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What happened that day?

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How did the boat get out that far?

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Why would no boats notice this unmanned vessel traveling all that distance?

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There's just so many things that made no sense.

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00:00:45,140 --> 00:00:48,460

They won't say homicide, they won't say suicide.

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Any reasonable person looks at this and decides, boom, this is not a suicide.

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This is a murder.

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When we moved up here, Braynton was a pretty small town.

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My husband Pat and I were able to purchase a house that was on a river.

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And it was a great place to raise the kids.

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A big part of my time growing up in Braynton was just being out in the water, fishing some.

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I had a good time hanging out.

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So there are spots I know I could take my little dinghy and go push it up on shore and

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00:02:10,500 --> 00:02:19,180

hop out and hang out for a little bit.

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00:02:19,180 --> 00:02:22,300

My brother Pat and I grew up on the water.

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Boats were everywhere.

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00:02:23,300 --> 00:02:31,220

I mean, we all had boats and we were able to go out all the time.

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00:02:31,220 --> 00:02:36,620

Pat's boat was a 14-foot stump knocker.

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00:02:36,620 --> 00:02:39,100

Growing up, Pat really coveted them.

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00:02:39,100 --> 00:02:42,620

It's like, boy, that would be the boat to have.

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00:02:42,620 --> 00:02:44,220

Stump knocker is a brand.

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00:02:44,220 --> 00:02:51,860

It's a flat bottom boat.

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00:02:51,860 --> 00:02:58,220

Stump knocker was pretty much for the Brayden River, which was extremely shallow.

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We would go out and mull it fishing.

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00:02:59,220 --> 00:03:03,180

It was kind of magical, almost, because you could see a fish take off underwater because

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00:03:03,180 --> 00:03:05,820

you see its trail glow in the water.

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00:03:05,820 --> 00:03:08,540

So that was always fun.

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00:03:08,540 --> 00:03:18,820

It was just a peaceful place to be.

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00:03:18,820 --> 00:03:26,220

On January 27, 2013, I was going down to my sister's house in Sarasota.

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I didn't know what Pat's plans were for the day, but he had numerous outboard motors that

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00:03:34,540 --> 00:03:38,380

he always wanted to be working on.

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00:03:38,380 --> 00:03:44,340

Pat wished me a good day, gave me a kiss, and off I went.

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00:03:44,340 --> 00:03:48,540

I came home that night, 6.30, I think, 7.

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00:03:48,540 --> 00:03:51,580

And when I got home, Pat wasn't there.

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His truck was there, so I thought he was at a neighbor's house.

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00:03:57,860 --> 00:04:05,140

I called his cell phone, but Pat didn't like to carry a cell phone, so that wasn't a surprise

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00:04:05,140 --> 00:04:08,820

not to get an answer.

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00:04:08,820 --> 00:04:11,140

I went outside and looked for him.

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00:04:11,140 --> 00:04:13,580

I looked at the neighbor's houses.

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00:04:13,580 --> 00:04:15,420

I didn't see him.

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00:04:15,420 --> 00:04:17,820

We had a pretty regular routine.

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00:04:17,820 --> 00:04:23,940

On a Sunday, we considered it a work night, and we kind of started winding down about

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00:04:23,940 --> 00:04:27,860

7 o'clock, so it was odd that he wasn't home.

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00:04:27,860 --> 00:04:34,020

I was getting later, and I got more and more nervous.

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00:04:34,020 --> 00:04:44,500

When I walked out to where our stump knocker was kept, it was not there.

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00:04:44,500 --> 00:04:50,940

When I realized that the stump knocker was gone, then I realized I needed help.

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00:04:50,940 --> 00:04:54,660

So I called my son Miles.

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00:04:54,660 --> 00:04:59,860

I was in Tampa studying my bachelor's degree program, and I told my mom not to worry about

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00:04:59,860 --> 00:05:00,860

it.

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I had spoken to one of my uncles the day prior, and I mentioned that he was going to go take

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00:05:05,340 --> 00:05:09,700

a boat out for a spin, just to go run some gas through it.

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00:05:09,700 --> 00:05:10,700

He'll get home.

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00:05:10,700 --> 00:05:16,420

He's the last person you'd have to worry about being able to find his way home.

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00:05:16,420 --> 00:05:19,780

And then it got later, and she called again and said he's not back.

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00:05:19,780 --> 00:05:25,160

I'd known that something was different or out of the ordinary, so I just immediately

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00:05:25,160 --> 00:05:28,940

left Tampa and drove down to Braydenton.

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00:05:28,940 --> 00:05:31,860

I called my brother-in-law.

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00:05:31,860 --> 00:05:34,260

This was probably 11 o'clock at night.

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00:05:34,260 --> 00:05:38,180

I was kind of silent because I didn't want to ask him to please go out in the boat and

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00:05:38,180 --> 00:05:43,060

try to find Pat, but he asked, do you want me to?

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00:05:43,060 --> 00:05:47,660

And I, yes, please.

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00:05:47,660 --> 00:05:53,300

Their uncles met me at the boat ramp with my boat, so I just jumped on and we started

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00:05:53,300 --> 00:05:55,300

searching.

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00:05:55,300 --> 00:05:59,340

We focused on the Brayden River because we knew he was on the Stumpknocker, which is

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00:05:59,340 --> 00:06:01,900

designed for shallow water.

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00:06:01,900 --> 00:06:06,100

I think it's highly unlikely that he would take the Stumpknocker into the Manatee River.

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00:06:06,100 --> 00:06:21,540

Its intended area of use was the Brayden River, and that's where it stayed.

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00:06:21,540 --> 00:06:26,100

We did the main routes when we didn't find anything on that, then we started to go into

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00:06:26,100 --> 00:06:35,180

all the small little nooks and crannies and streams.

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00:06:35,180 --> 00:06:41,020

After 11 p.m. at night, we received a call from Jill Mullins, Patrick Mullins' wife,

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00:06:41,020 --> 00:06:42,500

that he was missing.

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00:06:42,500 --> 00:06:44,420

He went out on the boat and didn't return.

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00:06:44,420 --> 00:06:49,900

At that time, we asked the common missing questions, any problems or anything, they

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00:06:49,900 --> 00:06:54,420

didn't even know that he had his phone with him, which he did not have his phone with

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00:06:54,420 --> 00:06:55,420

him.

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00:06:55,420 --> 00:06:56,420

How was your relationship?

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00:06:56,420 --> 00:06:59,420

Did you have money troubles?

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00:06:59,420 --> 00:07:00,980

Do you own a weapon?

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Does your husband own a weapon?

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00:07:02,940 --> 00:07:07,020

They went and checked out a couple of boat bars.

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00:07:07,020 --> 00:07:12,340

Pat was not a bar person, a boat or otherwise.

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00:07:12,340 --> 00:07:19,100

We started a search operation with our Marine unit to commit searching for a lost boater

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00:07:19,100 --> 00:07:22,300

at that point.

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00:07:22,300 --> 00:07:27,140

We know that Patrick was seen by his neighbors leaving in his boat around three that day,

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00:07:27,140 --> 00:07:31,740

and we have no indication that any other person was with him.

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00:07:31,740 --> 00:07:36,620

His boat was a riverboat, so we concentrate on the area of the Brayden River and the Manatee

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00:07:36,620 --> 00:07:40,820

River.

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00:07:40,820 --> 00:07:44,700

And then the Coast Guard became involved.

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00:07:44,700 --> 00:07:50,860

At 2.40 in the morning on January 28th, the Manatee County Sheriff's Office notified us

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00:07:50,860 --> 00:07:57,460

of Mr. Mullins missing status, whether he was underway on his boat or in the water,

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00:07:57,460 --> 00:07:59,900

was unknown at that time.

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00:07:59,900 --> 00:08:03,820

So in the search and rescue case, time is not exactly your friend.

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00:08:03,820 --> 00:08:09,820

The longer you search, the farther something could drift, and we don't know what exactly

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00:08:09,820 --> 00:08:17,300

we're looking for, whether it's an upright boat, a capsized boat, or a person in the

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00:08:17,300 --> 00:08:19,100

water.

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00:08:19,100 --> 00:08:23,980

Helicopters went over our house in the neighborhood all night long.

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00:08:23,980 --> 00:08:25,780

I was very worried.

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00:08:25,780 --> 00:08:29,500

Something was very wrong.

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00:08:29,500 --> 00:08:36,580

The most obvious thought to me was that Pat had broken down, or he had back problems.

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Maybe he'd heard his back or something.

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00:08:39,340 --> 00:08:45,900

We kind of expected to find him stuck on shore with something broken.

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00:08:45,900 --> 00:08:49,540

I had to think that it had to be some kind of physical element, because if something

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00:08:49,540 --> 00:08:53,580

had happened with the boat, it's almost impossible to think that he couldn't fix it and get

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00:08:53,580 --> 00:09:02,740

home.

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00:09:02,740 --> 00:09:08,060

The next day after Pat disappeared, the Manatee Sheriff's Office called and said the stump

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00:09:08,060 --> 00:09:14,660

knocker had been found.

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00:09:14,660 --> 00:09:17,740

The boat was found northwest of Eggmont Key.

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00:09:17,740 --> 00:09:23,500

It was in the shipping channel that a lot of these large container ships coming to deliver

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00:09:23,500 --> 00:09:30,940

goods used, so definitely not where it's supposed to be.

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00:09:30,940 --> 00:09:35,060

The boat was amazingly far out so far from our house.

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00:09:35,060 --> 00:09:39,980

I don't see how it could have traveled that far.

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00:09:39,980 --> 00:09:46,820

His belongings were in the boat, but he wasn't with it.

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00:09:46,820 --> 00:09:54,180

It had life vests in it, sunglasses and a straw hat, but the anchor was not in the boat

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00:09:54,180 --> 00:09:56,580

and it was out of gas.

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00:09:56,580 --> 00:10:01,940

The engine was set to idle, the ignition was on, indicating that it possibly ran dry

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00:10:01,940 --> 00:10:05,020

when it was in the idle state.

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00:10:05,020 --> 00:10:10,060

There was no indication of a crime scene, there was no obvious sign of injury or anything

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00:10:10,060 --> 00:10:12,940

that traumatic that happened.

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00:10:12,940 --> 00:10:18,180

Could have been a medical event, fell overboard, boat could not have function and he got off

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00:10:18,180 --> 00:10:19,180

somewhere.

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00:10:19,180 --> 00:10:23,780

It was unknown at that point.

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00:10:23,780 --> 00:10:30,860

We did do an in-depth investigation of Pat to try to find out financial, was having problems,

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00:10:30,860 --> 00:10:34,260

phone records, civilians in communication with.

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00:10:34,260 --> 00:10:39,500

There was no troubled areas that in his past or problems that we could center on that might

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00:10:39,500 --> 00:10:44,740

lead us to conclude that he went missing on his own or someone else caused him to go

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00:10:44,740 --> 00:10:45,740

missing.

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00:10:45,740 --> 00:10:50,340

We had no idea what happened to Pat.

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00:10:50,340 --> 00:10:56,420

At the time the boat was found, they ultimately released it back to the family.

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00:10:56,420 --> 00:10:59,860

We did go and take a look at the boat at first.

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00:11:00,220 --> 00:11:05,540

Nothing looked out of the ordinary, but we did notice just some kind of light red paint

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00:11:05,540 --> 00:11:11,900

markings on the side of the boat and that was something that was not there in the past.

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00:11:11,900 --> 00:11:20,900

It was interesting and something to note, but we didn't know what to think about it.

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00:11:20,900 --> 00:11:24,620

After the boat was found without my father in it, everyone was still thinking, where

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00:11:24,620 --> 00:11:27,300

do we go from here, what's next?

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00:11:27,300 --> 00:11:29,300

Did he get on the land somewhere?

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00:11:29,300 --> 00:11:31,140

Which island do we not see yet?

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00:11:31,140 --> 00:11:33,100

What could have happened here?

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00:11:33,100 --> 00:11:35,100

Just more questions, no answers.

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00:11:41,100 --> 00:11:44,700

And back to Patrick.

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00:11:44,700 --> 00:11:49,260

Pat and I were married in 1983.

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Pat and I had two children.

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Our eldest is Mason and about two years later, Miles came along.

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00:12:00,740 --> 00:12:07,020

My dad taught fourth grade for 21 or 22 years before he and my mother went and got their

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00:12:07,020 --> 00:12:10,580

graduate degrees and they both became librarians.

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00:12:10,580 --> 00:12:15,100

At the high school where he worked, he was really loved and respected by the kids because

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00:12:15,100 --> 00:12:18,140

he'd cared.

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00:12:18,140 --> 00:12:24,860

He might have 10 or 12 kids staying until six or seven at night and he would just stay

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00:12:24,860 --> 00:12:27,500

there and keep the library open.

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00:12:27,500 --> 00:12:33,260

And he always got the children who needed that little bit extra, the children who didn't

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00:12:33,260 --> 00:12:37,460

have a father figure in their life.

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00:12:37,460 --> 00:12:40,620

I have two brothers and two sisters.

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00:12:40,620 --> 00:12:45,980

We all were so compelled to work on things and tinker and tear them apart and put them

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00:12:45,980 --> 00:12:49,340

back together.

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00:12:49,340 --> 00:12:52,500

And Pat was good at all of it.

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00:12:52,500 --> 00:12:56,020

He was brilliant.

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00:12:56,020 --> 00:13:02,820

He was very regimented, he was very disciplined, he was very serious first.

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00:13:02,820 --> 00:13:06,940

He was by the books, he did things the way that they were supposed to be done.

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00:13:06,940 --> 00:13:08,820

That was kind of him, very cautious.

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00:13:08,820 --> 00:13:12,940

It's a Coleman table lamp.

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00:13:12,940 --> 00:13:14,540

Pat was living a good life.

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00:13:14,540 --> 00:13:26,940

He was vital and he was close to retiring soon and was looking forward to his future.

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00:13:26,940 --> 00:13:29,940

The family is desperate tonight as a man remains missing.

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00:13:29,940 --> 00:13:34,300

There's speculation that he may have fallen off that boat long before they found it.

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00:13:34,300 --> 00:13:38,940

Rescue crews will continue searching even though the danger of hypothermia makes survival

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00:13:38,940 --> 00:13:42,820

chances slim.

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00:13:43,100 --> 00:13:47,180

After the boat was found, we continue searching because we're looking for a person in the

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00:13:47,180 --> 00:13:48,180

water.

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00:13:48,180 --> 00:13:53,220

When we found the empty boat, we have our best clue so we can kind of backtrack from there

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00:13:53,220 --> 00:13:58,020

and figure out where the person we're looking for might be.

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00:13:58,020 --> 00:14:02,900

So looking at where they found the boat, it was about nine miles offshore.

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00:14:02,900 --> 00:14:07,420

It was essentially open ocean in the Gulf of Mexico.

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00:14:07,420 --> 00:14:12,780

When we find an unmanned vessel in a location like this, what we're trying to do is figure

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00:14:12,780 --> 00:14:19,100

out where we think it most likely came from using the surface currents and the wind data.

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00:14:19,100 --> 00:14:21,340

So we use a method called the reverse drift method.

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00:14:21,340 --> 00:14:27,900

The wind was out of the east that night and with the tide also pushing offshore, we estimated

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00:14:27,900 --> 00:14:34,340

that the vessel probably drifted from somewhere in the lower Tampa Bay.

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00:14:34,340 --> 00:14:38,660

Searching for a person for an extended period of time is definitely challenging.

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00:14:38,660 --> 00:14:44,900

We certainly don't slow down any of the search efforts once we find an empty boat.

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00:14:44,900 --> 00:14:53,020

After the stump knocker was found, it was a very long week, waiting to find out if Pat

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00:14:53,020 --> 00:15:00,820

would be found, hoping that he'd be found alive, but really praying that he would simply be

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00:15:00,820 --> 00:15:07,540

found because an answer at least is an answer.

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00:15:08,660 --> 00:15:35,900

After they found the boat and the man was missing, I was fishing every day.

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00:15:35,900 --> 00:15:43,060

I am a full-time saltwater fishing guide and I was on my way in from a charter and as

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00:15:43,060 --> 00:15:51,660

we approached Emerson Point, one of my clients said, Captain, Captain, what is that out there?

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00:15:51,660 --> 00:16:01,460

And I started to see what looked like a body, but I wasn't sure.

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00:16:01,460 --> 00:16:07,980

So we eased up to him very slowly and then it clicked.

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00:16:07,980 --> 00:16:12,380

I said, boys, this is that school teacher.

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00:16:12,380 --> 00:16:15,420

They had found the boat north of Eggmont.

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00:16:15,420 --> 00:16:25,220

I knew that guy was going to pop up and sure enough, he popped up.

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00:16:25,220 --> 00:16:32,700

I noticed that he had some type of shirt, blue jeans, belt, one shoe missing, one shoe

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00:16:32,700 --> 00:16:35,660

off.

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00:16:35,660 --> 00:16:37,580

Everything was clean as a whistle.

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00:16:37,580 --> 00:16:44,300

I mean, all the hairs on his arms, his hands, wristwatch, wallet in the pocket, and this

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00:16:44,300 --> 00:16:46,660

rope was wrapped around him.

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00:16:46,660 --> 00:16:55,780

It was very well intricately wrapped underarm around the neck, through the chest.

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00:16:55,780 --> 00:17:01,940

The rope went down the water and there was a little bitty tiny anchor dug into the sand.

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00:17:01,940 --> 00:17:08,860

I think it was four to six feet of water at the most, complete sand bottom.

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00:17:08,860 --> 00:17:13,020

I didn't flip him over or touch him in any way, but it was crystal clear water and I

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00:17:13,020 --> 00:17:17,540

looked and I could see the face and there was no nose or face.

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00:17:17,540 --> 00:17:19,060

It would just look like spaghetti.

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00:17:19,060 --> 00:17:22,060

That's the best way I could describe it.

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00:17:22,060 --> 00:17:32,580

I called the Florida Marine Patrol and they had an agent out there within 40 minutes.

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00:17:32,580 --> 00:17:40,460

It was February 5th that I got a phone call saying that a body had been found.

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00:17:40,460 --> 00:17:44,100

That was Pat.

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00:17:44,100 --> 00:17:47,180

It was horrible.

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00:17:47,180 --> 00:17:50,700

I was searching all the areas where they actually found him.

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00:17:50,700 --> 00:17:53,940

That was my area.

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00:17:53,940 --> 00:17:55,700

I've thought about it a lot.

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00:17:55,700 --> 00:18:04,860

Did I want to find him?

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00:18:04,860 --> 00:18:08,300

It's a good thing.

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00:18:08,300 --> 00:18:14,460

I didn't need to find him.

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00:18:14,460 --> 00:18:15,460

So I think that was luck.

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00:18:15,460 --> 00:18:18,500

That was just luck.

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00:18:18,500 --> 00:18:29,900

I do remember when his body was found, thinking how lucky, how lucky I was to have him in

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00:18:29,900 --> 00:18:31,540

my life as long as I did.

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00:18:31,540 --> 00:18:35,900

There's people out there that don't have that.

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00:18:35,900 --> 00:18:43,700

So that was sad.

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00:18:43,700 --> 00:18:48,900

Maybe?

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00:18:48,900 --> 00:18:56,220

Yes.

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00:18:56,220 --> 00:19:03,140

When we first saw the body, the body was fully clothed with the exception of one shoe with

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00:19:03,140 --> 00:19:06,820

a rope and anchor tied around it.

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00:19:06,820 --> 00:19:12,940

The body was in a moderate state of decomposition, consistent with the body being out there for

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00:19:12,940 --> 00:19:14,580

eight or nine days.

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00:19:14,580 --> 00:19:18,220

But there's really no way to be able to narrow it down specifically.

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00:19:18,220 --> 00:19:24,100

It was clear that there had been some kind of severe head trauma.

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00:19:24,100 --> 00:19:30,540

There were six separate exit perforations on the left side of the skull and then what

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00:19:30,540 --> 00:19:37,380

appeared to be one larger perforation on the right side.

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00:19:37,380 --> 00:19:43,580

So this was clearly a pattern of a shotgun with some kind of buckshot.

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00:19:43,580 --> 00:19:48,620

Gunshot wound came from the right side, definitely from right to left, a little bit upward and

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00:19:48,620 --> 00:19:55,740

a little bit backward to exit on this side.

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00:19:55,740 --> 00:19:58,180

In this case, we don't know if it was suicide or homicide.

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00:19:58,180 --> 00:20:05,500

So we have currently listed in our reports the manner of death is undetermined.

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00:20:05,500 --> 00:20:08,780

But the arms were not bound up at all.

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00:20:08,780 --> 00:20:26,900

So I consider the possibility that suicide occurred in this way a very reasonable possibility.

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00:20:26,900 --> 00:20:35,100

We met at the medical examiner's office and the medical examiner told us that he really

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00:20:35,100 --> 00:20:38,500

leaned towards suicide.

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00:20:38,500 --> 00:20:44,620

He said that the ropes would be tied differently if it were a homicide.

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00:20:44,620 --> 00:20:48,100

I thought, okay, let's look at this.

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00:20:48,100 --> 00:20:51,620

This is a suicide.

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00:20:51,620 --> 00:20:59,620

But I couldn't find any reason to think what they were telling me was true.

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00:20:59,620 --> 00:21:00,620

My name is Lee Williams.

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00:21:00,620 --> 00:21:05,540

I was an investigative reporter at the Herald Tribune in Sarasota.

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00:21:05,540 --> 00:21:09,660

The Sheriff's Office said it was a suicide before Pat was even pulled from the water.

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00:21:09,660 --> 00:21:13,820

And from then on, they just pressured Jill to accept the fact that her husband killed

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00:21:13,820 --> 00:21:15,740

himself.

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00:21:15,740 --> 00:21:21,420

When I interviewed law enforcement about this, they tried to get me to buy into the suicide

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00:21:21,420 --> 00:21:22,540

theory.

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00:21:22,540 --> 00:21:27,140

They were trying to convince me to leave this one alone because it was a suicide.

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00:21:27,140 --> 00:21:33,580

And that's probably the best thing for the family.

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00:21:33,580 --> 00:21:42,980

The police suicide theory was that he tied that rope around himself, tied to this anchor,

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00:21:42,980 --> 00:21:53,820

positioned himself on the edge of the stump knuckle, shoots himself, went overboard.

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00:21:53,820 --> 00:21:55,660

How would you get to that outcome?

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00:21:55,660 --> 00:22:01,060

Or why would you assume a suicide under those circumstances?

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00:22:01,060 --> 00:22:04,700

It didn't really make any sense to us.

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00:22:04,700 --> 00:22:12,060

I was really surprised when we learned that Pat died of a shotgun wound to the head.

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00:22:12,060 --> 00:22:15,140

We never had any guns in our house.

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00:22:15,140 --> 00:22:20,700

Pat, he didn't really have the interest in them.

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00:22:20,700 --> 00:22:25,100

The Manatee County Sheriff's Office did a forensic audit of his bank accounts.

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00:22:25,100 --> 00:22:27,420

He never got the money out to buy a shotgun.

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00:22:27,420 --> 00:22:30,020

He didn't have any shotgun, never owned one.

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00:22:30,020 --> 00:22:32,220

Never had any shotgun shells.

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00:22:32,220 --> 00:22:33,340

They checked local dealers.

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00:22:33,340 --> 00:22:34,980

I called local gun dealers.

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00:22:34,980 --> 00:22:37,980

Nobody had sold Pat Molo as a shotgun.

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00:22:37,980 --> 00:22:44,060

There's also no note or anything found that would lead us up to suicide.

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00:22:44,060 --> 00:22:48,140

Based on what I think Pat's life was like and his personality, I just don't think that

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00:22:48,140 --> 00:22:52,660

suicide was an option for him.

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00:22:52,660 --> 00:22:57,460

Even before he went out on the stump knuckle that day, he bought like, I think it was some

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00:22:57,460 --> 00:23:01,740

discount welding goggles that he wouldn't need for today and had no plans for.

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00:23:01,740 --> 00:23:04,380

But it was a good buy, so he bought it for later.

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00:23:04,380 --> 00:23:06,020

He just had plans for later.

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00:23:06,020 --> 00:23:10,260

He was excited for the future.

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00:23:10,260 --> 00:23:13,180

He wanted to be a grandfather so much.

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00:23:13,180 --> 00:23:16,140

That was big in his mind.

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00:23:16,140 --> 00:23:19,900

We were going to be celebrating our 30th anniversary that June.

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00:23:19,900 --> 00:23:27,940

There was just too much positive to say goodbye to the world.

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00:23:27,940 --> 00:23:32,300

Another thing that didn't make sense is the way the rope was tied on him when he was found

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00:23:32,300 --> 00:23:38,820

wasn't something that my dad or any boat person would be doing, not wise.

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00:23:38,820 --> 00:23:42,260

They weren't knots that he would have chosen to use.

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00:23:43,260 --> 00:23:49,900

I think he would have done it with one good knot if he were to have committed suicide.

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00:23:49,900 --> 00:23:56,460

I kept hearing from the sheriff's department it was clearly not homicide because Pat's

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00:23:56,460 --> 00:23:58,660

hands weren't tied.

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00:23:58,660 --> 00:24:06,100

Well, why would you need to tie hands if perhaps he was killed beforehand?

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00:24:06,100 --> 00:24:15,300

Pat would need to be unconscious or already gone to be wrapped like that.

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00:24:15,300 --> 00:24:23,100

I even had the primary detective at one point phone me and asked me to be reasonable that

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00:24:23,100 --> 00:24:28,980

if somebody were to have killed Pat then they would have taken his wallet.

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00:24:28,980 --> 00:24:35,580

I don't know why somebody killed my husband, but I don't think Pat was killed for the \$8

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00:24:35,580 --> 00:24:37,580

he had.

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00:25:05,580 --> 00:25:14,780

I think he was shot with a shotgun, but he wasn't recovered on the boat.

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00:25:14,780 --> 00:25:18,140

The shotgun wasn't recovered on the boat.

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00:25:18,140 --> 00:25:25,580

Just the idea of the way that he was wrapped within the ropes sounded really unusual.

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00:25:25,580 --> 00:25:28,300

It's not something I've seen in a suicide case.

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00:25:28,300 --> 00:25:29,940

Round the waist, I think.

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00:25:29,940 --> 00:25:36,260

So we're trying to reconstruct it being a suicide with a grown man tying himself up,

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00:25:36,260 --> 00:25:41,980

being on the edge of the boat with an anchor tying you down.

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00:25:41,980 --> 00:25:47,780

And then how do you hold a gun given what we know about the trajectory of the gun?

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00:25:47,780 --> 00:25:52,060

How would he have sat on the boat to ensure that he went into the water along with the

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00:25:52,060 --> 00:25:58,460

shotgun while tied to the anchor?

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00:25:58,460 --> 00:26:03,740

How don't you put the anchor in the water?

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00:26:03,740 --> 00:26:08,580

So it's pulling pretty good.

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00:26:08,580 --> 00:26:09,580

Yeah.

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00:26:09,580 --> 00:26:10,580

Okay.

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00:26:10,580 --> 00:26:17,820

The angle in this case is unusual and not typical at all for suicide.

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00:26:17,820 --> 00:26:23,820

Theoretically if this were an 18 inch barrel like in a tactical shotgun, it's heavy and

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00:26:23,820 --> 00:26:24,820

it's unwieldy.

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00:26:24,820 --> 00:26:29,020

So you're going to brace it and you're going to brace it up next to the area that you're

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00:26:29,020 --> 00:26:31,820

going to fire at.

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00:26:31,820 --> 00:26:37,380

But what's interesting is when we look at the skeleton, there are no black marks on

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00:26:37,380 --> 00:26:38,380

there.

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00:26:38,380 --> 00:26:42,100

There would definitely be something if this were a contact wound.

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00:26:42,100 --> 00:26:46,620

The fact that it's not a contact wound using something that's long barreled like this, it

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00:26:46,620 --> 00:26:50,580

doesn't make it most likely to have happened that way.

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00:26:50,580 --> 00:26:54,620

In our experience, most gunshot suicides are contact wounds.

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00:26:54,620 --> 00:26:59,220

The muzzle of the weapon is placed up right up against the skin at the time it's fired.

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00:26:59,220 --> 00:27:05,540

But the wound in this particular case, being on the side of the head, I haven't seen one

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00:27:05,540 --> 00:27:07,540

with a shotgun in that location before.

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00:27:07,540 --> 00:27:13,380

So if you're holding that, it's going to be coming in right at your jawline here and

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00:27:13,380 --> 00:27:15,660

not too much at an angle.

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00:27:15,660 --> 00:27:17,780

It's kind of actually up a bit like this.

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00:27:17,780 --> 00:27:18,780

Yeah, it's an awkward position.

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00:27:18,780 --> 00:27:19,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:19,780 --> 00:27:20,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:20,780 --> 00:27:21,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:21,780 --> 00:27:22,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:22,780 --> 00:27:23,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:23,780 --> 00:27:24,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:24,780 --> 00:27:25,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:25,780 --> 00:27:26,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:26,780 --> 00:27:27,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:27,780 --> 00:27:28,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:28,780 --> 00:27:29,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:29,780 --> 00:27:30,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:30,780 --> 00:27:31,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:31,780 --> 00:27:32,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:32,780 --> 00:27:33,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:33,780 --> 00:27:34,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:34,780 --> 00:27:35,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:35,780 --> 00:27:36,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:36,780 --> 00:27:37,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:37,780 --> 00:27:38,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:38,780 --> 00:27:39,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:39,780 --> 00:27:40,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:40,780 --> 00:27:41,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:41,780 --> 00:27:42,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:42,780 --> 00:27:43,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:43,780 --> 00:27:44,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:44,780 --> 00:27:45,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:45,780 --> 00:27:46,780

It's an awkward position.

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00:27:46,780 --> 00:27:53,780

After the body was found, we did go back to Patrick's boat.

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00:27:53,780 --> 00:27:56,780

And we did aluminum testing on it for blood spatter.

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00:27:56,780 --> 00:28:06,780

Unfortunately, we didn't get any blood spatter.

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00:28:06,780 --> 00:28:08,780

Whatever happened, maybe blood didn't get on the boat.

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00:28:08,780 --> 00:28:10,780

It was undetermined at that point.

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00:28:10,780 --> 00:28:14,060

of information to make a sound conclusion on it.

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00:28:19,420 --> 00:28:22,220

I still can't get over it, even as we stood there,

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00:28:22,220 --> 00:28:24,420

and it was a very still day out on the water.

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00:28:24,420 --> 00:28:27,460

There wasn't much of a breeze, but there was a breeze.

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00:28:27,460 --> 00:28:31,620

And that breeze and the amount of spray

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00:28:31,620 --> 00:28:34,500

from the type of trauma that occurred

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00:28:34,500 --> 00:28:37,900

from that kind of projectile, it's very challenging,

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00:28:37,900 --> 00:28:40,740

even when you try to do something like this.

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00:28:40,740 --> 00:28:42,780

To not leave any trace evidence.

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00:28:45,700 --> 00:28:49,540

Absence of trace evidence, to me,

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00:28:49,540 --> 00:28:52,100

makes it less likely that it occurred in the boat.

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00:28:55,020 --> 00:28:56,780

He clearly wasn't killed in that boat.

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00:28:56,780 --> 00:28:59,500

There's zero biological evidence in there.

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00:29:00,900 --> 00:29:02,100

So he was killed elsewhere,

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00:29:02,100 --> 00:29:05,460

which pretty reasonable person would conclude,

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00:29:05,460 --> 00:29:08,300

was it means that this was not a suicide.

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00:29:08,300 --> 00:29:09,340

This is a murder.

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00:29:11,740 --> 00:29:14,260

The thing that I find perplexing

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00:29:14,260 --> 00:29:15,940

when I looked at the photographs,

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00:29:15,940 --> 00:29:19,260

is there's absolutely no indication

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00:29:19,260 --> 00:29:20,860

that there were any scavengers

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00:29:20,860 --> 00:29:23,220

that did anything to his body

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00:29:23,220 --> 00:29:25,900

while it was in the water for almost 10 days.

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00:29:28,580 --> 00:29:31,020

After a gunshot went to the head,

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00:29:31,020 --> 00:29:33,460

there's so much blood that happens.

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00:29:37,260 --> 00:29:39,220

Within, you know, just a few minutes,

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00:29:39,220 --> 00:29:41,820

you start to see some scavenging activity

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00:29:41,820 --> 00:29:44,420

by something within the water.

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00:29:44,420 --> 00:29:47,900

We don't see any damage to his hands at all.

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00:29:50,620 --> 00:29:52,260

When there's an open wound,

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00:29:52,260 --> 00:29:54,660

sharks can smell blood from a fourth of a mile

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00:29:54,660 --> 00:29:56,380

to a half a mile away.

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00:29:56,380 --> 00:30:00,060

And this is an area where there are lots of sharks.

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00:30:01,620 --> 00:30:03,500

Even around here, there are alligators.

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00:30:03,500 --> 00:30:06,300

I mean, there's just a lot of stuff in these waters.

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00:30:10,060 --> 00:30:11,980

So it makes me wonder,

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00:30:11,980 --> 00:30:15,020

was he really in the water for 10 days?

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00:30:17,500 --> 00:30:21,020

That makes me question if he was somewhere else

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00:30:21,020 --> 00:30:24,700

for any amount of days before going into the water.

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00:30:24,700 --> 00:30:27,100

Maybe he was held somewhere on land.

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00:30:28,620 --> 00:30:29,620

Who knows?

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00:30:33,420 --> 00:30:36,020

My personal theory is that he encountered something

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00:30:36,020 --> 00:30:38,420

on that river that he shouldn't have seen.

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00:30:39,900 --> 00:30:42,300

Maybe because he went over as a good Samaritan

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00:30:42,300 --> 00:30:43,900

and wanted to help somebody out.

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00:30:46,940 --> 00:30:48,260

That makes the most sense

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00:30:48,260 --> 00:30:49,940

because he was that kind of a guy.

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00:30:52,220 --> 00:30:56,460

If my dad saw somebody with a boat mechanical issue,

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00:30:56,460 --> 00:30:58,460

I'm pretty sure he would approach

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00:30:58,460 --> 00:31:00,260

and try to help them out.

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00:31:01,940 --> 00:31:03,700

When the boat was found, the engine wasn't neutral

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00:31:03,700 --> 00:31:05,340

and then the gases run out.

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00:31:05,340 --> 00:31:08,220

It kind of points to there was a pause

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00:31:08,260 --> 00:31:09,820

while he was doing something.

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00:31:11,380 --> 00:31:13,100

My dad would leave the engine running

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00:31:13,100 --> 00:31:15,580

if it were like a not a long-term stop.

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00:31:19,420 --> 00:31:20,820

You know, you put the engine in neutral

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00:31:20,820 --> 00:31:22,100

as you're pulling up to a dock

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00:31:22,100 --> 00:31:24,820

or if you just want to stop moving to look at something.

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00:31:27,740 --> 00:31:30,740

In my humble opinion, Pat Mullins saw something out there

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00:31:30,740 --> 00:31:33,140

in that boat of his that he wasn't supposed to see.

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00:31:33,860 --> 00:31:35,340

And they killed him for it.

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00:31:41,540 --> 00:31:42,780

So you'd have to ask yourself

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00:31:42,780 --> 00:31:44,940

what's worth taking a man's life for?

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00:31:46,860 --> 00:31:48,940

Probably looking at somebody who was running drugs

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00:31:48,940 --> 00:31:50,540

or some other type of contraband.

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00:31:52,740 --> 00:31:54,340

Brainted in the Braden River,

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00:31:54,340 --> 00:31:56,500

it's a great place to go and recreate,

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00:31:56,500 --> 00:31:59,700

but you have some people using that river for...

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00:31:59,820 --> 00:32:00,860

bad purposes.

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00:32:01,860 --> 00:32:04,460

There's been a lot of motorboat theft.

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00:32:05,460 --> 00:32:07,860

There are people harvesting fish illegally

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00:32:07,860 --> 00:32:09,300

and I've heard that there's drugs

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00:32:09,300 --> 00:32:10,900

that move up and down that river.

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00:32:12,500 --> 00:32:14,900

Pat's boat was found way out in the bay

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00:32:14,900 --> 00:32:16,500

and Pat never went out in the bay

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00:32:16,500 --> 00:32:18,300

in that stump knocker to begin with.

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00:32:19,500 --> 00:32:21,060

I think whoever murdered him

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00:32:21,060 --> 00:32:24,300

may have taken the boat out there just to dump it.

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00:32:24,300 --> 00:32:26,900

So they probably just dumped it to get rid of it.

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00:32:26,900 --> 00:32:28,660

Or they just could have, you know,

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00:32:28,660 --> 00:32:31,100

towed it out there and cut the rope.

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00:32:40,100 --> 00:32:43,300

So we're passing the CSX Railroad Bridge right now

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00:32:43,300 --> 00:32:46,500

for the stump knocker to end up where it was found.

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00:32:46,500 --> 00:32:48,500

It had to go past this bridge.

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00:32:51,500 --> 00:32:53,500

And I do have cameras mounted on there.

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00:32:53,500 --> 00:32:54,900

I don't know if you can see it,

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00:32:55,300 --> 00:32:57,500

and I do have cameras mounted on the bridge

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00:32:57,500 --> 00:33:00,700

that are recording any and all boats that pass through.

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00:33:00,700 --> 00:33:03,300

It would have been able to capture the stump knocker

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00:33:03,300 --> 00:33:05,300

and my dad going by

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00:33:05,300 --> 00:33:07,900

if he did take the stump knocker through here.

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00:33:09,100 --> 00:33:11,100

So you would know, is he by himself?

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00:33:11,100 --> 00:33:13,100

Is he with a friend?

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00:33:13,100 --> 00:33:14,900

Is he towing a boat?

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00:33:16,300 --> 00:33:18,100

Is he helping somebody out?

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00:33:18,100 --> 00:33:19,700

Is somebody towing him?

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00:33:20,300 --> 00:33:22,300

We were hoping to see just anything.

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00:33:22,300 --> 00:33:23,900

Would the stump knocker going through there

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

would have been valuable information?

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00:33:30,500 --> 00:33:34,300

We obtained the video shortly after this incident happened.

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00:33:34,300 --> 00:33:37,500

Unfortunately, the CSX personnel

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00:33:37,500 --> 00:33:40,300

downloaded a corrupt video file.

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00:33:40,300 --> 00:33:42,100

We went back a second time.

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00:33:42,100 --> 00:33:44,100

The second time was corrupted.

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00:33:45,300 --> 00:33:46,700

It was this one.

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00:33:46,700 --> 00:33:48,700

The second time was corrupted.

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00:33:49,700 --> 00:33:51,700

It was disappointing.

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00:33:51,700 --> 00:33:55,700

I was definitely frustrated that that was an immediate dead end

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00:33:55,700 --> 00:33:58,700

because that footage was so important to us.

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00:34:03,700 --> 00:34:05,700

It is frustrating.

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00:34:05,700 --> 00:34:10,700

We have no facts, no answers, just theories.

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00:34:10,700 --> 00:34:12,700

But I believe he was killed.

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00:34:12,700 --> 00:34:14,700

Someone killed him.

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00:34:15,700 --> 00:34:16,700

Who?

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00:34:16,700 --> 00:34:19,700

You know, it was a million dollar question, I suppose.

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00:34:21,700 --> 00:34:23,700

At the start of the investigation,

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00:34:23,700 --> 00:34:26,700

we tried to talk to many people, at least we can.

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00:34:27,700 --> 00:34:31,700

And Damon Presswood, who's a good friend of Patrick's brother

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00:34:31,700 --> 00:34:35,700

and knew Patrick, was interviewed multiple times.

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00:34:35,700 --> 00:34:38,700

Damon is a family friend.

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00:34:38,700 --> 00:34:40,700

I knew him from Family Get-Togethers.

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00:34:40,700 --> 00:34:42,700

Memorial Day, we would meet up with the family

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00:34:42,700 --> 00:34:45,700

and some extended friends, do a lot of water sports

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00:34:45,700 --> 00:34:48,700

and just have a good time hanging out.

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00:34:51,700 --> 00:34:54,700

My father was not close with Damon.

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00:34:54,700 --> 00:34:57,700

He was connected to my family through my uncle.

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00:34:58,700 --> 00:35:02,700

I met Damon in 89 or 90.

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00:35:02,700 --> 00:35:04,700

And we became fast friends.

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00:35:04,700 --> 00:35:06,700

He owned his own restaurant for a while.

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00:35:06,700 --> 00:35:08,700

And the town's the chef.

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00:35:08,700 --> 00:35:10,700

Damon was a sweetheart.

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00:35:10,700 --> 00:35:13,700

You know, I met him, I was probably about 12 years old.

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00:35:13,700 --> 00:35:15,700

He was a couple years older than me.

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00:35:15,700 --> 00:35:21,700

And he was just a likable, dependable, admirable guy.

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00:35:23,700 --> 00:35:26,700

But after the past disappearance, Damon's behavior

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00:35:26,700 --> 00:35:29,700

quickly became markedly different.

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00:35:31,700 --> 00:35:37,700

Damon was very upset when Pat was missing and presumed dead.

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00:35:37,700 --> 00:35:40,700

Almost disproportionately so.

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He would break into tears and then uncontrollable sobbing.

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He would come to the house sometimes, you know, early on.

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I don't think I'd ever seen that side of him before.

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After Pat had died, Damon told me how so many times

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he would go and look out along the Manatee River

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and cry and sob for hours.

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You know, he knew my dad.

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They had known each other, but not like a long time close friend

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that you would expect that type of reaction.

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Damon was just kind of off the rails, constantly asking,

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you know, if something happened, would you still be my friend?

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Could I count on you being there?

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None of us really knew exactly why.

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Pat was killed in January.

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My wife and I, and everyone else for that matter,

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we all noticed that he had a mental breakdown every January,

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like clockwork after Pat's death.

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It gives you an unsettled feeling

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that he knew more than he had ever told.

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Eventually, Damon intimated that he'd been using crystal meth.

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Mark's a psychiatrist, and he's like, we got to keep an eye on him.

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My job is to pay attention to behavior.

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He got more and more paranoid, impulsive,

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and there were episodes of extreme erratic behavior

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that concerned us all.

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The Memorial Day, after my dad had passed,

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the family and some extended friends got together,

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and Damon did come out, and I saw Damon tie a rope to his dog

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and then tie that rope around himself.

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It was in the exact manner that it was on Pat's body.

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That was the first time that I saw Damon,

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and it was extremely troubling.

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The nautical rope was the thing that was disturbing.

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Tied around your waist, we're just beside ourselves, actually.

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At the time, we actually confronted him about it,

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like, hey, you know, what's going on?

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Acting weird. He didn't give any explanation.

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There's another thing that started to tie him a little more intimately

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with the case.

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After the boat was found, I had seen on the side of the stunt knocker

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red paint markings on the side of the boat.

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And then we realized Damon's boat has a red stripe on it.

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And Damon lived where he would put his boat in,

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in the Manatee River, kind of close to the opening into Tampa Bay.

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That area is where Pat's body was found.

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With his erratic behavior, the red paint did start to tie Damon

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potentially into the picture.

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That was just something that was like, you know,

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we ought to look into this.

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The police really wanted to sample Damon's boat,

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the thing new was red.

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And they were declined by Damon.

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He denied to us being involved or knowing anything about what happened to Pat.

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He got to the point, eventually, he stopped talking to us.

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But we didn't have information to go further on if he was involved or not,

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we just had any witnesses.

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And that's just where it stopped.

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And there was no further efforts put towards talking to Damon

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or being able to get a paint ship from his boat.

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Damon died April 5, 2017.

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It was about four and a half years after Pat's death.

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He had overdosed and it looked like it was meth.

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He was 48 years old and it was another trauma

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because we were hoping that Damon would tell us he knew something.

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After Damon passed away, his daughter did give permission for a paint ship to be taken from his boat

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to be tested to see if it's a match to the paint on the side of the stumb knocker.

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We thought, you know, this is a ticket, we're getting somewhere.

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The feedback we got from the police department was that, yes, it's a match, no, it's not important.

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In reading the report that came back, the boat cannot be eliminated

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as a possible source of red paint smears on the victim's post.

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It's the way they actually word it.

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The red paint is a common variety.

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We can't say what brand it came from or anything.

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Our lab didn't produce that result for us.

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They discounted the testing saying that there was a lot of paint

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that would be made that year so it was really as good as nothing.

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I didn't feel it was as good as nothing.

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I think it means something.

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I think it's highly unlikely that something else would have rubbed that boat.

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That would match the paint on Damon's.

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Given Damon's strange behavior, given his obsession with Pat's death,

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I feel that Damon is aware of what happened to Pat.

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There are some theories about the ways that my dad would have interacted with Damon

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that could have ended up with my dad being murdered.

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Maybe he's driving along and sees Damon's boat floating with the engine up

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and he would have gone straight to it to aid.

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I don't even know if Damon had the boat out.

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Maybe somebody else had his boat out.

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I don't have a scenario that puts all this together.

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I guess anything's possible.

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Based on our investigation, we have more questions and answers to what happened that day.

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We wish we could help the family by finding those answers to help them with their closure.

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We don't know. That's why it's a death investigation.

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We don't know what happened.

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Most of the time homicides come to us with background information that suggests there was a reason or motive or something.

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Certainly there was no evidence of a robbery that occurred.

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Going to the other side, the most important factor in keeping suicide as a consideration

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was the unusual rope application on the body that it just was apparently tailored to a potential for self-rapping.

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That in our minds kept suicide as a possible consideration as well.

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So without being able to really say that homicide was definitely much more likely

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or suicide was definitely much more likely, we had to consider that both were still reasonably likely.

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That only left us one alternative, is to call it a manner of death undetermined.

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I think it was on the first year anniversary that I started doing the flyers

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because we weren't getting any closer to an answer.

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I have gotten a few phone calls.

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I don't think we've gotten anything that has turned out valuable,

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but a couple calls have gone into the Sheriff's office as well.

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As one of his brothers tells me, Pat would hate this.

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He would hate what I'm doing because he was low-key.

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He didn't need or like attention.

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But Pat didn't need to die.

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Whoever did this is a danger to any and everybody.

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Nine years later, I feel like someone out there is going to have some answers.

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You got to have hope.

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You know, we see these cold cases get turned around decades later.

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You know, something like that could happen in our lifetime.

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My children need to know what happened to their dad.

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It's not a pretty story and it doesn't have a conclusion.

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We don't have answers, but I am still trying.

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I am still trying.

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