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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:16,300

clogged up some Finnish

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00:00:22,120 --> 00:00:23,800

and child.

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00:00:25,100 --> 00:00:26,600

Somedays you just don't want it.

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00:00:26,620 --> 00:00:28,380

You don't want to go on.

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00:00:28,380 --> 00:00:30,380

It's not a feeling.

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00:00:30,380 --> 00:00:35,460

You know, the longing, the wondering, the want to know.

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00:00:35,460 --> 00:00:36,860

You want answers?

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00:00:36,860 --> 00:00:37,860

Something?

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00:00:37,860 --> 00:00:38,860

No.

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00:00:38,860 --> 00:00:40,060

But you don't have anything?

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00:00:43,940 --> 00:00:47,060

I won't wish this on nobody ever.

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00:00:47,060 --> 00:00:49,140

I don't want to be a part of this.

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00:00:49,140 --> 00:00:51,180

I don't want to be a part of this.

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00:00:51,180 --> 00:00:53,060

I don't want to be a part of this.

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00:00:53,060 --> 00:00:54,940

I don't want to be a part of this.

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00:00:54,940 --> 00:00:56,820

I don't want to be a part of this.

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00:00:56,820 --> 00:01:00,260

It's on nobody ever.

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00:01:00,260 --> 00:01:02,260

Ever.

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00:01:02,260 --> 00:01:03,260

Ever.

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00:01:26,820 --> 00:01:52,820

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00:01:52,820 --> 00:01:55,820

Talking about New York City in the 1980s,

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00:01:55,820 --> 00:01:58,540

we're talking robberies, assaults.

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00:01:58,540 --> 00:02:00,540

It was really a bad time.

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00:02:00,540 --> 00:02:04,220

MUSIC

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00:02:04,220 --> 00:02:06,900

That time was a lot of drugs going on.

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00:02:06,900 --> 00:02:10,020

A lot of junkies, you know, addicts, you know,

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00:02:10,020 --> 00:02:11,900

people was running down the street naked.

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00:02:16,460 --> 00:02:22,940

When I got here in 1989, Harlem was one of the tough areas.

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00:02:26,820 --> 00:02:28,820

It was a very violent place.

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00:02:31,820 --> 00:02:32,820

But you know what?

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00:02:32,820 --> 00:02:36,820

There's a lot of working people that are just trying to survive.

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00:02:36,820 --> 00:02:37,820

And there were a lot.

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00:02:37,820 --> 00:02:40,820

There were a lot of decent folks here.

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00:02:40,820 --> 00:02:41,820

You had a lot of children.

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00:02:41,820 --> 00:02:42,820

You had a lot of kids.

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00:02:42,820 --> 00:02:44,820

You had a lot of families.

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00:02:44,820 --> 00:02:46,820

People trying to go to work, come home,

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00:02:46,820 --> 00:02:48,820

and make a living for their families,

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00:02:48,820 --> 00:02:50,820

and striving to do the best they can for their families.

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00:02:51,820 --> 00:02:53,820

What the brothers and sisters in that community,

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00:02:53,820 --> 00:02:55,820

we were all close in it.

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00:02:55,820 --> 00:03:06,820

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00:03:06,820 --> 00:03:11,820

Back then, my mother, my siblings, and my cousins,

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00:03:11,820 --> 00:03:13,820

we all lived in the same building.

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00:03:13,820 --> 00:03:15,820

Martin Luther King Towers.

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00:03:16,820 --> 00:03:18,820

It takes a village to raise a family,

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00:03:18,820 --> 00:03:20,820

and that's basically what it was.

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00:03:22,820 --> 00:03:25,820

I was 26 years old, and I had two sons.

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00:03:25,820 --> 00:03:30,820

LeBron was three years old, and Christopher was two years old.

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00:03:30,820 --> 00:03:32,820

We gave them nicknames.

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00:03:32,820 --> 00:03:34,820

LeBron was Poncho.

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00:03:36,820 --> 00:03:39,820

And Christopher's nickname was Chuchu.

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00:03:40,820 --> 00:03:42,820

To this day, I still call him Chuchu.

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00:03:46,820 --> 00:03:48,820

He was very attached to us, as well as Allison.

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00:03:48,820 --> 00:03:50,820

He was very, very, very close with his mother.

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00:03:50,820 --> 00:03:52,820

He wouldn't just go with anybody.

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00:03:55,820 --> 00:03:57,820

When Allison walked in the room, he just light up.

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00:03:57,820 --> 00:03:59,820

His whole face a light up.

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00:04:03,820 --> 00:04:05,820

He was very close with his mother.

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00:04:05,820 --> 00:04:07,820

He was very close with his mother.

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00:04:08,820 --> 00:04:10,820

He liked to cuddle.

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00:04:10,820 --> 00:04:12,820

He always liked to cuddle.

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00:04:13,820 --> 00:04:15,820

He was talking.

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00:04:15,820 --> 00:04:17,820

Like, he would say words, and he could say mama.

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00:04:17,820 --> 00:04:19,820

He could say his brother's names, you know.

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00:04:21,820 --> 00:04:23,820

He was always outside.

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00:04:23,820 --> 00:04:25,820

That was one of the things we did, go outside,

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00:04:25,820 --> 00:04:28,820

sit on the bench, walk over to the park.

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00:04:32,820 --> 00:04:35,820

The last memory that I had here,

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00:04:35,820 --> 00:04:38,820

it was unbelievable.

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00:04:42,820 --> 00:04:45,820

That day, I believe it was on the thermostat.

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00:04:45,820 --> 00:04:48,820

Me and Christopher, we walked in the luncheon apart.

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00:04:51,820 --> 00:04:53,820

We went down the slide a couple of times.

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00:04:53,820 --> 00:04:55,820

He had a blast that day.

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00:04:56,820 --> 00:04:58,820

He didn't really get on the big ones by himself,

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00:04:58,820 --> 00:05:00,820

so I would slide down with him.

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00:05:02,820 --> 00:05:04,820

He liked that slide.

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00:05:05,820 --> 00:05:07,820

He was a very good-looking, handsome,

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00:05:07,820 --> 00:05:09,820

and a good-looking boy.

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00:05:13,820 --> 00:05:15,820

Carol was over there in the swings at the time.

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00:05:15,820 --> 00:05:18,820

We were just playing with the kids in the park, you know.

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00:05:18,820 --> 00:05:21,820

I was always happy to be outside.

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00:05:21,820 --> 00:05:24,820

It was just so hot that everybody was in the park.

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00:05:24,820 --> 00:05:26,820

The park was so crowded.

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00:05:27,820 --> 00:05:29,820

I could never forget that day.

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00:05:29,820 --> 00:05:32,820

I was like, that day lived with me every day.

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00:05:42,820 --> 00:05:44,820

We were doing the sliding board.

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00:05:44,820 --> 00:05:46,820

We was walking around the park

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00:05:46,820 --> 00:05:49,820

before I actually left to go to the store.

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00:05:49,820 --> 00:05:51,820

That was the normal thing, too.

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00:05:51,820 --> 00:05:54,820

We'd go to the park, and then we'd go to the store

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00:05:54,820 --> 00:05:56,820

and get the kids something from the store.

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00:06:02,820 --> 00:06:05,820

So I had left him with my mother.

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00:06:05,820 --> 00:06:07,820

We hugged and kissed.

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00:06:08,820 --> 00:06:10,820

Why sound me right bad?

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00:06:14,820 --> 00:06:17,820

I was like, I'm not going to leave you alone.

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00:06:17,820 --> 00:06:19,820

I'm not going to leave you alone.

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00:06:24,820 --> 00:06:27,820

He told me, I love you, Mommy.

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00:06:28,820 --> 00:06:30,820

Something like that.

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00:06:30,820 --> 00:06:34,820

He was like, I love you, Mommy.

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00:06:48,820 --> 00:06:52,820

I was crowded in the park when I came back

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00:06:52,820 --> 00:06:54,820

just like I was before I left.

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00:06:54,820 --> 00:06:57,820

The kids was playing, so I'm looking for my boyfriend

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00:06:57,820 --> 00:06:59,380

like, oh, he's here.

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00:06:59,380 --> 00:07:00,220

He's here.

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00:07:00,220 --> 00:07:02,460

So we just got up and I'm looking.

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00:07:02,460 --> 00:07:04,380

So I'm like, I'm looking, but I didn't see him.

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00:07:04,380 --> 00:07:07,260

So then I actually started walking around,

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00:07:07,260 --> 00:07:10,020

trying to see if I see him.

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00:07:10,020 --> 00:07:14,180

And I didn't see him.

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00:07:22,980 --> 00:07:24,900

She said, we're at Chuchu.

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00:07:24,900 --> 00:07:26,860

And I was like, well, I had a woman.

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00:07:27,020 --> 00:07:30,020

So my yos had him in next.

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00:07:30,020 --> 00:07:32,300

Wasn't like one person was in the park with all these kids.

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00:07:35,340 --> 00:07:40,380

It was like five of us in the park watching the kids.

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00:07:40,380 --> 00:07:43,020

And out of all the kids, Chuchu was only one miss.

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00:07:46,980 --> 00:07:48,060

I know we split up.

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00:07:48,060 --> 00:07:49,820

Some other people went on the opposite side.

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00:07:49,820 --> 00:07:51,340

I went on the 115th street side.

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00:07:57,860 --> 00:08:02,260

And you can tell, like, this ain't going the right way.

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00:08:02,260 --> 00:08:07,540

So now I'm getting real anxious and nervous, like, oh, my god,

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00:08:07,540 --> 00:08:08,940

what is going on here?

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00:08:13,940 --> 00:08:14,940

It was just a whole woman.

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00:08:14,940 --> 00:08:15,940

It was just a shock.

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00:08:15,940 --> 00:08:19,940

We were just fighting and panicking.

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00:08:27,860 --> 00:08:30,460

It was one minute he was there, the next minute he was gone.

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00:08:39,860 --> 00:08:43,540

The officers rushed to the scene.

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00:08:43,540 --> 00:08:45,940

Everybody takes that seriously.

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00:08:45,940 --> 00:08:48,340

That's an all hands type of police job.

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00:08:53,380 --> 00:08:54,860

Everybody knows how critical.

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00:08:54,860 --> 00:08:57,020

Those first few minutes, first hours,

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00:08:57,020 --> 00:08:59,420

are in the returning of the kids.

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00:09:03,620 --> 00:09:06,180

The first step is always an initial canvas.

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00:09:06,180 --> 00:09:09,300

Police would be on the streets asking to pass supplies.

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00:09:09,300 --> 00:09:11,780

So they may have seen something that they figured

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00:09:11,780 --> 00:09:14,940

that was out of the ordinary to them.

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00:09:14,940 --> 00:09:18,660

Then they would be doing a building by building search,

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00:09:18,660 --> 00:09:24,700

knocking on doors, offering reward for information.

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00:09:24,700 --> 00:09:26,580

Looking at the apartment, there's anything

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00:09:26,580 --> 00:09:29,260

untoward the blood on the floor.

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00:09:29,260 --> 00:09:30,980

There's nothing that indicates there's

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00:09:30,980 --> 00:09:35,940

struggle, there's any indication of violence.

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00:09:35,940 --> 00:09:38,780

There were 10 towers in the development.

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00:09:38,780 --> 00:09:41,540

And each tower has about 14 floors.

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00:09:41,540 --> 00:09:44,020

And each floor has multiple apartments.

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00:09:44,020 --> 00:09:48,380

So how do you search in a timely fashion for a little boy

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00:09:48,380 --> 00:09:49,900

who's only just about two years old?

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00:09:50,900 --> 00:09:55,700

That's a lot of people in a relatively small area.

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00:09:55,700 --> 00:09:58,940

The magnitude of how to go on that day,

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00:09:58,940 --> 00:10:01,700

the day is subsequently, there's a lot of work.

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00:10:01,700 --> 00:10:02,700

There's a lot of work.

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00:10:02,700 --> 00:10:04,540

But when you have missing children,

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00:10:04,540 --> 00:10:07,100

you do what needs to be done.

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00:10:07,100 --> 00:10:09,300

The cops was all around the place.

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00:10:09,300 --> 00:10:12,740

And next I know the helicopters was all around the place.

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00:10:12,740 --> 00:10:14,180

It was unbelievable.

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00:10:20,900 --> 00:10:25,180

The search area for Christopher was 24 blocks.

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00:10:27,900 --> 00:10:29,900

It was fairly close to all the beers,

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00:10:29,900 --> 00:10:32,380

which is the north end of Central Park Precinct.

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00:10:32,380 --> 00:10:33,740

There's a lake there.

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00:10:33,740 --> 00:10:37,980

They had scuba in the lake looking for any possibility

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00:10:37,980 --> 00:10:41,660

that he would be the drowned or he fell into the pond

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00:10:41,660 --> 00:10:42,580

or something like that.

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00:10:45,140 --> 00:10:46,940

We was panicking because we was scared.

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00:10:46,940 --> 00:10:47,900

We was afraid.

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00:10:47,900 --> 00:10:49,900

We was just devastating.

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00:10:49,900 --> 00:10:51,900

You know, we're good at two-year-old B.

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00:10:51,900 --> 00:10:53,900

You know, he don't get off and walk by himself.

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00:10:56,900 --> 00:10:59,900

I had to go up town and go get some clothes.

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00:10:59,900 --> 00:11:01,900

They had liked the dogs, I guess,

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00:11:01,900 --> 00:11:03,900

to see if they could get this set of Christopher.

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00:11:05,900 --> 00:11:09,900

They take a piece of clothing that belonged to the individual.

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00:11:09,900 --> 00:11:13,900

Let the dog pick up the scent, nose to the ground.

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00:11:13,900 --> 00:11:15,900

I start looking for the kid.

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00:11:17,900 --> 00:11:19,900

The dog took up the scent.

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00:11:19,900 --> 00:11:25,900

The search led south on Lattac to 110th Street.

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00:11:25,900 --> 00:11:27,900

And then the dog lost the scent.

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00:11:36,900 --> 00:11:40,900

It was a couple of hours of no Christopher.

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00:11:42,900 --> 00:11:44,900

So, you know, you start thinking the words.

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00:11:44,900 --> 00:11:46,900

You know, like, is this for real?

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00:11:46,900 --> 00:11:48,900

Like, is this really happening?

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00:11:48,900 --> 00:11:50,900

Is this really happening?

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00:11:50,900 --> 00:11:51,900

Huh.

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00:11:51,900 --> 00:11:52,900

Huh.

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00:12:16,900 --> 00:12:18,900

There's an entrance to Onlatic Avenue.

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00:12:18,900 --> 00:12:21,900

Over here, there was a hole in the fence

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00:12:21,900 --> 00:12:23,900

where a lot of the kids would come and go.

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00:12:25,900 --> 00:12:27,900

So there was a lot of entrances and exits.

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00:12:30,900 --> 00:12:32,900

It's a very busy street.

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00:12:34,900 --> 00:12:36,900

Someone could have easily put him in a cab

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00:12:36,900 --> 00:12:38,900

and on the car, taken off.

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00:12:39,900 --> 00:12:41,900

Parts unknown.

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00:12:41,900 --> 00:12:43,900

He might have been coaxed with something.

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00:12:43,900 --> 00:12:47,900

It's somehow, but, um, mm-mm.

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00:12:47,900 --> 00:12:49,900

He was definitely not going to just will

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00:12:49,900 --> 00:12:51,900

and he'd take somebody's hand and walk off with them.

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00:12:51,900 --> 00:12:52,900

No.

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00:12:52,900 --> 00:12:55,900

And if he was crying, they probably just kept walking.

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00:12:55,900 --> 00:12:57,900

You know, people know kids cry.

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00:12:58,900 --> 00:13:00,900

Because I know you had to be crying.

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00:13:09,900 --> 00:13:11,900

It's not a happy place to be in this park.

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00:13:12,900 --> 00:13:13,900

It's difficult.

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00:13:14,900 --> 00:13:15,900

Unbelievable.

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00:13:15,900 --> 00:13:20,900

You still, you can't comprehend how, why, who, who did it.

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00:13:30,900 --> 00:13:32,900

What's the reason for this kids' disappearance?

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00:13:34,900 --> 00:13:36,900

It could be a family member.

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00:13:37,900 --> 00:13:39,900

Family relationships can be volatile

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00:13:39,900 --> 00:13:41,900

and volatile circumstances.

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00:13:41,900 --> 00:13:44,900

You know, the innocent people who can't defend themselves

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00:13:44,900 --> 00:13:46,900

become the target and the focus

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00:13:46,900 --> 00:13:50,900

for all the hostility that's between adults and the family.

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00:13:51,900 --> 00:13:54,900

There's a very possibility that it's a custody issue,

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00:13:55,900 --> 00:13:57,900

you know, between mother and father.

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00:13:58,900 --> 00:14:00,900

Christopher's father was living in Florida at the time.

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00:14:01,900 --> 00:14:04,900

He wasn't in Christopher's life, but he came back up

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00:14:05,900 --> 00:14:07,900

and then he had met with the police.

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00:14:07,900 --> 00:14:09,900

He answered what he knew

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00:14:09,900 --> 00:14:12,900

because he wasn't there at the time when it happened.

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00:14:13,900 --> 00:14:16,900

There was no indication that he was involved in any way

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00:14:16,900 --> 00:14:18,900

with the disappearance.

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00:14:19,900 --> 00:14:21,900

There we are back at square one.

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00:14:22,900 --> 00:14:24,900

Sometimes you got to just take it and go on

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00:14:24,900 --> 00:14:26,900

and look at the other theories.

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00:14:27,900 --> 00:14:29,900

Could be a drug-related situation.

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00:14:30,900 --> 00:14:33,900

The mom did have a problem in the past.

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00:14:35,900 --> 00:14:37,900

Was I addicted? Yes, I was.

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00:14:37,900 --> 00:14:40,900

I'm not going to sugarcoat it or say it any other way

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00:14:40,900 --> 00:14:43,900

because it was what it was, and that was my life at that time.

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00:14:46,900 --> 00:14:48,900

You know, I had a lot of guilt, a lot of shame.

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00:14:55,900 --> 00:14:57,900

But lifestyle, she was living back then

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00:14:57,900 --> 00:14:59,900

had nothing to do with choo-choo being taken away,

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00:14:59,900 --> 00:15:01,900

but people didn't see it that way.

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00:15:01,900 --> 00:15:04,900

They just, you know, they blamed the family, accused the family.

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00:15:04,900 --> 00:15:07,900

I wasn't at it, but I love my children.

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00:15:07,900 --> 00:15:10,900

I loved them, and I would never hurt them.

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00:15:10,900 --> 00:15:14,900

I would never do nothing to hurt them or anything.

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00:15:14,900 --> 00:15:18,900

So when it happened, it was truly like a nightmare.

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00:15:18,900 --> 00:15:20,900

Like, you know, you're waking up like,

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00:15:20,900 --> 00:15:22,900

just couldn't have happened.

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00:15:22,900 --> 00:15:24,900

But it didn't happen.

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00:15:24,900 --> 00:15:26,900

I was like, I'm not going to do anything.

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00:15:26,900 --> 00:15:28,900

I'm not going to do anything.

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00:15:28,900 --> 00:15:30,900

I'm not going to do anything.

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00:15:30,900 --> 00:15:32,900

I'm not going to do anything.

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00:15:32,900 --> 00:15:35,900

I couldn't have happened, but it did.

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00:15:53,900 --> 00:15:57,900

I didn't know that that boy was missing from that park

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00:15:57,900 --> 00:15:59,900

until my son got taken from that park.

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00:15:59,900 --> 00:16:02,900

I wouldn't have taken my son to that park, you know what I mean?

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00:16:02,900 --> 00:16:04,900

I wouldn't have went to that park.

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00:16:08,900 --> 00:16:11,900

Back then, Shane was 19 months old,

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00:16:11,900 --> 00:16:15,900

and I was 35 years old.

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00:16:17,900 --> 00:16:19,900

I thought I never could have any kids,

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00:16:19,900 --> 00:16:22,900

and all of a sudden, bam.

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00:16:22,900 --> 00:16:26,900

I just called my special boy, you know.

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00:16:27,900 --> 00:16:30,900

Yeah, he was still not talking,

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00:16:30,900 --> 00:16:33,900

and just sucking bottles.

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00:16:33,900 --> 00:16:35,900

Yeah.

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00:16:35,900 --> 00:16:38,900

And just when he was sitting on the bed,

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00:16:38,900 --> 00:16:40,900

and I gave him his rattle of the play,

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00:16:40,900 --> 00:16:42,900

you know, so I can do something,

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00:16:42,900 --> 00:16:45,900

clean the room up and do something.

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00:16:47,900 --> 00:16:49,900

I didn't never cut his hair.

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00:16:49,900 --> 00:16:52,900

Just braided it up like this, put it back like this.

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00:16:52,900 --> 00:16:55,900

Because I said I wasn't going to cut it till he did too.

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00:16:57,900 --> 00:17:01,900

But, um, I didn't never get the chance.

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00:17:15,900 --> 00:17:18,900

The typical day for me, I work five days a week.

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I had two days off.

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That's when I take my son to the park.

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It was very busy.

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00:17:26,900 --> 00:17:27,900

It always was crowded,

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00:17:27,900 --> 00:17:30,900

because I was going afternoon or after five o'clock.

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00:17:30,900 --> 00:17:32,900

First, I took him to the store

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00:17:32,900 --> 00:17:33,900

to buy him some little chips

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so he can live alone while we're in the park.

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00:17:40,900 --> 00:17:42,900

So we got into the gate.

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00:17:42,900 --> 00:17:45,900

Two little kids came up to us.

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Boy and a girl.

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The girl was the oldest.

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00:17:47,900 --> 00:17:50,900

The girls, the ten, the boys, the six.

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00:17:51,900 --> 00:17:54,900

I said, we want to play with him.

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First, I told him to go and leave me alone.

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00:17:57,900 --> 00:18:00,900

They still insisted they wanted to play with him.

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00:18:00,900 --> 00:18:01,900

I don't know why,

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00:18:01,900 --> 00:18:04,900

but they still insisted they wanted to play with him.

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00:18:05,900 --> 00:18:06,900

So I said, yeah, go ahead.

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00:18:06,900 --> 00:18:08,900

He's going on the slide, boy.

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00:18:08,900 --> 00:18:10,900

Then I went and sat back on the bench.

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00:18:10,900 --> 00:18:14,900

Then this man, he came and sat by me.

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00:18:14,900 --> 00:18:15,900

Then I turned my hair.

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Then when I turned back, I didn't see him over there.

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00:18:18,900 --> 00:18:21,900

So that's when I got up and started looking around.

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00:18:36,900 --> 00:18:39,900

I'm looking all around in here.

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00:18:39,900 --> 00:18:41,900

I ain't seen nothing.

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00:18:42,900 --> 00:18:44,900

Then about three minutes later,

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00:18:44,900 --> 00:18:47,900

I saw the two kids that was coming.

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00:18:47,900 --> 00:18:49,900

They was coming from that side of the fence.

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00:18:49,900 --> 00:18:51,900

You know, I said, what you did with my son?

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00:18:51,900 --> 00:18:53,900

Then they said, well, who left them in the park?

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So I said, if you left them in the park,

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00:18:55,900 --> 00:18:57,900

he would have still eaten the park.

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That's what they say, they left them in the park.

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00:19:00,900 --> 00:19:02,900

And that's all they said.

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00:19:03,900 --> 00:19:06,900

I just hollered and screamed.

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00:19:06,900 --> 00:19:07,900

Shane?

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00:19:08,900 --> 00:19:10,900

People start helping me looking for him in the park.

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00:19:10,900 --> 00:19:11,900

Shane?

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00:19:12,900 --> 00:19:14,900

But he wasn't there.

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00:19:15,900 --> 00:19:17,900

He wasn't there.

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00:19:21,900 --> 00:19:22,900

Shane?

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00:19:22,900 --> 00:19:25,900

He's a considerable concern from headquarters,

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00:19:25,900 --> 00:19:29,900

as well as locally, you know, what the heck's going on.

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00:19:29,900 --> 00:19:31,900

The times of the day were similar.

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00:19:31,900 --> 00:19:34,900

The days of the week that both happened on a Thursday.

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00:19:34,900 --> 00:19:36,900

Five o'clock, 7 p.m.

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00:19:36,900 --> 00:19:39,900

That time of year, it's light out.

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A lot of people in the park.

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00:19:41,900 --> 00:19:43,900

There's just way too many similarities.

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00:19:45,900 --> 00:19:47,900

Once again, the bells get sounded.

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00:19:48,900 --> 00:19:51,900

There's an immediate search by the uniform officers.

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00:19:51,900 --> 00:19:56,900

Massive interview, there's canvases of the King Tower buildings.

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00:19:56,900 --> 00:19:58,900

The detectives in uniform officers.

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00:19:58,900 --> 00:20:00,900

Look at the dumpsters.

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00:20:00,900 --> 00:20:02,900

Look at the garbage shoes.

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00:20:02,900 --> 00:20:03,900

Go through the garbage.

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00:20:04,900 --> 00:20:05,900

No sign of Shane.

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We began a search for the data the last child was reported missing,

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which involved searching every building in this project,

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from rooftop to basement, checking elevator shafts and locked rooms.

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They got a tip that my son was buried out there,

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00:20:26,900 --> 00:20:30,900

and they tear this whole place apart.

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They knocked down buildings, looking for them.

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Literally took them to the ground.

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Then came up dry.

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But that basically shows the lengths that we went to solve those cases,

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00:20:44,900 --> 00:20:46,900

to find out what was going on.

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00:20:53,900 --> 00:20:56,900

That's the first time I ever let my son play with anybody.

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00:20:56,900 --> 00:20:59,900

Because I didn't usually let him play with no kids, no, nobody.

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00:20:59,900 --> 00:21:01,900

You know, it was only just me and him.

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00:21:01,900 --> 00:21:04,900

And that was the first time I did that.

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I said, oh, Lord, first time I did, I make a mistake.

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See, what I think will happen,

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00:21:12,900 --> 00:21:14,900

the two little kids took him out of there.

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00:21:14,900 --> 00:21:18,900

And whoever had him, just put his smile on it, you know, and take him away.

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The kids were interviewed at length.

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It was a belief or a suspicion that they had acted as decoys,

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and somebody stole the kids.

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Both the kids, I hang less than we were playing.

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We didn't see anybody take him.

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00:21:35,900 --> 00:21:40,900

We turned around, and he went off and played another part of the park.

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00:21:41,900 --> 00:21:44,900

The parents of the two kids were identified, interviewed.

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Their story came clean.

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They were checked out, and there was no indication that they were involved in any way.

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The man sitting next to her on the bench was brought in for questioning.

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He had checked out completely.

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There was no indication that he was involved in any way with the disappearance.

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We continued on with the investigation.

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It was a \$30,000 reward request and information.

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They started a task force.

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There were several people assigned from the specialty units.

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The sound trucks that came through the neighborhood,

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they were looking for information.

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The information contained is please hold please.

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I seen like a truck on by, and they had that bullhorn, like, you know, making that announcement.

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00:22:42,900 --> 00:22:45,900

When I heard it, I couldn't believe it. I was shocked.

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00:22:46,900 --> 00:22:49,900

It was just like living it all over again, too.

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In the same community, the same projects,

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I was the odds of that.

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00:23:06,900 --> 00:23:11,900

It's hard not to blame yourself when, you know, especially when you was there, you know.

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00:23:12,900 --> 00:23:16,900

You was there. That's why you blame yourself.

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00:23:16,900 --> 00:23:18,900

You was there, you know.

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00:23:18,900 --> 00:23:20,900

You let somebody take your kids to...

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Oh.

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I didn't know, huh?

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But I empathize with her because I know what she's dealing with.

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She was a mother, a mother's son.

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Was in the park.

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Letting them play.

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And just like that, they came back.

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00:23:49,900 --> 00:23:51,900

They came back and took another kid.

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Worst case scenario, it was some pedophile,

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or we got a serial killer out there.

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I mean, it's an awful, awful thing to consider that anybody would want to have a child that young.

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But it happens.

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After Shane went missing, it seemed like the NYPD escalated things.

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Most children that go missing, we find them.

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It's highly unusual not to find babies that go missing.

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And that's when we really started to hear a talk about a possible baby selling ring.

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This new angle seems to confirm what Harlem residents have been saying for days.

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You know, the kids being kidnapped and being sold in black markets and stuff like that.

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Those people take those children because they want to sell them.

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The possibility that anybody would be selling black infants or young boys was explored.

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And while it's an interesting theory as to why these kids were missing, it's not likely.

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I think it's very difficult to pay someone, let's say, hypothetically to steal a baby.

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There was nothing that surfaced in New York City Police Department that would indicate

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that that was going on. It was just negative.

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Nothing ever surfaced.

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We had two cops, two detectives. They came every day.

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Then they have the phone tap, case anybody called.

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They had a cop in the house, 24-7.

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And then, that was it.

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It didn't come up with nothing.

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That part of Harlem is so densely populated that I don't think it's unusual that Christopher and Shane vanished into thin air.

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Because there were just too many people.

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And it was way before there was a surveillance camera on every corner.

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Frustrating. It really is. I mean, especially when there's no leads to go on.

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We don't have bodies. We have two missing kids.

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You've got to have belief that maybe they survived.

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I think it's very possible Shane and Christopher are still alive.

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I think they were probably taken by people who couldn't have children.

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People who were desperate to have a baby.

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There are individuals for whatever reason.

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They can't have their own children, but they still want to experience parenthood.

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And for whatever reason, that person didn't have the ability to adopt it in normal sense.

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And they would abduct the child to raise his own.

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After 30 years' likelihood of finding a child alive and well, yes, is remote.

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But we've learned to never give up on these children.

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Because we've seen amazing things happen.

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For instance, in New York City, Carlina White taken from Harlem Hospital.

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Joy turned to tragedy for this young mother, her newborn baby, abducted.

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On August 4th, 1987, Carlina White, who was just 19 days old,

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was taken to Harlem Hospital with a fever of 104 degrees.

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Her parents brought her there.

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They met a woman who was dressed as a nurse, and she was comforting the parents.

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And then sometime when the shifts were changing, this nurse apparently smuggled out the baby.

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Just give me my baby back please. I would smother back.

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There was a massive manhunt for this child.

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Carlina had vanished.

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Now to an unbelievable reunion, 23-year-old Carlina White of Georgia

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had long suspected she wasn't related to the people who raised her.

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The police believe a woman dressed as a nurse kidnapped White

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from a New York City hospital in 1987 when she was an infant.

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It turns out that Carlina White grew up as netty nance.

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She got pregnant, and in order to get medical insurance, she needed a valid birth certificate.

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She went with what she thought was valid, and the officials told her,

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00:28:37,900 --> 00:28:40,900

this is a forgery. This is not your birth certificate.

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Netty, she started researching and saw the picture of her as an infant.

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That infant on our website strongly resembled her own child,

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so she thought this possibly could be me.

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As a result, New York City Police Department arranged for a DNA sample,

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and we got the wonderful news that she was in fact Carlina White

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living under the name of Nedra Nance.

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The FBI says a North Carolina woman who raised a child kidnapped

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from a New York hospital two decades ago is in custody on a parole violation charge.

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Ann Petway, the woman that raised Neddy Nance, ends up getting arrested and charged with kidnapping.

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It turns out that Ann Petway had wanted to have children

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and had a series of miscarriages and was destroyed over that,

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and supposedly that was the impetus for her to go and take a baby.

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When she was reunited with her biological parents just last week,

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it became front page news.

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I just always believed that she would find me.

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It was a blessing to see that it was a good story to hear and know

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00:29:45,900 --> 00:29:48,900

that she was reunited with her family.

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The hope is that if it could happen to her, the hope is that it could happen to me too.

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When it comes to an infant abduction, we especially have extremely high hopes

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that we're going to find these children alive and well.

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So toddlers like Shane and Christopher, these children could very well be alive today,

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grown and matured, may even have the families of their own.

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The forensic artists that work in the forensic imaging unit,

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we've done close to 7,000 age progressions since 1989 when our unit was founded.

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We're trying to come up with the most accurate version of these children as possible

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because the goal is to bring these children home.

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Unfortunately, in a lot of ways, these children are growing up on our computer screens.

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So when it came to the Christopher's case, we've had age progressions done of him in the past.

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We still feel confident in being able to create what he looks like from age two

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to in his late 20s, early 30s, which would be the approximate age of the last age progression that was done.

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He has a birthmark like on his leg, the right leg.

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It's almost like a little figure eight or something, and he'll always have that.

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With Shane's case, I had some pretty up-to-date photos of Shane's mother to work from,

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00:31:11,900 --> 00:31:17,900

and right off the bat, I'm starting to see common family characteristics.

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This process has been done multiple times for Shane over the years.

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The first image from two to age 11 to about the age he would be, which is 30.

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Yeah, he had a skull when he fell down here.

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00:31:40,900 --> 00:31:42,900

Then he got a birthmark.

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00:31:42,900 --> 00:31:46,900

It's like I got a liver on his shoulder.

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00:31:48,900 --> 00:31:53,900

They had a Christmas tree every year, and the missing kids hanged the pictures up,

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00:31:53,900 --> 00:31:57,900

and they sent them to me once they took the tree down.

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00:31:57,900 --> 00:32:01,900

Each year, their pictures are just a little different.

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This one, when he was about 12, 12 years old,

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00:32:06,900 --> 00:32:10,900

is the comfort, you know.

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00:32:10,900 --> 00:32:14,900

This is seeing him around me, you know.

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00:32:14,900 --> 00:32:17,900

I never give up hope.

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I feel he's something out there.

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I just gotta find it.

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00:32:23,900 --> 00:32:29,900

I hope we wake up and see the lights, see, you know, come and find me, you know.

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I would hug him and kiss him and say,

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00:32:31,900 --> 00:32:34,900

let's go on a vacation. Let's get away.

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Let's go away, just to be with each other, you know.

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00:32:37,900 --> 00:32:40,900

Spend time together, you know.

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00:32:40,900 --> 00:32:45,900

We're a lot of, you know, I miss a lot years, so.

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00:32:52,900 --> 00:32:57,900

Next time won't you sing with me.

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00:32:57,900 --> 00:33:00,900

Don't you sing with me.

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

Hey, what you singing?

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00:33:02,900 --> 00:33:06,900

I was raised in Martin Luther King Towers.

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00:33:06,900 --> 00:33:09,900

When I finally got, you know, got together and I moved down.

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00:33:09,900 --> 00:33:12,900

I got come by there, because my mother still lived there.

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00:33:12,900 --> 00:33:16,900

But for the most part, it was not a happy place like it used to be, no more.

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00:33:20,900 --> 00:33:23,900

I got three grandchildren, and they got an uncle.

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00:33:23,900 --> 00:33:25,900

Hey, D.C.

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00:33:25,900 --> 00:33:26,900

Come on.

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00:33:26,900 --> 00:33:28,900

And I'm trusting in God.

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00:33:28,900 --> 00:33:31,900

One day we're going to be reunited.

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00:33:31,900 --> 00:33:34,900

It's hard to know you got a job.

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00:33:34,900 --> 00:33:38,900

And I have the opportunity to see him grow up.

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00:33:38,900 --> 00:33:44,900

You know, turning 13, turning 14 years old as they changed.

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I don't have any of that.

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I've done this 30 years of his life.

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00:33:49,900 --> 00:33:52,900

This step was neat.

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We never stopped looking for you, Christopher.

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We never stopped.

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We never stopped loving you.

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We never stopped looking for you.

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And we just hope and pray that you okay wherever you at.

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God's defense.

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I'm here because I think there's hope.

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I really do.

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You see it all the time with these cases where kids question where they came from.

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And where they question where they came from.

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They do a DNA search, maybe we'll get lucky.

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Maybe things will fall our way.

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Hope for hope that we can reunite these parents and their children.

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