loving person, a fun person.

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00:02:52,740 --> 00:02:54,140

And he got along with everybody.

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00:02:59,660 --> 00:03:02,340

As a young man, when he was growing up,

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00:03:02,340 --> 00:03:04,340

he was polite to everybody.

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00:03:04,340 --> 00:03:06,220

He was nice to see that growing out

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00:03:06,220 --> 00:03:07,940

as a young man like that.

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00:03:07,940 --> 00:03:11,940

He was a neat, freak, clean, and kind of like a man.

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00:03:11,940 --> 00:03:14,540

He was a neat, freak, clean.

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00:03:14,540 --> 00:03:18,620

Had to have, like, his shorts and pants creased up.

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00:03:23,100 --> 00:03:25,340

His favorite color was red, so he's pretty much either

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00:03:25,340 --> 00:03:26,820

in red or black.

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00:03:26,820 --> 00:03:29,260

Always wore boots and a beanie.

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00:03:29,260 --> 00:03:30,940

Always had a beanie on, and he kept it down,

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00:03:30,940 --> 00:03:33,380

and, you know, right above his eyelids,

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00:03:33,380 --> 00:03:34,740

you barely see his eyeballs.

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00:03:37,220 --> 00:03:38,900

We grew up in Topeka, Kansas.

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00:03:38,900 --> 00:03:40,980

I actually left there when I was 18.

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00:03:40,980 --> 00:03:45,020

And I moved to Gardner, Kansas with my mom.

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00:03:45,020 --> 00:03:46,980

Topeka is more urban.

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00:03:46,980 --> 00:03:49,300

More urban, it's all Gardner.

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00:03:49,300 --> 00:03:50,900

It's a lot slower.

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00:03:50,900 --> 00:03:52,860

It's more suburbia.

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00:03:55,820 --> 00:03:59,820

When we were younger, I would, you know, tease him and punch him

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00:03:59,820 --> 00:04:02,340

and, you know, try to make him hard, you know?

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00:04:02,340 --> 00:04:04,420

And try to make him grow up too fast.

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00:04:04,420 --> 00:04:07,540

And my mom used to get on us about, get on me about that.

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00:04:07,540 --> 00:04:09,100

And, you know, leave him alone, you know?

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00:04:09,100 --> 00:04:10,860

But you've got to be hard, you know?

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00:04:10,860 --> 00:04:12,580

You got to be tough out here.

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00:04:12,580 --> 00:04:14,340

You can't be weak, you know?

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00:04:14,340 --> 00:04:15,420

People take advantage of you.

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00:04:18,220 --> 00:04:19,420

His nickname is Zo.

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00:04:24,740 --> 00:04:27,540

This hand with the football.

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00:04:27,540 --> 00:04:28,700

He loves that football.

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00:04:34,700 --> 00:04:38,220

He was always messing up my hair.

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00:04:38,220 --> 00:04:41,460

I used to get so mad at, I miss that, you know?

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00:04:41,460 --> 00:04:43,060

I miss that a lot, but, uh...

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00:05:01,300 --> 00:05:07,060

That day, he said that he's going to a party.

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00:05:07,060 --> 00:05:10,100

And I said, what party are you talking about?

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00:05:10,100 --> 00:05:13,060

He goes, this guy's leaving to the service.

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00:05:13,060 --> 00:05:14,460

And we're all going to go out there.

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00:05:14,460 --> 00:05:17,900

And I go, well, who's we?

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00:05:17,900 --> 00:05:22,060

The person who came for him was Justin.

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00:05:22,060 --> 00:05:24,940

I'm not really sure how I learned of the party.

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00:05:24,940 --> 00:05:27,140

I don't recall that it was something that was planned out

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00:05:27,140 --> 00:05:28,940

weeks in advance.

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00:05:28,940 --> 00:05:30,220

That's not really how our group was.

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00:05:30,220 --> 00:05:34,020

It was more of, hey, I heard this is going on.

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00:05:34,020 --> 00:05:36,380

The hell with it, let's just go.

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00:05:36,380 --> 00:05:38,100

All I know is somebody called and said, you know,

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00:05:38,100 --> 00:05:39,580

come out to this party.

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00:05:39,580 --> 00:05:41,900

A bunch of us are going out.

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00:05:41,900 --> 00:05:44,700

You guys want to come out here.

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00:05:44,700 --> 00:05:45,940

It was kind of just get on the phone

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00:05:45,940 --> 00:05:47,580

and see who was all going out there.

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00:05:47,580 --> 00:05:50,620

And we had it out that night.

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00:05:50,620 --> 00:05:52,980

Lonzo, I don't remember him going to, like, a ton of parties

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00:05:52,980 --> 00:05:53,980

that we went to.

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00:05:53,980 --> 00:05:56,060

I mean, we were all a little bit younger than Lonzo.

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00:05:56,060 --> 00:05:57,540

He was about 22 years old, you know,

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00:05:57,540 --> 00:05:58,900

somewhere in that range.

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00:05:58,900 --> 00:06:01,020

Trey, his little brother, was really good friends

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00:06:01,020 --> 00:06:02,220

with my brother.

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00:06:02,220 --> 00:06:05,500

We used to play football, basketball, sports.

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00:06:05,540 --> 00:06:07,620

It was probably football the first time I met him.

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00:06:07,620 --> 00:06:08,940

We used to get together every Sunday.

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00:06:08,940 --> 00:06:12,420

And that's when I knew that he was an intense person.

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00:06:12,420 --> 00:06:14,340

Zoh was a beast when it came to football.

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00:06:14,340 --> 00:06:16,980

But he'd go from knocking your ass in the dirt playing

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00:06:16,980 --> 00:06:19,940

football to literally, you guys could just sit down

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00:06:19,940 --> 00:06:21,540

and just chat.

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00:06:21,540 --> 00:06:23,940

I mean, he was just the easiest guy in the world

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00:06:23,940 --> 00:06:24,620

to get along with.

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00:06:29,900 --> 00:06:34,500

I remember before we left Zoh's house, him fixing his socks.

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00:06:34,500 --> 00:06:35,860

He always wore two pair of socks,

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00:06:35,860 --> 00:06:40,260

but he had rolled it down to tie his boot a little tighter.

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00:06:42,900 --> 00:06:45,860

A week before that, Lonzo was out there playing basketball.

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00:06:45,860 --> 00:06:47,860

And he heard his ankle, you know?

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00:06:47,860 --> 00:06:48,980

So he's kind of limping.

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00:06:53,580 --> 00:06:57,900

We had blue jeans on, a t-shirt, a sweater,

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00:06:57,900 --> 00:07:01,980

and he had that skull he had.

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00:07:01,980 --> 00:07:03,860

And he saw a sea lady by himself.

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00:07:03,860 --> 00:07:04,700

OK, see you later.

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00:07:07,380 --> 00:07:08,980

It came time to leave.

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00:07:08,980 --> 00:07:10,700

And we just started divvying up.

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00:07:10,700 --> 00:07:12,660

You know, who was riding with who?

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00:07:12,660 --> 00:07:16,260

Zoh approached me and asked me if I had who was riding with me.

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00:07:16,260 --> 00:07:18,540

And I said, nobody yet.

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00:07:18,540 --> 00:07:20,460

And he asked if he could jump in.

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00:07:20,460 --> 00:07:21,460

Like, yeah, come on, man.

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00:07:21,460 --> 00:07:21,860

Let's do it.

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00:07:25,300 --> 00:07:27,260

The party was in Lacing.

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00:07:27,260 --> 00:07:29,940

I had never heard of Lacing prior to that night.

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00:07:30,940 --> 00:07:35,940

It was roughly an hour, maybe even a little bit more.

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00:07:35,940 --> 00:07:37,940

There's really not much to it.

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00:07:37,940 --> 00:07:41,940

It's a little, tiny, tiny Kansas town.

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00:07:41,940 --> 00:07:44,420

I think they got, like, one gas station, no real grocery store,

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00:07:44,420 --> 00:07:46,420

nothing like that.

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00:07:46,420 --> 00:07:47,420

There ain't nothing down there.

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00:07:47,420 --> 00:07:48,420

There ain't nothing.

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00:07:48,420 --> 00:07:49,420

There ain't houses everywhere.

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00:07:49,420 --> 00:07:51,420

There ain't people everywhere in the middle of the country.

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00:07:59,940 --> 00:08:06,940

When we got to the party, the first thing I remember is the long

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00:08:17,940 --> 00:08:19,940

driveway going up to the house.

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00:08:19,940 --> 00:08:23,940

It's a, you know, your normal country driveway next to a creek.

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00:08:23,940 --> 00:08:27,940

There was a few people standing out and around the house.

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00:08:27,940 --> 00:08:30,940

So immediately screamed out, who wants a beer?

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00:08:30,940 --> 00:08:33,940

That was how we initiated contact with everybody at the party.

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00:08:33,940 --> 00:08:35,940

It was him yelling out, who wants a beer?

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00:08:39,940 --> 00:08:43,940

Everybody at the party, I would say, was maybe 16 to 21 at the absolute most.

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00:08:45,940 --> 00:08:48,940

Everybody was playing a flip cup or something like that.

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00:08:50,940 --> 00:08:54,940

You had people kind of off to one side who were dancing.

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00:08:55,940 --> 00:09:01,940

You had guys inside playing cards, other drinking games going on.

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00:09:02,940 --> 00:09:04,940

Zo wanted to get in on it.

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00:09:04,940 --> 00:09:06,940

It was hilarious to watch.

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00:09:06,940 --> 00:09:09,940

Zo was having a blast.

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00:09:11,940 --> 00:09:14,940

When I got to the party, Alonzo was already there.

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00:09:14,940 --> 00:09:17,940

I'd say there were about, you know, 30, 40 people there, maybe 50.

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00:09:17,940 --> 00:09:20,940

I can remember six or eight people that were from Gardner,

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00:09:20,940 --> 00:09:23,940

from, you know, our group of friends that were there,

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00:09:23,940 --> 00:09:25,940

but a lot of the people I didn't know.

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00:09:26,940 --> 00:09:28,940

There was a lot of people at that party,

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00:09:28,940 --> 00:09:31,940

and there was a tight group of people that were there,

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00:09:31,940 --> 00:09:33,940

people that I didn't know.

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00:09:33,940 --> 00:09:37,940

It was more of a country type thing, and we're not so much that.

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00:09:37,940 --> 00:09:39,940

So, I mean, it was different that way.

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00:09:39,940 --> 00:09:41,940

A lot more of the cowboys and stuff.

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00:09:44,940 --> 00:09:47,940

It was a good time. Music was going, and I'd seen Alonzo off the bat.

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00:09:47,940 --> 00:09:49,940

He came up. He was in a great mood that night.

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00:09:49,940 --> 00:09:52,940

It was a little off, because Alonzo was more of a quiet person.

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00:09:52,940 --> 00:09:55,940

And that night, he seemed more outgoing,

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00:09:55,940 --> 00:09:57,940

and Alonzo was enjoying himself a lot more that evening.

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00:09:57,940 --> 00:09:59,940

It was fun.

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00:09:59,940 --> 00:10:01,940

I seen Alonzo, and he was in the kitchen.

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00:10:01,940 --> 00:10:03,940

I even sat down with him for a little while,

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00:10:03,940 --> 00:10:05,940

and we had a couple drinks. I brought, like, a little bottle of air.

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00:10:05,940 --> 00:10:07,940

We took a couple shots together,

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00:10:07,940 --> 00:10:09,940

and then I walked away to talk to somebody real quick.

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00:10:09,940 --> 00:10:12,940

And when I turned around, I don't know who it was,

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00:10:12,940 --> 00:10:14,940

but him and another guy just were getting into it,

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00:10:14,940 --> 00:10:16,940

and we're face-to-face with each other.

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00:10:17,940 --> 00:10:20,940

They started seeming like they were going to get a lot more serious,

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00:10:20,940 --> 00:10:23,940

so I stepped in between them, pulled Alonzo to the side,

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00:10:23,940 --> 00:10:25,940

got this guy to the side, tried to break it up.

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00:10:25,940 --> 00:10:31,940

There were some people at the party who had, you know, problems with people's skin color.

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00:10:31,940 --> 00:10:33,940

Our group didn't really think about race,

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00:10:33,940 --> 00:10:37,940

so it never really got brought up, but Alonzo probably was the only black man that was there.

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00:10:39,940 --> 00:10:41,940

Alonzo, he didn't sweat nothing like that.

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00:10:41,940 --> 00:10:43,940

He didn't let that worry him at all.

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00:10:43,940 --> 00:10:45,940

That wouldn't have ruined his good time at all.

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00:10:46,940 --> 00:10:48,940

I think I was only there about an hour and a half.

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00:10:48,940 --> 00:10:50,940

We got a call about going to another party,

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00:10:50,940 --> 00:10:52,940

and it happened quick when Nicky was like,

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00:10:52,940 --> 00:10:53,940

oh, let's go, let's go.

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00:10:53,940 --> 00:10:55,940

That was my ride, so we got to take off.

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00:10:55,940 --> 00:10:57,940

I do remember saying bye to Alonzo,

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00:10:57,940 --> 00:11:01,940

and I remember, you know, shaking his hand, and that was really it.

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00:11:02,940 --> 00:11:04,940

I left shortly after. I didn't stay too long.

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00:11:04,940 --> 00:11:06,940

I was there maybe 45 minutes to an hour.

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00:11:06,940 --> 00:11:09,940

We just, you know, shook hands, did the hug, and then that was it.

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00:11:09,940 --> 00:11:11,940

And said, have a good night, Alonzo.

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00:11:11,940 --> 00:11:15,940

And that was pretty early, I'd say. It was about 11 o'clock or so.

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00:11:15,940 --> 00:11:18,940

I figured Justin was going to give him a ride home,

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00:11:18,940 --> 00:11:20,940

and didn't really think nothing of it.

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00:11:23,940 --> 00:11:25,940

I smoked my last cigarette,

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00:11:25,940 --> 00:11:27,940

so I went to snatch a cigarette from Alonzo.

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00:11:27,940 --> 00:11:30,940

And he was also out and said,

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00:11:30,940 --> 00:11:32,940

well, if you're going to go get some, go get some smokes,

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00:11:32,940 --> 00:11:34,940

grab me a pack, too.

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00:11:34,940 --> 00:11:36,940

And I left to go get a cigarette.

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00:11:40,940 --> 00:11:44,940

Out of the driveway, I should have gone left and went right.

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00:11:45,940 --> 00:11:49,940

I ended up getting lost on some gravel roads,

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00:11:49,940 --> 00:11:53,940

getting my car stuck, and ended up about 30 minutes

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00:11:53,940 --> 00:11:56,940

in the north of where I was supposed to be.

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00:11:59,940 --> 00:12:02,940

And at that point, I made a phone call to another buddy of ours

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00:12:02,940 --> 00:12:03,940

that was at the party,

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00:12:03,940 --> 00:12:08,940

let him know to get ahold of Alonzo and tell him that I got lost.

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00:12:08,940 --> 00:12:12,940

I could hear Alonzo talking shit in the background that I got lost,

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00:12:12,940 --> 00:12:14,940

and that I wasn't going to make it back.

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00:12:14,940 --> 00:12:18,940

And for my friend, Adam to give Zoa a ride home.

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00:12:35,940 --> 00:12:39,940

I get his phone call, and as Alonzo home, I go,

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00:12:39,940 --> 00:12:41,940

well, he should be home.

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00:12:41,940 --> 00:12:44,940

So that's when I go look in his room.

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00:12:44,940 --> 00:12:47,940

His bed's still made up.

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00:12:47,940 --> 00:12:50,940

He hasn't been in his room at all.

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00:12:50,940 --> 00:12:53,940

And that's when I start yelling for Alonzo,

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00:12:53,940 --> 00:12:56,940

you know, if he's down in the basement.

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00:12:56,940 --> 00:12:57,940

He wasn't there.

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00:12:57,940 --> 00:13:00,940

I said, no, Alonzo's not home. Where is he at?

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00:13:00,940 --> 00:13:03,940

He said, well, maybe he's been at somebody else.

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00:13:03,940 --> 00:13:07,940

There's no way he will always come home, no matter what.

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00:13:09,940 --> 00:13:13,940

So I said, call all these people and find out where he's at.

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00:13:19,940 --> 00:13:22,940

The next day when we all woke up, everybody's phone started going off

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00:13:22,940 --> 00:13:24,940

because everybody was like, where's Alonzo?

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00:13:24,940 --> 00:13:26,940

Who's seen him last?

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00:13:28,940 --> 00:13:33,940

I got a phone call that Sunday morning and just asked if I seen Alonzo

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00:13:33,940 --> 00:13:35,940

or if he made it home or not.

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00:13:35,940 --> 00:13:36,940

I told him I'm not well sure.

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00:13:36,940 --> 00:13:38,940

I seen him when I left the party.

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00:13:38,940 --> 00:13:41,940

It's not like Alonzo did not come home.

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00:13:41,940 --> 00:13:43,940

He would at least call.

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00:13:43,940 --> 00:13:47,940

Somebody called me and said, hey, man, have you talked to Zo?

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00:13:47,940 --> 00:13:50,940

I'm like, no. Last time I talked to him, he was still at the party

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00:13:50,940 --> 00:13:52,940

and Adam was going to give him a ride home.

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00:13:52,940 --> 00:13:55,940

But what I've heard is that Adam believed that he had already left

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00:13:55,940 --> 00:13:57,940

or they missed each other.

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00:13:57,940 --> 00:14:00,940

How it didn't come that they didn't get together at the end of the night,

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00:14:00,940 --> 00:14:01,940

I'm not sure.

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00:14:06,940 --> 00:14:09,940

I'm riding English along with his best friend.

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00:14:09,940 --> 00:14:12,940

I'm here at my mom's house. We're over in North Topeka.

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00:14:12,940 --> 00:14:14,940

That's where he grew up.

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00:14:18,940 --> 00:14:20,940

I played outside all the time.

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00:14:24,940 --> 00:14:26,940

We used to build ramps in the middle of the street

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00:14:26,940 --> 00:14:28,940

with some bricks and some wood.

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00:14:28,940 --> 00:14:30,940

And we'd just jump our bikes.

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00:14:30,940 --> 00:14:32,940

We'd just jump our bikes.

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00:14:32,940 --> 00:14:34,940

We'd just jump our bikes.

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00:14:35,940 --> 00:14:38,940

We'd play basketball, football in the yard.

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00:14:38,940 --> 00:14:40,940

We'd play King of the Hill.

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00:14:40,940 --> 00:14:43,940

We'd climb a little compost pile.

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00:14:43,940 --> 00:14:47,940

The hardest guy stands on top. You try to knock him off.

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00:14:47,940 --> 00:14:49,940

Whoever stays on top is the king.

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00:14:56,940 --> 00:14:59,940

I don't know. He's just like a brother to me.

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00:14:59,940 --> 00:15:01,940

He's just like a brother to me.

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00:15:01,940 --> 00:15:04,940

I don't know. He's just like a brother to me.

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00:15:14,940 --> 00:15:17,940

I got a call. His mom asked me if I heard from Lonzo.

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00:15:17,940 --> 00:15:20,940

I'm like, no, why? Well, he went to a party last night

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00:15:20,940 --> 00:15:22,940

and he ain't came home.

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00:15:22,940 --> 00:15:26,940

And the people that he went to the party with, he ain't with them.

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00:15:27,940 --> 00:15:30,940

That was a sign there that, okay, something ain't right.

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00:15:31,940 --> 00:15:34,940

I didn't know his friends.

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We met up in Gardiner.

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00:15:36,940 --> 00:15:38,940

We went to go look for him.

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00:15:40,940 --> 00:15:43,940

Justin showed up to take us to where the party was at

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00:15:43,940 --> 00:15:45,940

because we didn't know where to go.

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00:15:45,940 --> 00:15:47,940

So he rode with me down to Les Seine.

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00:15:47,940 --> 00:15:49,940

That's the first time I met Justin in there.

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00:15:53,940 --> 00:15:56,940

We get to this old farmhouse that sits off back off this road

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00:15:56,940 --> 00:15:58,940

and we go to the farmhouse.

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00:15:58,940 --> 00:16:02,940

It sits off back off this road and they say, well, the party was here.

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00:16:02,940 --> 00:16:05,940

So we'd get out and start walking around to look.

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00:16:08,940 --> 00:16:11,940

It came up between all of us. Let's go check along the wood line.

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00:16:11,940 --> 00:16:14,940

Make sure he didn't just get drunk and decide to sleep outside.

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00:16:14,940 --> 00:16:18,940

And we ended up crossing the street from the house.

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00:16:21,940 --> 00:16:23,940

I walked out of the driveway and across the street

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00:16:23,940 --> 00:16:25,940

just to, you know, look on the other side of the road

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00:16:25,940 --> 00:16:28,940

and came upon his hat and a boot.

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00:16:32,940 --> 00:16:36,940

Had a boot right over there in between those two poles

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00:16:36,940 --> 00:16:41,940

and his other boot that we found right on side of this creek bank.

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They weren't, like, tucked under nothings.

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00:16:46,940 --> 00:16:48,940

Like, nobody tried to hide them or, you know,

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00:16:48,940 --> 00:16:50,940

they could have threw them in the trash can.

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00:16:51,940 --> 00:16:53,940

It's like somebody was driving down the road

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00:16:53,940 --> 00:16:56,940

when they pulled out of the farmhouse, threw a hat and boot out this way

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00:16:56,940 --> 00:16:59,940

and then grabbed another boot and threw it out as it was driving down the road.

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00:16:59,940 --> 00:17:01,940

That's the only theory I could come up with.

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00:17:01,940 --> 00:17:04,940

Now, why they would do that, I have no clue.

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00:17:06,940 --> 00:17:11,940

Some guy rolled up on a four-wheeler and came from back that way.

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00:17:11,940 --> 00:17:13,940

That's the guy that told us we had to leave.

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00:17:15,940 --> 00:17:17,940

At that point, we knew what was up.

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00:17:18,940 --> 00:17:20,940

At that point, we knew what was up.

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00:17:20,940 --> 00:17:22,940

Something's not right. He's missing.

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00:17:22,940 --> 00:17:24,940

Something's totally wrong.

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00:17:24,940 --> 00:17:26,940

Something happened to my brother.

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00:17:34,940 --> 00:17:36,940

Sorry, I gotta get the fuck out of here.

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00:17:36,940 --> 00:17:40,940

I mean, I do not feel safe at all.

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00:17:41,940 --> 00:17:46,940

The town we were in was definitely an all-white dominant town, they seen was.

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00:17:46,940 --> 00:17:49,940

Definitely, you know, there's some racism involved down there.

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00:17:49,940 --> 00:17:53,940

It gets worse when you get down and, you know, go a little more further south.

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00:17:53,940 --> 00:17:58,940

Obviously, that crap comes with the area.

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00:18:01,940 --> 00:18:04,940

I kind of talked to Justin and asked him some questions,

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00:18:04,940 --> 00:18:06,940

like, how you take someone to a party?

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00:18:06,940 --> 00:18:08,940

And you don't come home with them.

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00:18:08,940 --> 00:18:11,940

Especially as far as we were out in the middle of nowhere.

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00:18:11,940 --> 00:18:14,940

When I left him, he was having a damn good time.

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00:18:14,940 --> 00:18:16,940

He was still laughing, joking around.

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00:18:16,940 --> 00:18:19,940

There was no animosity in the air, like, that you could feel.

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00:18:19,940 --> 00:18:22,940

You know what I mean? There hadn't been a single, maybe other than a couple,

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00:18:22,940 --> 00:18:25,940

couples, you know, bitching back and forth between each other.

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00:18:25,940 --> 00:18:28,940

There was no, no issues, period.

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00:18:28,940 --> 00:18:32,940

To leave him there an hour away from home, I didn't understand that.

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00:18:32,940 --> 00:18:35,940

I went to the police station.

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00:18:35,940 --> 00:18:41,940

They said, I have to wait 48 hours to call him missing.

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00:18:41,940 --> 00:18:45,940

I said, no, I'm letting you know he's missing because I know my son.

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00:18:45,940 --> 00:18:48,940

You know, he comes home.

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00:18:48,940 --> 00:18:52,940

Something's telling me that something went wrong at that party.

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00:18:52,940 --> 00:18:54,940

I said, no, I'm not going to miss him.

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00:18:54,940 --> 00:18:56,940

I'm going to miss him.

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00:18:56,940 --> 00:18:58,940

I'm going to miss him.

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00:18:58,940 --> 00:19:02,940

Something's telling me that something went wrong at that party.

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00:19:08,940 --> 00:19:12,940

When I got the call that morning that he didn't come home, I knew something was wrong.

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00:19:12,940 --> 00:19:14,940

He wasn't the type to stay anywhere.

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00:19:14,940 --> 00:19:16,940

I know something happened to him.

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00:19:16,940 --> 00:19:18,940

I know somebody did something to him.

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00:19:18,940 --> 00:19:21,940

I got a call Sunday, Sunday night from my mom.

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00:19:21,940 --> 00:19:24,940

My mom was friendly, and I was telling her to calm down.

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00:19:24,940 --> 00:19:27,940

What's going on? She kept saying, your brother hasn't come home.

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00:19:29,940 --> 00:19:35,940

Me and my wife got up on that Monday and drove down to Lacey.

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00:19:35,940 --> 00:19:39,940

Got in touch with the owner of the house where the party was at.

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00:19:39,940 --> 00:19:42,940

And we find out that the house was empty.

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00:19:42,940 --> 00:19:46,940

It was something kind of like a rented house or something like that.

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00:19:46,940 --> 00:19:51,940

When we pulled up to the house, on the right-hand side, it was just all fields.

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00:19:51,940 --> 00:19:57,940

And then, down back at the house there, there's a small creek back there.

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00:19:57,940 --> 00:20:04,940

I remember looking in the window and just trying to visualize what was going on here the night before.

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00:20:04,940 --> 00:20:05,940

Because it was empty.

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00:20:05,940 --> 00:20:10,940

It just didn't look like a place that would have had a huge party just the night before.

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00:20:10,940 --> 00:20:17,940

When we drove around the highway, it's just, if we see anything, we drove through the town.

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00:20:17,940 --> 00:20:23,940

People in town are looking at us kind of like, you know, why you're here.

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00:20:24,940 --> 00:20:29,940

You can tell. You can tell when eyes are on you.

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00:20:29,940 --> 00:20:34,940

After that, we went to the police station and we had a meeting with the sheriff there.

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00:20:34,940 --> 00:20:39,940

We were trying to make them understand how serious this was that he had not shown up.

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00:20:39,940 --> 00:20:43,940

And I remember the sheriff saying, he's going to show up anytime.

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00:20:43,940 --> 00:20:46,940

He's just probably out doing what kids do, just walking around.

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00:20:46,940 --> 00:20:50,940

And I remember my response was, how many times have I told him?

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00:20:50,940 --> 00:20:51,940

He's just walking around.

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00:20:51,940 --> 00:20:57,940

And I remember my response was, how many people do you know that are out walking around with no shoes on?

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00:20:57,940 --> 00:20:59,940

And it had rained.

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00:21:03,940 --> 00:21:05,940

That's basically what we got.

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00:21:05,940 --> 00:21:14,940

And then we left there and we was just kind of dependent on the police department to do their investigation and find out what's going on.

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00:21:21,940 --> 00:21:27,940

I originally received information on it.

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00:21:27,940 --> 00:21:33,940

I needed to go to this address in Lacyne because there's been a report of a missing person.

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00:21:33,940 --> 00:21:38,940

And I went there. Alonzo wasn't at the house.

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00:21:41,940 --> 00:21:43,940

We walked the creek that day at night.

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00:21:43,940 --> 00:21:47,940

There was no indication that he was outside anywhere.

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00:21:48,940 --> 00:21:53,940

I just reported back negative contact with Alonzo or anybody around there.

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00:21:56,940 --> 00:21:59,940

After that, the case was turned over to the KBI.

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00:21:59,940 --> 00:22:03,940

And at that point, we became an assisting agency as a sheriff's office.

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00:22:09,940 --> 00:22:13,940

Within a few days of the reported missing person, there was a very extensive search.

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00:22:13,940 --> 00:22:22,940

The KBI, their evidence recovery team came down, walked the creek bed, looking for evidence.

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00:22:24,940 --> 00:22:31,940

The Monday following the party, this department was there with AirSant tracking dogs and walked the area.

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00:22:31,940 --> 00:22:35,940

Also, the Kansas Highway Patrol supplied a helicopter.

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00:22:37,940 --> 00:22:40,940

FBI joined our search team.

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The FBI continues to investigate to find out if Alonzo may have been the victim of a hate crime.

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According to some witnesses at the party, Alonzo was threatened and was the target of racial slurs.

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00:22:57,940 --> 00:23:03,940

Lee Simmet, underwater rescue and dive team was brought in on the 12th.

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00:23:10,940 --> 00:23:17,940

The team was dispatched at noon on the day of the search.

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00:23:17,940 --> 00:23:25,940

When we came out here and we did the initial search, water was three feet deep in the deepest part.

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00:23:25,940 --> 00:23:31,940

We had three guys in the creek that started from this bridge and walked down to the tee right here.

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00:23:31,940 --> 00:23:36,940

And then we had three people on either side walking in clear and brush and everything like that all the way down.

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00:23:36,940 --> 00:23:41,940

But we found nothing to indicate that a body was in the creek at all.

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00:23:41,940 --> 00:23:44,940

We told the sheriff we'd come back out if they wanted us to.

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00:23:44,940 --> 00:23:50,940

We weren't invited to come back out and search again, so we wrapped it up and closed our case part of it.

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00:23:50,940 --> 00:23:57,940

There was no signs of them. The cadaver dogs didn't find anything. The dive team didn't find anything.

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00:23:57,940 --> 00:23:59,940

So we were at a loss.

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00:23:59,940 --> 00:24:05,940

I was mad at all those kids that from Gardner went down and they know Alonzo.

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00:24:05,940 --> 00:24:09,940

Why'd you guys leave my son there? Nobody had no answer.

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00:24:09,940 --> 00:24:11,940

I was in the middle of a search.

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00:24:11,940 --> 00:24:13,940

I was in the middle of a search.

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00:24:13,940 --> 00:24:15,940

I was in the middle of a search.

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00:24:15,940 --> 00:24:17,940

They know Alonzo.

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00:24:17,940 --> 00:24:21,940

Why'd you guys leave my son there? Nobody had no answer.

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00:24:24,940 --> 00:24:29,940

There was hundreds of interviews conducted both by the KBI and the FBI.

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00:24:29,940 --> 00:24:36,940

Hundreds and it was some poly Gersh█, so we ran it down that road.

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00:24:36,940 --> 00:24:43,940

Every other day we were meeting with investigators, giving them you know what we knew, who is there phone numbers.

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00:24:43,940 --> 00:24:47,740

and it was just a constant barrage of law enforcement.

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00:24:47,740 --> 00:24:50,580

They kept telling us that he likely just got drunk,

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00:24:50,580 --> 00:24:54,180

took his shoes off, and decided to walk home.

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00:24:54,180 --> 00:24:55,420

Total bullshit.

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00:24:55,420 --> 00:24:56,780

And that's what we kept trying to tell him.

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00:24:56,780 --> 00:24:59,420

A, that's out of his character in general.

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00:24:59,420 --> 00:25:01,300

And B, his ankles messed up.

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00:25:01,300 --> 00:25:05,220

Why is he going to just take off his boots

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00:25:05,220 --> 00:25:07,860

and then truck, I don't know, how many miles home?

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00:25:14,900 --> 00:25:16,740

With that many days going by, we know

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00:25:16,740 --> 00:25:18,860

he's not walking down the highway.

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00:25:18,860 --> 00:25:21,260

We know he's not staying at somebody's house.

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00:25:21,260 --> 00:25:25,620

We couldn't say what it was, but we knew something happened.

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00:25:25,620 --> 00:25:27,740

They didn't want my family to go looking for him.

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00:25:27,740 --> 00:25:31,860

We want to go out there to the farmhouse and search.

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00:25:31,860 --> 00:25:33,620

The sheriff told us no.

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00:25:33,620 --> 00:25:36,980

They say that they're looking for him.

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00:25:36,980 --> 00:25:39,260

We were calling the Lane County Sheriff's Police Department

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00:25:39,260 --> 00:25:40,340

daily.

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00:25:40,340 --> 00:25:41,460

I mean, daily.

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00:25:41,460 --> 00:25:43,100

I mean, probably for three weeks straight.

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00:25:43,100 --> 00:25:45,940

He'd said, you know, you need to slow down the phone calls.

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00:25:45,940 --> 00:25:47,180

Just stop calling.

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00:25:47,180 --> 00:25:48,620

Let us contact you.

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00:25:48,620 --> 00:25:49,700

We're working on things.

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00:25:59,300 --> 00:26:03,380

A month later, that's when they let my family go down there.

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00:26:03,380 --> 00:26:08,300

They gave them the OK to go down and search for my son.

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00:26:08,940 --> 00:26:11,500

From the Lane County standpoint, they didn't have anything

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00:26:11,500 --> 00:26:12,580

on this case.

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00:26:12,580 --> 00:26:14,740

So of course, they were like, yeah, go ahead and have your search.

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00:26:14,740 --> 00:26:15,620

Half at it.

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00:26:15,620 --> 00:26:17,740

Go ahead.

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00:26:17,740 --> 00:26:21,420

Family were reaching out to friends, asking anybody that,

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00:26:21,420 --> 00:26:25,060

you know, we're going to do a search in Lacyne.

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00:26:25,060 --> 00:26:26,300

A lot of people heard about it.

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00:26:26,300 --> 00:26:29,180

A lot of people wanted to participate.

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00:26:29,180 --> 00:26:32,100

And, you know, honestly, we don't know what we was looking for.

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00:26:32,100 --> 00:26:34,580

We just wanted to find something that was a representation

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00:26:34,580 --> 00:26:36,060

of my brother.

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00:26:36,100 --> 00:26:38,300

Or what could have happened or anything.

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00:26:46,060 --> 00:26:47,540

We all split up.

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00:26:47,540 --> 00:26:50,780

I was going to go along the creek bank on the east side

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00:26:50,780 --> 00:26:52,980

of the house and follow that creek bank.

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00:26:56,820 --> 00:27:00,100

There was a white shed that's not there now.

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00:27:00,100 --> 00:27:03,820

And we had always said somebody needs to go down there.

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00:27:04,620 --> 00:27:08,660

We had always said somebody needs to search that shed.

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00:27:08,660 --> 00:27:13,620

That's where we were actually headed toward that.

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00:27:13,620 --> 00:27:16,740

We were digging, you know, where we could through all the brush.

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00:27:16,740 --> 00:27:18,620

And we got down there.

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00:27:18,620 --> 00:27:21,300

And I looked up and I said, oh, crap.

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00:27:26,140 --> 00:27:26,820

There he is.

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00:27:26,820 --> 00:27:29,220

There's Zo.

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00:27:29,220 --> 00:27:31,100

And I radioed and said, we've got him.

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00:27:31,100 --> 00:27:31,780

We've got Zo.

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00:27:34,820 --> 00:27:37,820

I got a call from my uncle on the walkie talkie.

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00:27:37,820 --> 00:27:39,820

So Billy, we found him.

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00:27:39,820 --> 00:27:42,820

Just followed the creek.

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00:27:42,820 --> 00:27:46,820

So I kept running all the way through this mud area out here.

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00:27:46,820 --> 00:27:49,820

When I seen him, I ran down there, you know, kind of slid down

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00:27:49,820 --> 00:27:52,820

on the embankment.

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00:27:52,820 --> 00:27:55,820

My uncle stopped me and said, don't touch him.

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00:27:55,820 --> 00:27:56,820

Don't go over there.

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00:27:56,820 --> 00:27:59,820

I was trying to make my way over there.

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00:27:59,820 --> 00:28:01,820

It was just a mess.

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00:28:01,820 --> 00:28:02,820

It was a mess.

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00:28:02,820 --> 00:28:03,820

You know, it was a mess.

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00:28:03,820 --> 00:28:07,820

So you see him laying there.

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00:28:07,820 --> 00:28:12,820

And you think back all the time, did you see him walking around,

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00:28:12,820 --> 00:28:14,820

having fun?

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00:28:14,820 --> 00:28:19,820

And you see this young man just laying there.

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00:28:19,820 --> 00:28:22,820

His life just gone.

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00:28:22,820 --> 00:28:26,820

Lucky his mom didn't come and help search.

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00:28:26,820 --> 00:28:29,820

Because I don't think my search could have took that day.

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00:28:32,820 --> 00:28:35,820

He was 23 years old.

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00:28:35,820 --> 00:28:38,820

He was 23 when I last saw him.

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00:28:42,820 --> 00:28:46,820

After we found him, there was KBI FBI,

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00:28:46,820 --> 00:28:47,820

being in helicopters.

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00:28:47,820 --> 00:28:48,820

It was crazy.

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00:28:48,820 --> 00:28:50,820

It was just like boom.

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00:28:51,820 --> 00:28:54,820

Family members found the body of Alonzo Brooks

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00:28:54,820 --> 00:28:59,820

in a creek just 200 meters from his home.

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00:28:59,820 --> 00:29:01,820

We all went down to town.

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00:29:01,820 --> 00:29:04,820

And that's where the press conference was at.

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00:29:04,820 --> 00:29:06,820

We just really wanted to find him.

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00:29:06,820 --> 00:29:09,820

We just really wanted to find him and bring some kind of light

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00:29:09,820 --> 00:29:11,820

to that he's not just missing, that there may

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00:29:11,820 --> 00:29:14,820

been some foul play into it.

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00:29:20,820 --> 00:29:23,820

The body was closed.

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00:29:23,820 --> 00:29:26,820

And some personal items including a ring.

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00:29:26,820 --> 00:29:30,820

The examination internally and the examination of the clothing

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00:29:30,820 --> 00:29:33,820

does give me a fair degree of confidence

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00:29:33,820 --> 00:29:38,820

that I don't have penetrating injuries as a cause of death.

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00:29:38,820 --> 00:29:40,820

I don't have any physical injuries.

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00:29:40,820 --> 00:29:42,820

I don't have any physical injuries.

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00:29:42,820 --> 00:29:44,820

I don't have any physical injuries.

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00:29:44,820 --> 00:29:46,820

I don't have any physical injuries.

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00:29:46,820 --> 00:29:49,820

I don't have any physical injuries.

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00:29:49,820 --> 00:29:54,820

I don't have any physical injuries as a cause of death.

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00:29:54,820 --> 00:29:57,820

No evidence of any acute bone fracture.

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00:29:57,820 --> 00:30:01,820

No evidence of a sharp force injury nor a gunshot.

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00:30:01,820 --> 00:30:03,820

Could he have drowned?

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00:30:03,820 --> 00:30:05,820

Yes.

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00:30:05,820 --> 00:30:08,820

But there are no specific anatomic signs

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00:30:08,820 --> 00:30:11,820

to make a determination of drowning.

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00:30:11,820 --> 00:30:12,820

Could he be strangled?

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00:30:12,820 --> 00:30:13,820

Certainly.

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00:30:13,820 --> 00:30:16,820

The soft tissues in the neck are gone.

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They've been damaged by animals and insects.

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So there's nothing there that allows me to dig

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a determination that he was or was not strangled.

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There's no broken bone.

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There's no penetration of bone.

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If he's been beaten, it has not left anything identifiable.

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Mr. Brooks died.

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I do not know the circumstances of his death.

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I do not know the cause of his death,

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whether there was an accident

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or whether there was a purposeful involvement in his death.

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There's no accident that could have happened to my brother.

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That was intentional.

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Very intentional.

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His boots in hat was found off the side of the highway,

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far away, you know, from his body and everything.

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That obviously give you some kind of something to happen.

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Why is his shoes here?

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Why is his hat here?

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What happened?

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There's just foul play written all over it.

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That's all there is to it.

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There's just foul play written all over it.

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The night of the party, witnesses say there were four men

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living at this house.

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They've now since been evicted.

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But what happened at the party

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and whether it was a hate crime is still under investigation.

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There's a lot of opinions out there

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on the web and on blogs

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and all sorts of different variations of what could have happened.

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The different rumors that were going around,

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some of them, I guess were feasible

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and the other ones were just completely asinine.

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You know, rumors that maybe he did start walking on that highway

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and somebody picked him up.

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We set him up to drug dealers.

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Alonzo was chased down the driveway.

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After the party, like he tried to run.

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Somebody kept him in the trunk of a car, tortured him.

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I mean, you name it.

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There's a lot of that going around, you know.

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And the thing is, is that there was so much of it

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that some of it actually could have been true.

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I remember hearing from the police officers

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that there were a couple of fights later that night.

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I mean, we all know how everybody can get when you're drinking.

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I mean, tempers are short.

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One of the things that I've heard is that there was a girl there,

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a white girl, and maybe she flirted with him

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or maybe he flirted with her.

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And they got too friendly.

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And some of the other guys that were there at the party didn't like it.

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I mean, I don't know.

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If he's the only black kid there,

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you're gonna have somebody in there or a group of some people

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that's just gonna probably want to do something

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just because of his color.

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I'm sure the inward was getting thrown out that night.

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Alonzo would get mad about it, I do believe.

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I think he got his ass beat by about four or five people.

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That's what I believe Alonzo got beat up, he got jumped.

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It definitely would have taken a few guys or some type of brutal force of something.

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Because Alonzo wouldn't have gave up.

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The FBI continues to investigate to find out if Alonzo may have been the victim of a hate crime.

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Brooke's body was found here in this ravine in Lacing, Kansas.

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Sheriff Seitz says his crew was there many times before.

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His body was absolutely not where it is now at the time law enforcement was there.

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It doesn't make any sense that a dive team came out, KBI came out, that we had cadaver dogs out.

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And you'd done all these searches before and never found him.

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But we do a search and within 30 minutes we find him.

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When we came out here and we did the initial search, the creek level was so low they could actually see the bottom.

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We would have found him doing this motion here, just shuffling our bodies and our feet like this.

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Just walking through the creek doing this.

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If there was a body in here, when we searched it, he would have been found that night.

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Searches often fail to find the person you're looking for.

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You'll have helicopters and dogs and police and family and then all of a sudden they get found.

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He could have floated down the creek when the creek had higher water levels after a rainstorm.

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We've got a clog there of brushes and branches and he's simply trapped in that mess.

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When we found my brother, his body did not look like he was bloated, like he was in the water.

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His complexion of his skin looked normal to me.

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He actually looked like he was, you know, like he had his color and stuff on, like he wasn't, you know, dead.

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All these items was found on my son, all of them.

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For here's for being in that water for over a month doesn't look like it because this stuff is not damaged.

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His bill for stealing tack, his banana is not even that bad.

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Everything's still intact, there's papers.

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Look at that, nothing.

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This too, the plastic, look at that, it's still good.

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This is the video call to go to the movies and it's still intact, look at that.

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I can't say it, I can't do it anymore.

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I can't do it anymore.

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We believe that the body had been placed in the creek after the last search.

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When we went down there to ask Sheriff Stites that we want to do our own search, I don't know who Sheriff Stites talked to and let them know that, hey, you know, the Brooks family are going to do a search.

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It seemed, being a small town, somebody could tell somebody, somebody could tell somebody and it just goes like wildfire.

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And then somebody that had him or whatever probably just figured, hey, this time we can get rid of him right now, let him find him.

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So that's what we believe, somebody had placed him there.

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Where was he at from April 4th all the way to May 1st when we found him?

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Where was he at all that time?

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I believe my brother could have been in a meelock or something.

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For the body to not decompose as fast. That's what I believe.

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There's nothing that allows you to know whether somebody's been frozen.

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If you find it immediately upon thawing, there are some microscopic changes that might suggest that that's what's happened.

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However, when you have significant decomposition that's superimposed upon that, these signs disappear.

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There's no way to prove or disprove that a body's been frozen.

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As far as how long that body's been in the creek, it's consistent with having been there 30 days. It could easily be shorter.

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I also don't know the circumstances under which he ended up in the creek, so I can't tell you whether he placed himself in that environment or somebody else placed him in that environment.

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We know that most people, when they kill somebody and dispose of a body, do so in convenient fashions.

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Moving a dead body is not convenient.

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To bring that body down there and dump it, very inconvenient.

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You've got to go through a brush, you've got to go an extended period across a field. That's highly improbable.

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Now, having said that, if somebody sets their mind to it, you can take a body and you can move it and you can dump it somewhere.

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They hid my son from me. They hid my son from all of us.

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Sometimes I think about, you know, if he was, you know, being jumped or something, you know, he could have been calling out for me, you know, as well, you know, calling out for his big brother to come and help him.

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So, I didn't get that opportunity.

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You don't want to think about him suffering and being in pain. I'm sure he's very scared and didn't know what was happening or why it was happening.

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I wish I was still there because I would have grabbed him up. I would have grabbed him up and he wouldn't have been there.

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It's my fault I should have been there. He wouldn't have been alone.

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I'd have gone down with him fighting. I'd trade places with him today. And I'm heartbeat.

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They said time heals all wounds, but it doesn't. What they took from us was a piece of our heart. You know, a piece of our soul.

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Everyone else is going on with their day, living our life, and here we are stuck, wondering who did it, why they could be walking past us. We don't know. I mean, you know, it's just always one of those questions that stay in your mind. Why and who did it?

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He didn't get to have his family, to get married, go to work, you know, we got barbecues or something like that here. Here is crazy live. I can't hear that no more. All that's gone.

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This is a letter from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation that says the KBI was one of the several law enforcement agencies who investigated the April 4th death of Alonzo Brooks.

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No evidence or information gained throughout the lengthy investigation indicated that Alonzo Brooks was the victim of a crime. For this reason, the investigation into his death was closed.

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My brother deserves more than this along with his family. This case needs to stay open. It should

never close. It should stay open until it's actually closed with results. There's no results.

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If you can find Osama Bin Laden across the dang world, you can find somebody here who did something.

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I think there was enough people at that party that night that they could have figured something out, or there'd be more evidence out there for them to find what happened.

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I just don't know how the FBI didn't get anything out of anybody. I mean, for all the people they probably put that lie detector test to, how you come up with nothing. Some people lawyered up and then a lot of people didn't have to take lie detector tests.

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Why are you refusing in the first place? You obviously got something to hide. All I can say is that you know who you are. Think about this being your son. Think about this being your brother, your friend.

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If you know something, please come out. Please come out and just give us a little help. That's what we're asking for.

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This was tragic for our family. I want answers now. It's been 15 years. It's too long.

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That town still hasn't said anything. And the people and the kids don't say shit. And I still wonder why.