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this is just a couple days before liana went missing she was like i look so

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horrible i'm like no you don't but thanks for taking the picture with me

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she looks beautiful i mean she had no makeup on she was just

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Lena.

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Obviously, that would have known

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what my mom was capable of doing.

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I miss her.

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I miss her so much.

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It kills me.

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I miss her so much.

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My sister Lena went missing in 2006.

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She was living in an apartment with her boyfriend, Jason.

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I showed up randomly one day,

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but Lena wasn't there.

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And Jason, he said,

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I miss her so much.

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I miss her so much.

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I miss her so much.

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Lena wasn't there.

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And Jason, he said,

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your sister took off with a boyfriend to Florida.

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And I'm like, I don't...

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I mean, how?

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And he's like, well, that's what your mom said.

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That's what Sandy said happened.

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She said she ran off with some guy to Florida.

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It just seemed crazy.

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She didn't take any of her clothes.

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Lena didn't take any of her photo albums.

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And she had a lot of pictures.

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That was her thing. She'd take pictures of everything.

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And she would not have left her son, Coulter.

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She loved her son. She loved him very much.

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She wanted to give him the best.

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Lena wouldn't have left without him.

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And as soon as I heard that my mom had called her,

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I knew something was wrong.

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I knew my mom had done something.

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Lena was reported missing.

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And when I interviewed other family members,

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they told me that Lena's stuff just set out on the back porch of the house

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until it got basically ruined.

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She had a son here that she loved.

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So to me, that's not a story of someone moving to Florida

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and leaving most of your possessions here in Missouri.

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And so I reached out to Brandy, Lena's sister,

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to learn what happened the day she disappeared.

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And she told me great detail about her childhood growing up,

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about what that was like.

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And she told me her theory of what she believed happened to Lena.

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We were poor all our lives.

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We really had to struggle.

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And mom was always the one that worked.

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She never let us go without food.

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Our whole childhood, you know?

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She's like, we got to stick together and we'll get through it.

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My mom was a good mom growing up.

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She was very straight-laced.

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Never done a drug, smoked a cigarette, alcohol, nothing, my whole life.

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She just wasn't like that.

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And she'd always tell us, every single night,

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God bless you and love you.

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Every night.

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That's the mom I remember.

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And I miss that mom so much.

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But what can you do?

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There were six of us.

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Me and Lena, Robin, Jeannie, Rachel and Rosie.

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I'm the oldest, so Lena was the second oldest.

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I was a good one.

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Lena was more on-re.

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Lena was more of the take charge, kind of tell us what to do,

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try to boss us around.

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She was a mouthy little thing, scrapper sometimes.

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I mean, we always got in each other's way and each other's spaces,

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but everybody liked her.

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She's really like a bubbly, fun person.

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She had a really positive attitude.

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She was a good student.

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And she talked really fast.

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She was very outspoken.

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You didn't have to think about what was on her mind.

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It just came out.

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Lena was more the one that always got in trouble.

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Man, we fought so much.

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She was growing up.

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My mom would be like, take it outside.

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But we'd never touch each other's face.

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That was the rule.

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We'd never hit each other in the face.

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There was a lot of hard days.

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There was a lot more hard days than there was easy days.

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I think the hardest part of growing up for me is not knowing what's going to happen next.

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Where are we going to be living?

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We moved around a lot.

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I remember when I was young, my mom would meet different people.

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She'd be with one man, and she'd start a job or something,

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and she'd meet someone else, and then they'd sneak around,

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and she'd leave that one and hook up with this one.

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And then we'd all be loading up and moving in somewhere else with someone new.

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She used her sex appeal a lot,

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and that's a lot of the reason why men gravitate towards her.

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And she never did stay with one in particular man for more than two years.

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And she always went after the married ones,

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or ones that had brothers.

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I've been divorced and single for quite some time,

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and Sandy and I, we went out date or two,

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and that's how we got acquainted.

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By the way, I was going to say, she's damn good at niving people around

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and saying the right thing.

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Good talker, she really was.

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She was very good at telling people what they wanted to hear and whatnot.

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I was 10 when her and Albert got together.

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Albert's a good dude.

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Albert was a really good stepfather to us.

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Mom was going to school to be a nurse,

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so she was never home, and Albert raised us.

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Albert was more of the fun laid-back type.

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He put us in gymnastics and aerobics, and we got to play sports.

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I do remember going to the river and stuff with Albert and doing fun things like that.

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I was pretty close to them kids, but you know what I can say,

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I was married to Sandy there,

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and first two or three years wasn't too bad,

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but then she got the fooling around and didn't know quite who it was,

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and it ended up being Gary, my brother.

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Yeah.

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Me and him had a little fist fight down there on the ridge,

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and he beat the tar out of me, and I'd beat the tar out of him,

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and I had him pinned down there at one point,

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and Sandy walked up behind me and hit me the back with a damn stick,

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knocked the breath out of me.

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But I finally talked to Gary, and I told him,

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I said, man, I'm done.

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That girl ain't nothing but trouble.

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You better leave her alone.

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We all left Albert's home in Arkansas,

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and we moved back to Missouri with his brother Gary.

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Our lives completely changed when Gary came into our lives.

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We had to work our butts off.

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I mean, we cut wood, had chickens, cows, horses.

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They weren't going to feed themselves, so we were taught to take care of them.

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He made sure the girls were involved.

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Each one of them had their own little chore,

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and whenever they're done, they take all of them into town for ice cream.

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He just enjoyed kids, you know, and kids enjoyed him.

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The kids always loved seeing him coming.

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We lived with him for three years,

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and he taught us things that I'll never forget it.

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I'm disciplined.

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I don't depend on any man to do anything for me,

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and I value that Gary's a good guy.

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He's a good guy.

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I just got mixed up with the wrong person, and that's it.

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Sandy has a pattern of behavior of jumping from one man to another,

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and then once she's got him, she gets bored with that guy,

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and she moves on to the next guy.

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So Gary and Sandy are living a life,

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and then after a few years, this cycle begins again,

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where she's married to Gary,

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and then she notices somebody named Chris Climp,

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who's much younger.

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Some would say more handsome.

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And he comes from a family that's got quite a bit of money,

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and they own quite a bit of property,

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and it becomes clear that Sandy is no longer interested in Gary,

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and she begins having an affair with Chris.

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I met my mom's boyfriend, Chris,

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and I'm thinking, oh, Gary's gonna whip his little butt, you know?

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Chris was like a little bitty twig.

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I mean, Gary was the whole tree.

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Gary was country.

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He was a homebody, but at the same time, I mean, he wasn't stupid.

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And Gary didn't want to be always Sandy running around there.

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I mean, I could tell he was hurt more than mad.

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He called me one day to tell me that Sandy had been running around on him,

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but moreover, he had been arrested for passing bad checks,

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and he had figured out that Sandy had passed those checks,

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and he was very upset about that.

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He said, I'm gonna have to file for divorce.

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And then next thing I knew of was that Gary went missing.

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He was a hard worker. He really was.

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And Gary never missed work, because he couldn't afford to miss work.

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So when he didn't show up to work, you know, there were a couple of days,

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we knew something was bad and bad wrong.

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Immediately to everybody that knew him, we wasn't looking for Gary being gone somewhere.

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We were looking for Gary's body.

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And I talked to the sheriff because Gary brought a gun over to the house one day.

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He said, take his gun, put it somewhere.

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He said, she was gonna kill me with that, you know.

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He told me, he said, she's actually stuck out in my belly and pulled the trigger.

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But I broke it open.

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And it had a shell in it.

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I said, you said this thing wasn't loaded.

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And I said, it's got a shell in it.

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He said, I always unload my gun after I shoot it.

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And I said, well, you didn't this time?

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I said, because it's still in there.

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So I took my pliers out of my pocket, and I went to pull it out.

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The powder started spilling out of it.

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And I said, Gary, this is a lot of round.

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When I showed it to him, the look on his face, I ain't never forgot it.

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It dawned on him that she stuck that in his belly and pulled the trigger.

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And he said, that had been a good shell.

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He said, I wouldn't be standing here right now.

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That's the last time that I seen him.

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What was that day?

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I was contacted by Robert McCullough,

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who told me that he was concerned that his cousin Gary was missing

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and something bad had happened to him,

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and said that he had not been seen by anybody in the family for a couple of days.

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I was told that he was missing.

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I was told that he was missing.

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I was told that he was missing.

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I went to Gary McCullough's house to see if somebody was at home.

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I went to Gary McCullough's house to see if somebody was at home.

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I noticed that one of Gary's cows was out,

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and we were in the process of putting the cow up

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when Sandy McCullough and her daughter, Lena, pulled up,

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wanting to know what we were doing.

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When I asked her if there was anything that I needed to know about

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that might be happening in her life,

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she said, well, yeah, I've been meaning to call you.

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My husband has gone off, and he's not been home for two days.

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She told me he was going to Diamond, Missouri,

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to buy some fighting roosters.

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I asked her if she wanted to make a missing persons report.

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She said that she probably needed to do that.

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We left, and I had Gary McCullough entered as a missing person.

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The following week, I obtained a search warrant,

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and we went back to Gary McCullough's house.

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Sandy wasn't happy that we were there,

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but we spent quite a bit of time at the house

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and made some pretty startling discoveries.

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I don't believe we found any clothes that belonged to Gary McCullough in that house.

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I don't think we found anything that would indicate

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Gary was even ever living there or was planning to come back.

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But there was a checkbook belonging to Christopher Clinton,

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and we find out that Christopher is a boyfriend of Sandy.

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I believe after two days of the investigation,

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Christopher Clinton moves into the house with Sandy,

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which was strange.

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Immediately after this thing started,

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I asked Sandy to take a polygraph.

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She looks me straight in the eye and says,

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I'll do you find a body and I'll take a polygraph.

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I knew at that point we're going to have to go through a needle and a haystack

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to try to find a body.

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I wanted to interview the kids just to see what they thought had happened to Gary.

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Lena, who was 13 or 14 years old, was very hostile.

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It was obvious that she was very close with Sandy,

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and she was very defensive of her mother,

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and very antagonistic towards us.

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It was just very obvious that Mom ruled the house,

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and Lena was the number two person.

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And when Lena told the younger kids to do something, they did it.

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I remember going into a room with, I mean, there was a whole table full of people.

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They were asking me questions.

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I remember my sister Lena was telling me and my sisters to be quiet and mind their own business,

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and we weren't supposed to talk about what happened when Gary went missing.

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My mom had us live for her our entire lives.

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Always, always, didn't matter what it was.

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So we'd never talked about it. Never.

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But I remember that day.

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It's like it happened yesterday. I'll never forget it.

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Never, for the rest of my life.

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When we got home from school, my mom, she met us at the door,

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and she's like, girls, a cat had kittens in the field.

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Go look for them.

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Every one of my sisters went, except me.

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I had milk cows.

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After a minute passed by, I was sitting on the porch.

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I'm like, Mom, I've got to get inside the house.

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I've got to. I've got to get my supplies to milk cows.

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Finally, I'm like, you know what? I'm going in.

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And I see her on her hands and knees.

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She was scrubbing the floor with what appeared to be bleach water.

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She had shorts on and her hair back and a ponytail.

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She never wore a hair ponytail.

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It was strange.

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And then that night, my mom set us all at the kitchen table

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and said, hey, listen, girls, if you are asked from anybody,

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Gary went to go buy a fighting rooster,

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and you guys had spaghetti that night for dinner,

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00:18:34,400 --> 00:18:36,400

and you haven't seen him since.

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That's what it is, what the story is.

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We say exactly what I'm telling you.

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Everything will be fine.

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That night, Sandy told Lena to make sure none of us

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come out of the bedroom, and Lena had fallen asleep

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in front of the door, and even as young as I was,

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I still remember someone right.

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And in our room, there was a window.

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And I see Mom and Chris struggling, trying to carry,

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00:19:04,400 --> 00:19:07,400

trying to pull something big.

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I mean, it was Gary, no doubt, but, you know,

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00:19:12,400 --> 00:19:14,400

he was wrapped up in something.

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You could see the boots that he had had on,

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but it scared me bad.

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I didn't even talk about it until I got much older,

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and I was able to talk to Detective Eperly and Martin about it.

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But at the time, Lena was telling us, you know,

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you can't say nothing about what happened to Gary,

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because, you know, if so, they're going to take you guys from me,

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and, you know, they're going to put you guys

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in a bunch of different foster homes, and, you know,

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Lena's biggest thing was she didn't want us to be separated,

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because she figured if we were separated,

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then we'd never see each other again,

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and she couldn't let that happen.

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I had to keep what I knew of Kauai.

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Gary went missing in May, and we moved to St. Louis,

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all of us.

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We only stayed in St. Louis for a year,

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and then moved to Sligo the next August.

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Sandy and Chris, they got married wildly around St. Louis.

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When we first moved to Sligo, Lena was working a couple different jobs

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and still living down Sligo with my mom.

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She became more, I don't know, on edge.

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She came more distant.

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There was two sides to Lena.

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For the most part, she wanted, like, the little house out in the country

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and the family and stuff,

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but on the other side of it, like, when I met her,

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we'd go to parties, she wasn't into the drugs and stuff.

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She wouldn't even drink, but later on, she got into that stuff.

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You could tell there was something that pulled her that way, you know what I mean?

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But back then, I didn't really realize what it was.

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She just lost herself for a while.

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You'd catch her staring off to space, and you'd ask her what's wrong,

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and then, you know, you could tell she was really thinking about something

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because, you know, she'd be tearyed, and she'd dry her eyes and brush it off,

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like, nothing happened.

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She was really lonely, and you could tell that.

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I think she had come to the point in her life

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towards she needed to talk about what she was holding inside.

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Ultimately, Lena confided in a boyfriend,

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and he was persuading her, saying,

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Lena, you know, you've got family over there that need to know something

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00:21:51,400 --> 00:21:53,400

if Gary's never going to be coming home.

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If he's gone and you know it, and you know what happened,

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you're going to have to tell them.

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She said, okay, you know, that she would.

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She would tell Albert.

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She liked Albert.

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He had been her stepdad, you know, before Gary was,

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00:22:06,400 --> 00:22:09,400

and she thought a lot of Albert.

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Something wasn't right with Lena.

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Something was eating at that girl so bad,

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she just had to get her off her mind.

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When Lena come talk to me there,

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she was 17-year-old at the time.

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I had a brand new recorder, and I asked Lena there

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after we talked a little while,

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00:22:42,400 --> 00:22:45,400

and I don't know who the hell killed brother Gary.

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Who killed Gary?

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Walt.

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Okay.

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He was...

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fell on the couch with some say.

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Swapped out and shot a three-con for him.

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Two of us, two of us three-con.

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There was a lot of couch,

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and she cleaned the cat that really got home.

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And she wrapped him up with paper of plastic stuff,

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00:23:14,400 --> 00:23:21,400

and haze paint, haze drinks, and a bedroom floor.

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And the bedroom floor.

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Yeah, it was a bedroom.

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And then she walked in the morning, said,

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and when we got home, her mom made me stay in the bedroom.

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She didn't want to see, but I already see.

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I didn't believe it. I wanted to see.

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And she took her instrument truck, and she left.

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She was telling me the truth.

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At a young age like that, she wanted me to know,

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she wanted to just get it off of her mind.

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I mean, that girl, she sat there and talked to me that night,

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she was trembling, just shaking.

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And she wanted me to know what happened to Gary,

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because she knowed.

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I need something to verify.

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Gary is gone. How would the person go about doing that?

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I mean, is there any way we could do that?

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There's nothing.

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There's nothing whatsoever left.

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There's a huge barn, a huge barn.

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And everything, everything that was either left at the barn pile

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is put in bucket and put all over.

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So I don't remember where they're at.

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00:24:40,400 --> 00:24:44,400

I was there. I don't know if they want to know.

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00:24:44,400 --> 00:24:47,400

I only want to know exactly what happened.

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But there's nothing left.

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What a look.

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00:24:52,400 --> 00:24:54,400

I hurt my fingers.

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00:24:54,400 --> 00:24:58,400

But because my fingers, they won't actually develop.

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00:24:58,400 --> 00:25:03,400

I know it makes me sound bad person,

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00:25:03,400 --> 00:25:06,400

but what am I supposed to do?

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He's a kid.

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Is that what your mom told you to do?

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Sandy just trusted her more.

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She did that.

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Other girls thinking maybe wouldn't knock her out,

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because, you know, that was her mom.

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She didn't want to get in trouble,

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but she knew they wouldn't write what her mom done.

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When Albert recorded the tape,

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I thought here was proof, direct proof

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from somebody who knew what happened to Gary.

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It was a good feeling to know, you know, we had this.

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There wouldn't be any denying it.

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And we called the sheriff and he came and picked it up.

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The McCullough attorney contacted me about the recording.

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You know, think, OK, we got the case now.

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I mean, there's as about as good a confession, you know.

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Next day, Sandy's lawyer drew up.

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Lena was supposed to come back and dare to

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and come and find out,

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her mom had found out to come down and talk to him.

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They both lawyered up.

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I wonder what the hell you need a lawyer for.

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Guilty, guilty, guilty.

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A lawyer that was hired by Sandy,

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convinces Lena to walk her confession back.

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And so what does the confession really mean?

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I mean, you've got it taped,

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but if the subject themselves is walking it back,

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ultimately it's just another claim.

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He said she said situation.

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This is the kind of case that will just keep you up at night

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and will drive you crazy,

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because I honestly think I know exactly what happened to Gary McCullough.

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I think I know exactly who did it.

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00:27:08,400 --> 00:27:13,400

I think I know how Gary McCullough was disposed of.

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And there's nothing I can do

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because knowing and proving are two different things.

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When Lena come for her, you know, put a little hope in it.

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But it just went cold, it was cold, you know.

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It was hard, real hard.

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00:27:33,400 --> 00:27:37,400

Because I know killed my brother.

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Ain't a doubt in my mind.

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It's just weird.

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Your whole life you're believing that your mom could never hurt a single soul.

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So I had questions for many years.

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Is she really capable of murder?

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And then one day, I was with Lena.

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00:28:01,400 --> 00:28:04,400

She just opened up to me.

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She told me the story about how mom killed Gary.

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I'm like, are you kidding me?

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I didn't know what to say, but nothing.

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Next day, I got a fight with my mom.

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I got so mad at her.

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I was calling her names, and then I threatened her.

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I'm gonna call the police and tell them every single thing you did.

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I know.

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00:28:48,400 --> 00:28:50,400

And she just smugged at me.

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00:28:50,400 --> 00:28:53,400

And she said, get in the truck.

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00:28:55,400 --> 00:28:59,400

So I got in the back of the truck, up against the truck bed.

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And we took a drive.

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It was middle of the night. It was really dark.

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All of a sudden, we stopped in the middle of the road, and Chris gets out.

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I look over to my right-hand side, and there's a gun facing at my head.

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It was the scariest moment I've ever had in my life.

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And I jump over the bed.

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All of a sudden, I find myself looking at my mom.

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She can see me screaming, and she never even looked at me.

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00:29:41,400 --> 00:29:45,400

She looked straight at her like she was dead to the world.

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That was so hard, because I didn't know what to do.

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If I ran, she would have, they would have killed me.

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I didn't know where I was.

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00:29:55,400 --> 00:30:02,400

So I did what I thought was the best idea, and it was...

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I said, well, maybe her door's unlocked.

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If her door's unlocked, I can just get in with her.

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And I'm like, I'm gonna go get her.

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Maybe her door's unlocked.

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00:30:12,400 --> 00:30:15,400

If her door's unlocked, I can just get in with her and hold her,

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00:30:15,400 --> 00:30:18,400

because you can't shoot both of us.

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And I did, and it was unlocked, and I scrapped her so tightly,

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00:30:25,400 --> 00:30:29,400

that I said, please don't let him hurt me.

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She... I mean, I see her like forever, but probably about 10 seconds or 20 seconds,

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she's like, don't hurt my baby.

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When she said that, he put the gun down.

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Got in and we drove back to her house.

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Before that night, I never would have thought she could have hurt anybody.

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After that moment, I didn't want to say nothing,

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because I didn't want to risk my life, and that's what Lena did.

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After she made the confession, she never said anything again.

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A little later on, Lena had her son, Koulter, and that was it.

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That was her priority. I mean, she wanted to give him the best.

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After that, she didn't want to talk about what happened to Gary.

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She wanted to work and provide for him,

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and so she got more jobs than she could probably handle,

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00:31:36,400 --> 00:31:39,400

and so I had to go to the hospital.

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00:31:39,400 --> 00:31:41,400

I had to go to the hospital,

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and I had to go to the hospital,

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00:31:43,400 --> 00:31:46,400

because I had more jobs than she could handle,

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and so Sandy would take care of Koulter while Lena would work.

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Lena was done being a child or a teen.

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And in time to grow up, she was going to settle down, raise her kid.

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She was doing really well for a few years.

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A lot has changed at the Berry County Farm where Gary McCullough once lived.

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In 1999, his wife said he went out to buy chickens and diamond and never returned.

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His stepdaughter, Lena, was 13 at the time.

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A few years later, she visited one of Gary's brothers.

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He taped the conversation where Lena allegedly said Gary, her stepfather, was murdered.

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Great evidence, but that has not produced a criminal charge today.

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By the point we get to 2006, Lena had plans of getting married.

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She's finding a man that could be a role model for her son, and she wants to become financially

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independent of Sandy.

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But ultimately, Lena being independent was the greatest threat to Sandy.

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Because if Lena is fully independent of Sandy, then Lena can say what she knows.

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So there's this rising tension between Sandy and Lena that really hits a peak when the

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lawsuit is filed.

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It was becoming clear there wasn't a criminal case filed, and maybe never going to be filed

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for Gary's death.

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So when we decided to file a civil case for the McCullough family, it was the only thing

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we could do, you know, for somebody to say they're responsible.

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We were alleging wrongful death, and Sandy and Chris Climp killed Gary McCullough.

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And Lena was, in effect, an accessory.

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She conspired and helped get rid of the body.

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And by reason of that, I thought there was a good chance Lena would get immunity for

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her own actions in exchange for providing testimony against the people who were truly

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responsible.

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That was the hope.

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As it turns out, it didn't work out that way.

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When Gary's daughters filed their civil lawsuit, and Dent County deputies deliver the court

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summons, they find Chris and they find Sandy, but Lena's nowhere to be found.

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And so they ask Sandy, well, where's Lena at?

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We need to deliver these court summons.

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And so Sandy tells this story that Lena had run off to Florida and she was down there

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with some guy.

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When Lena went missing, Mom had told me Lena went to Florida with another guy.

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I was hanging out with Lena at the time.

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I knew who she was seeing and who she wasn't.

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And there was no guy from Florida.

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My mom was telling us that Lena said bad things about us.

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She didn't want nothing to do with us anymore.

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We were just waiting to see if she came back.

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Then after time had passed, there was no sign at all of Lena.

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Nothing.

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And then it's like, okay, now we have a problem.

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They called and told me Lena was missing.

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First thing popped my mind was Sandy.

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Because Lena knew enough that she could have had the keys.

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I mean, locked up.

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And Sandy wasn't going to have that.

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She could have busted the whole thing wide open.

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I was able to talk to the cops and I told them that I knew my mom had done it again.

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I knew she had done something.

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I posted missing person flyers of Lena around Salem.

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I found out my mom was paying my little sister \$5 a piece to take them down.

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Why would someone pay to have their daughter's missing person posters taken down?

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So later on, I called her.

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I called her on the phone and I told her, I know you're the reason Lena's not here.

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You messed up this time.

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Now it's one of my sisters.

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I'm going to be the one that finds out one way or another, whether it's Gary or Lena,

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I'm going to be the one that finds out and make sure you rot.

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And she would put her little fake voice on like she always did.

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And she's like, how could you say that?

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I'm your mother.

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You don't talk to me that way.

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And I told her she wasn't nothing.

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And then I hung up.

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I've told both detectives from Berry County.

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The reason why Lena missing was because Lena made a confession tape.

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And because of the trial that was coming, my mom was scared.

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Even though mom had drove her to recant her confession, what would make her think that

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she wouldn't follow through with it now that she's of age and able to?

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Mom knew if Lena was gone, mom would get what she wanted by not being exposed for the murder

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of her ex-husband.

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And she would also get her son.

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Based off of my interviews with Brandy and Robin, I believe Sandy had two motives for

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making Lena disappear.

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Lena helped make Gary disappear.

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She had first hand knowledge of what happened.

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And if Lena talked, what that could potentially do, also she had a son, Coulter, that Sandy

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desperately wanted.

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So much that Sandy would, by accounts, make him call her mom.

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When my mom found out Coulter was a boy, like everything changed.

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She started becoming more obsessive and possessive.

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She tried taking over control of Coulter because she's always wanted a boy.

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She had six girls.

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She wanted Coulter to be hers.

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And she had in her mind that she was Coulter's mom.

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My mom, she knew that if Lena was gone, she would finally get the rights to her son.

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So when Lena went missing, my mom filed abandonment charges.

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Lena wasn't there to defend herself, so the court was like, oh, she ain't here, so I

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guess she is abandoning her child.

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My mom knew that she wasn't going to show up for court.

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She just knew, so she got it.

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She got what she wanted.

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At trial, the jury saw Sandy's own children take the stand and implicate her in a murder

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plot.

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Brandy's testimony at trial was particularly powerful because by the time that this trial

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is held, she is fully independent of Sandy.

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I stood in court for two hours.

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You know, I'm like, listen, I can tell you every single thing that happened.

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Like my mom and Chris pulled a gun on me.

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That was a big step.

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I didn't think I would ever be able to go against my mom like I did and I did.

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And I felt good about it because I think those family of Gary, it's important for them to

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have some sort of peace.

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And I think I thought I was the only person to give them that.

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When Brandy got her friend, her mom was in there the whole time, and he said he's seen

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several of them juries.

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Wiping tears out of their eyes.

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Ultimately the verdict in the civil trial was that Chris and Sandy were found liable

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of knowingly taking the life of Gary McCullough.

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I haven't seen Colter since he was in kindergarten.

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Colter's living with my mom.

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He was homeschooled for a long time because mom didn't want him going to school and finding

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out that what the truth is.

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But when he's old enough, my sisters are definitely going to tell him the truth.

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I can't stand that she wakes up every single day smiling and raising my nephew like her

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own.

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And my sister's not able to do that.

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And that breaks my heart.

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Now that my sister's gone, I will spend every single day of my life trying to put my mom

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away.

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I'm not afraid.

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I can't be afraid because if I was afraid, there'd be nothing done.

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I will spend every single day of my life trying to find Lena.

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We know that Chris and Sandy had access to two properties.

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We have a slaggo property and then we've got an 80 acre ranch north of Salem.

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This is where my mom and Chris lived when Lena disappeared.

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She's not stupid.

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She's not stupid.

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Whatever Lena's at, it's going to be hard, very, very hard to get to.

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The bedroom door was there, the mud room.

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And this, it was just, it was right here.

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I know it was.

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It was a well, it was a hand dug well that had stones lining up on the sides.

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It would have been right here.

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00:42:27,380 --> 00:42:32,740

And it just, it's not here no more.

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And I don't, I don't understand why it's not.

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00:42:38,380 --> 00:42:40,420

I think it's been filled in.

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She had filled it in before she moved.

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A couple months after Lena disappeared, Sandy had moved to this property.

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She was showing me this property.

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We were walking up from the pond to the house and she had pointed out the four trees in front

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of the house saying that she had buried her dog Toby there, which was weird because she

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had told me that she had buried the dog at the old house on top of the hill under a tree

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before they moved.

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I automatically thought that, I mean, there was something not right about it.

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It didn't make sense.

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My first thought was, why is she changing her story now?

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Like, could Lena be there?

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I don't know.

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So if my sister is in there, are you going to be able to tell me today or not?

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Unfortunately, no.

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What I would hope to accomplish here is to narrow down for Detective Letchworth a focus

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in area of where he would need to investigate.

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But it's worth checking out though, right?

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Absolutely.

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It's always worth investigating.

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Sure.

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Okay.

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Thank you.

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After all these years of Lena being missing, they finally decided to take a ground scan

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tool over the area that didn't quite set right with me before.

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I hope we can find some answers.

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Robin, her theory, is that's where Lena is buried.

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She's on the new farm here in Dink County.

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And so if what I'm told by Robin is true, we should be able to see a disturbance there

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in the ground.

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And the ground penetrating radar should give us a good indicator whether we need to dig

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there or not dig.

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Did she get something?

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I don't know.

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It's hard.

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00:45:22,880 --> 00:45:34,760

It's hard not having a mom or my sister Lena, but I just really want Lena to know that I

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love her.

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That I'm proud of her for keeping us all together?

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I know if it wasn't for her, we wouldn't be.

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There's not a time that goes by I don't think about Lena.

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I miss her so much.

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If my sister could hear me right now and tell her I love her, I'd just know I will always

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try to find you, you know?

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I'll never let anybody just forget you.

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And that's what I'm trying to do with Lena.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.

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I'm going to go.