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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police officials have participated in recreating the events.

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What you are about to see is not a news broadcast.

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Tonight, we'll examine four new mysteries.

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Each one has been recreated into tale.

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Wherever possible, using the actual participants in the hope that someone watching may know the truth.

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Join me. You may be able to help solve a mystery.

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February 19, 1982.

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A quiet residential community in the small city of Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

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On this day six years ago, this peaceful New England town of 46,000 was stunned by the most savage murder in his history.

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At approximately 3.30 p.m., Doug Heath returned from work to his apartment on Providence Street.

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As he walked through the door, he found his neighbor's three-year-old child locked out of her mother's apartment.

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When I saw Nicole standing on the stairs, I knew immediately something was wrong.

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Where's mommy? I asked her where her mother was and she told me that she was downstairs lying down.

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I tried the door into the first floor apartment, their apartment, and it was locked.

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I knew something was wrong right there.

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Doug went down to the laundry room to check on her mother, Susan LaFerte.

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I saw a body leaned up against the dryer.

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In the same instant, I turned to my left and I saw a sue lying face down in a puddle of blood.

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It hit me right then and there that the murder or something really bad had happened.

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When rescue arrived at the scene along with the first officers,

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they found that two women had been brutally assaulted in a basement area of Providence Street home.

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All intents and purposes had been left for dead.

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One woman expired at the scene and the other one was in very, very critical condition.

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Rescue stabilized her the best that they could and transported her from the scene to the hospital emergency room.

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The two victims both lived in the apartment building on Providence Street.

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22-year-old Doreen Picard was pronounced dead at the scene.

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The other woman, 27-year-old Susan LaFerte, was barely alive.

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She was immediately rushed to the hospital.

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Susan was in surgery for two and a half hours while she clung to life.

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Her husband Ernie waited and prayed.

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The way they described it, she was hanging by a thread.

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Her injuries were so severe that it was touch and go at the time.

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Miraculously Susan survived but she remained in a deep coma.

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Fearful for her safety, the police guarded her room around the clock.

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It was obvious to us that the perpetrator in his mind had left both girls for dead.

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We immediately became worried that he would realize that there was a witness to the attack

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and that he would come back and try to eliminate that witness by killing her.

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We were hopeful that when she came out of the coma, she would be able to tell us who it was that had done this.

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Thirty days later, Susan finally emerged from her coma.

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But she had no memory of her attack or her attacker.

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She developed total amnesia about what happened during the brutal assault in the basement.

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She'd also sustained injuries that have left her physically disabled.

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Susan's amnesia sent the investigation of the seemingly motiveless crime back to square one.

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Everyone expected me to wake up and tell her who attacked me and killed Doreen.

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I don't know who attacked us.

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I have no idea.

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Even now, Susan's family is concerned for her safety

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and she has requested that she not be identified on camera.

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When I woke up out of the coma, I would be able to tell them it's five years later

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and I'm no closer at this period of time than I was five years ago.

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I don't know what he looked like or anything else about him.

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I have no memory whatsoever of the attack.

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Six years later, the police are still searching for a motive.

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Susan Laferte was a housewife with two young children

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and was an active member of her neighborhood watch.

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Doreen Picard was studying for a career in childhood development.

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She lived upstairs in the apartment building, the Laferte's own.

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Ironically, she was packing to move to a new building on the very day of the attack.

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Like Susan, Doreen's parents desperately want to find an answer as to who killed their daughter.

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We go to bed thinking about her and we wake up thinking about her.

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You know, we have to keep pushing and knocking on doors

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because I feel like there's somebody out there that has the missing piece to that puzzle.

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I have no recollection whatsoever of basically from New Year's Eve to the 19th of February.

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The 19th totally is a blackout.

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On February 19th, the day of the attack, Susan had lunch with her sister, Carol Revet.

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At 1.30, two friends came to the door.

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Hi.

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My sister came back from the doorway and stuck her head in the parlor and said, Carol, I'm going downstairs.

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I'll be right back.

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She came back upstairs and I could hear her talking to somebody in the doorway.

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So I got up to go see who she was talking to.

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To get hints from him.

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Hi.

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I knew one of the guys, but the other guy didn't know and she introduced me to him.

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The two men then went to the basement to look at some puppies that Susan was selling.

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Susan talked to the men for five minutes and they left.

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Ten minutes later, at 1.45, Carol went home.

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That was the last time anyone saw Susan before the attack.

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No one can be sure what happened that day between 1.45 and 3.20 when Doug Heath discovered Susan and Doreen's bodies.

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I have to admit that I was shocked by the initial scene.

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The brutality of the assault.

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It was not just a murder. It was not just an assault.

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It was a frenzied attack. It was an overkill.

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OK, 15 lives. OK.

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Only one person, apart from Susan, saw the killer.

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Nicole, Susan's three-year-old daughter, was in the apartment that afternoon.

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Her grandmother, Florence Laferte, tried to coax the details of the attacker's identity out of Nicole's memory.

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As I came in the house, Nicole was there and from the very beginning she told me that she let him in.

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She thought that was her mother's friend.

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She saw the man. She says he was probably a little bigger than her father.

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He had a mustache. She even told me that he wore a cap with the visor towards the back.

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He had sneakers and he also had jeans.

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When she heard her mother crying, she went downstairs and as she was going down, he was coming up.

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He had a rag in his back pocket. It was red and white. She called it polka dots.

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And then she was locked out in the hallway while the man escaped through the front.

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The killer left his murder weapon, a pipe, in the house as he left. It was not found for four days.

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After the assault, Nicole was questioned extensively by the police department.

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As much as the police would like to have a person who definitely saw the perpetrator that day,

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her story has changed too much to be of real value to us.

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The stress and confusion that she was under at that point in time really made it very difficult to get a real solid, sure story.

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It's a complex case because of the different factors involved.

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First, we have two victims and those victims all bring their individual traits with them.

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They have their own friends. They were involved in different things.

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There was also two newspaper ads that had been running. One was for puppies for sale.

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Any other was for an apartment for rent.

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The perpetrator might have responded to one of the ads.

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It was a friend of either one of the victims or their family. Always just a total stranger.

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Since the murder, Doreen's family has conducted their own informal investigation,

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which they believe has led to a series of anonymous phone calls.

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Hello. A few months after Doreen was killed, I received the phone call about 2 a.m.

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He said that I should be concerned with my family and my children and not pursue the matter so hard.

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And that for openers, they might burn my garage down my repair shop.

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Every time we pursue the matter, we get phone calls.

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Obviously, we're putting somebody uneasy. We're keeping somebody off guard.

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You know, it's like a nightmare because I'm watching over my shoulder all the time.

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And I'm very fearful for Susan.

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Because maybe someday this person's going to realize that, hey, maybe she can remember.

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I still hope every morning when I get up that maybe today something will snap and it'll come back.

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But it's been five years and it's still not, I'm no closer now than I was five years ago.

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I'm hurt. I don't look over my shoulder when I do things, but I've always got this back thought, is he still there?

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Next, the story of a man who makes his living by getting married over and over.

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He is known as the heart attacker, and so far he has fleeced as many wives and over a million dollars.

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New York City, 1981.

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Louis Carlucci arrived in the suburb of Forest Hills carrying nothing but a garment bag with his one good suit in it.

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In this affluent community, he was a stranger, a man without a past.

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He found work as a short order cook and a diner, but no one knew where he came from.

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In September 1981, Louis Carlucci met a 41 year old woman, who we will call Barbie, in a neighborhood bar.

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Seven weeks later, he married her.

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But Barbara didn't know, is that Louis Carlucci is a con man.

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He makes his living by stealing women's hearts, and then, their money.

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Carlucci is suspected of marrying at least nine different wives and fathering over 30 children around the country.

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He is said to have swindled his victims out of more than one million dollars.

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Louis Carlucci is known as Kanhwan, or the heart attacker.

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When you try to explain to someone what happened, they look at you and say,

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well, how could you get taken like that?

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And then you find out there are 500 other people that were taken the same way, who were supposed to be as brilliant or small as...

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Barbara was the only one of Carlucci's victims who had talked to us.

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She asked if she not be identified on camera, and at one time she feared reprisals from Carlucci.

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But the fact that he's still roaming someplace in the United States and getting away with this is terrible for what?

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Barbara is telling her story tonight because she wants to warn other women about Louis Carlucci.

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The police are convinced that Carlucci is perpetrating the same con game,

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amongst suspecting women at this very moment.

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Tonight we'll see exactly how Carlucci perpetrated his schemes, which a police call marriage swindles.

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Carlucci usually finds his victims in restaurants and friendship clubs.

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Excuse me. Hi.

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I was out with a friend, and we were sitting and having a drink, and he sent over drinks, and gets talking.

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No, I was sitting down.

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And that's how we first met?

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I like drinking all the time, and I know for a fact that I've never seen you before.

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First impression when I first saw him? No style, no class.

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However, he was warm, very friendly, he had a good sense of humor.

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So I started dating him, I thought, well, he was a pretty nice guy.

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He told me he grew up in the Bronx, that he traveled a lot, that he was in the restaurant business,

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and he wanted to settle down, and that he could give me everything that anybody could really want.

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And I said, okay, the guy is pretty nice, I like him, I like this company.

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And I thought, well, why not?

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The power vested in me by the state of New York, I now pronounce you man and wife.

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You may now kiss the bride.

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After a whirlwind courtship lasting only seven weeks, Barbara married Louis Carlucci in a small ceremony

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at the bar where they'd first met.

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Immediately after the wedding, the relationship began to deteriorate.

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It was like 90 something degrees Christmas day.

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He kind of jumped on me for talking to other people at the wedding,

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and he got very angry about the idea, possibly that we even got married.

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After the honeymoon, they moved into an unfurnished apartment in New York,

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where they lived out of suitcases.

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Carlucci would not let Barbara out of his sight,

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and paid for their living expenses with Barbara's credit cards.

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The change in his attitude and his personality shocked me,

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because there were times when he was real nice,

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and then all of a sudden he flipped, and it would be like black and white,

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Jake went hide, I don't know how he went to put it.

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And then I got scared.

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I really got scared, because I realized there's a start to the fact that,

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you know, I didn't have what he thought I had, which was money.

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The man was very physical.

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Ever. Pull that again.

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I couldn't turn my head, he'd pull my hair.

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If I looked the wrong way, I'd get smacked.

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Of course I couldn't talk to anyone at all, and if we were in a restaurant,

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I couldn't even order anything from the waitress,

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because he felt like I was looking at the person to signal or whatever.

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Can I get you some dessert?

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No, thank you, just a check.

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Just the check.

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Carlucci continued to put the bite on Barbara.

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He used her credit cards up to their limit, emptied her bank account,

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and when they went out together, he always used Barbara's money.

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Carlucci bled Barbara dry.

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I was just held captive, let's put it that way, for about six months,

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did never let me out of his sight, not one time.

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I couldn't go to the bathroom with that man being there.

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So I had no way of trying to contact anyone or telling anyone about anything.

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He called me with the razor, I was going to come over,

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because that was the only way I could get out.

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He knew that I was going to die, whether I did it myself,

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or I would just waste away and die.

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So his reaction was, well, I may as well let you go,

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because you're going to be in a good mood,

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and I'm going to be in a good mood, and I'm going to be in a good mood.

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He was pretty ■■, but he knew he was going to deal with y■lig,

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and I thought, oh well, to the hero,

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I'm going to be in a good mood,

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my future is going to be so great.

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So he found his way outside his place,

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and offered to settle in his house

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without realizing, was living behind a barrier.

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And they hired Barbara and cenote trees to kill her,

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and she opposed him they differently came to look at it...

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So he's got to get rid of Barbara.

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When Barbara first came to us and gave us information about Kaluchi, we started our investigation

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and began to talk into quite a few people.

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To speak to these women was an eye-opener for me.

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Kaluchi doesn't just leave physical and financial wreckage behind them.

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It's kind of a psychological scarring that you see.

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They feel embarrassed and ashamed and they don't want their relatives and friends and

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coworkers to know about it.

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I would like to see this man get caught.

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He doesn't belong out in society.

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And whether he'll hurt anybody, very physically, I don't know.

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00:20:09,240 --> 00:20:16,600

But he definitely has to be taken off the streets.

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00:20:16,600 --> 00:20:18,200

He travels all over.

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00:20:18,200 --> 00:20:25,040

We've had him in California, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Florida, New Jersey, New York State.

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00:20:25,040 --> 00:20:27,920

He moves around quite a bit.

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00:20:27,920 --> 00:20:32,920

He's wanted for bigamy, grand larceny, and fraud.

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00:20:32,920 --> 00:20:37,800

I'd be very surprised if at this moment Kaluchi was not with a woman.

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00:20:37,800 --> 00:20:44,200

I'm sure he's been dealing with maybe 10 or 15 women a year at the very least because

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00:20:44,200 --> 00:20:46,800

he's not going to stop what he's doing.

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00:20:46,800 --> 00:20:55,720

This is the way he makes his living.

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00:20:55,720 --> 00:21:00,240

Lewis Karlochie has a dubious distinction of being captured twice thanks to viewers'

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00:21:00,240 --> 00:21:02,000

tips.

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00:21:02,000 --> 00:21:06,920

After we first broadcast Karlochie's story, he was arrested in Nashville, Tennessee.

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00:21:06,920 --> 00:21:12,160

He was extradited back to New York and later released on \$1,000 bail pending trial.

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00:21:12,160 --> 00:21:14,160

Once again, Karlochie disappeared.

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00:21:14,160 --> 00:21:19,280

And once again, after we featured him on a second broadcast, a viewers' tip led to

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00:21:19,280 --> 00:21:30,480

his arrest this time in Los Angeles.

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00:21:30,480 --> 00:21:35,760

In a moment, the story of a quiet church-going housewife is accused of helping a convicted

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00:21:35,760 --> 00:21:45,280

murderer escape from prison.

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00:21:45,280 --> 00:22:03,160

In 1986, Diane Brodbeck, a 43-year-old housewife, lived in the small Pennsylvania town of Wellesbury.

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00:22:03,160 --> 00:22:10,120

She was a devout Christian and had been active in her local church for almost 20 years.

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00:22:10,120 --> 00:22:16,360

On April 5, 1986, Diane Brodbeck disappeared.

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00:22:16,360 --> 00:22:22,800

A month later, Diane's abandoned car was found in a motel parking lot, 30 minutes from her

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

home.

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00:22:23,800 --> 00:22:30,000

In the trunk, the police found Diane's overnight bag.

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00:22:30,000 --> 00:22:38,240

The same day Diane vanished, John Yacht, a long-term inmate of a local prisoner, escaped.

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00:22:38,360 --> 00:22:43,440

Yacht was serving a life sentence for the brutal murder of an 18-year-old schoolgirl.

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00:22:43,440 --> 00:22:51,480

At the exact time that he escaped, Diane Brodbeck was seen just one half mile from the prison,

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00:22:51,480 --> 00:22:55,960

driving along the same country road where John Yacht vanished.

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00:22:55,960 --> 00:22:57,720

I don't know if Diane's alive.

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00:22:57,720 --> 00:22:59,080

I hope she's alive.

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00:22:59,080 --> 00:23:01,160

I really do.

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00:23:01,160 --> 00:23:08,200

I believe personally that she is alive, and I think she is with John.

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00:23:08,200 --> 00:23:12,920

By the time John Yacht, her Diane Brodbeck had been seen for almost two years.

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00:23:12,920 --> 00:23:17,560

The authorities believe Diane may have been Yacht's accomplice, and her family is mystified

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00:23:17,560 --> 00:23:21,640

as to why this apparently respectable and happily married woman should have vanished without

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00:23:21,640 --> 00:23:23,360

a word.

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00:23:23,360 --> 00:23:27,960

Was Diane kidnapped by a desperate prisoner, or was she a willing accomplice who helped

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00:23:27,960 --> 00:23:31,200

a convicted murderer escape?

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00:23:31,200 --> 00:23:33,520

I know my daughter.

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00:23:33,520 --> 00:23:39,280

She would not deliberately help a convicted murderer escape from prison.

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00:23:39,280 --> 00:23:41,200

My daughter would not do this.

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00:23:41,200 --> 00:23:47,440

Yes, I think that my wife probably did help John Yacht get out of jail under pressure,

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00:23:47,440 --> 00:23:49,280

for what reason I don't know.

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00:23:49,280 --> 00:23:51,000

It's hard to say.

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00:23:51,000 --> 00:23:55,520

She could have been threatened by John Yacht.

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00:23:55,520 --> 00:23:56,760

I don't know what happened.

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00:23:56,760 --> 00:23:59,760

I really don't.

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00:23:59,760 --> 00:24:04,020

Diane Brodbeck and her husband Chester had two daughters and had just celebrated their

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00:24:04,020 --> 00:24:07,120

silver wedding anniversary.

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00:24:07,120 --> 00:24:08,920

Diane led a busy life.

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00:24:08,920 --> 00:24:14,240

She had worked as a bank manager, avidly pursued an interest in psychology, and as one of her

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00:24:14,240 --> 00:24:28,560

many community activities, wrote letters to prisoners who had no family or friends.

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00:24:28,560 --> 00:24:35,960

In 1966, John Yacht was a popular math teacher at the high school in DuVoy, Pennsylvania.

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00:24:35,960 --> 00:24:42,520

On April 28, 1966, Yacht offered a ride to Pamela Sue Reimer, one of his pupils, as she

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00:24:42,520 --> 00:24:44,040

was walking home from school.

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00:24:44,040 --> 00:24:45,040

All right, all right.

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00:24:45,040 --> 00:24:46,040

Be the ride.

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00:24:46,040 --> 00:24:47,040

No, no, really, that's OK.

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00:24:47,040 --> 00:24:48,040

I only live right up the road, right up here.

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00:24:48,040 --> 00:24:49,040

Well, it happened.

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00:24:49,040 --> 00:24:50,040

I could be a ride.

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00:24:50,040 --> 00:24:51,040

No, no, I didn't say.

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00:24:51,040 --> 00:24:52,040

OK, all right.

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00:24:52,040 --> 00:24:53,040

Thank you.

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00:24:53,040 --> 00:25:06,160

Later that afternoon, Pamela's schoolbooks were discovered beside the country road.

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00:25:06,160 --> 00:25:13,920

In the nearby woods, searchers found her body.

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00:25:13,920 --> 00:25:20,760

She had been beaten with a wrench, raped, and her throat had been cut.

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00:25:20,760 --> 00:25:25,520

The next day, John Yacht confessed to the murder of Pamela Sue Reimer.

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00:25:25,520 --> 00:25:35,600

He was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

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00:25:35,600 --> 00:25:40,120

Sixteen years later, John began writing to Diane Broadbeck.

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00:25:40,120 --> 00:25:44,520

Hi, my precious lady.

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00:25:44,520 --> 00:25:48,000

I wanted you to be close to me so much today.

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00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:53,560

I hope my enjoyment and adoration of you is an incentive to be the best you can.

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00:25:53,560 --> 00:25:55,880

You are a classy lady.

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00:25:55,880 --> 00:26:02,720

I miss you and love you, John.

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00:26:02,720 --> 00:26:07,440

Diane met John through a friend of hers who had been visiting John, and she was no longer

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00:26:07,440 --> 00:26:09,880

able to do it.

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00:26:09,880 --> 00:26:13,960

And Diane had been corresponding with prisoners in other states, and she thought this would

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00:26:13,960 --> 00:26:18,960

be like a continuation of what she had been doing, and it would be a very fulfilling thing

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00:26:18,960 --> 00:26:21,000

for her to do.

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00:26:21,000 --> 00:26:24,800

She was just always thinking of other people.

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00:26:24,800 --> 00:26:29,920

She really was a people person.

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00:26:29,920 --> 00:26:35,600

After 20 years behind bars, John Yacht had become a model prisoner.

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00:26:35,600 --> 00:26:42,640

He played organ for the choir, mastered computer programming, and taught in the prison school.

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00:26:42,640 --> 00:26:49,160

Even here, it was very easy for him to be liked, and he had a real good manner about

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00:26:49,160 --> 00:26:51,920

him in terms of getting involved with people.

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00:26:51,920 --> 00:26:57,360

OK, class, if you would, open your books to page 69, the bottom of the page.

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00:26:57,360 --> 00:27:00,200

John is a strong-willed person, and very persuasive.

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00:27:00,200 --> 00:27:04,880

I believe that he could probably persuade almost anybody, given the right opportunity

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00:27:04,880 --> 00:27:07,920

and given the right time.

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00:27:07,920 --> 00:27:13,800

He has a lot of skill in being able to manipulate people.

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00:27:13,800 --> 00:27:18,600

Diane began visiting Yacht at the local jail, and continued to see him even when he was

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00:27:18,600 --> 00:27:25,240

transferred to Rockview Prison over two hours away.

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00:27:25,240 --> 00:27:27,760

Diane came to see John Yacht every week.

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00:27:27,760 --> 00:27:28,760

She never missed.

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00:27:28,760 --> 00:27:29,760

It was regular.

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00:27:29,760 --> 00:27:32,360

It was this week after week.

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00:27:32,360 --> 00:27:34,400

She was his girlfriend, definitely.

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00:27:34,400 --> 00:27:37,800

It was not a casual visit like a brother and sister visiting.

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00:27:37,800 --> 00:27:43,080

When they started their visit, they would embrace and kiss, and the same when they left,

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00:27:43,080 --> 00:27:49,400

which is really all it's permitted during a visit.

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00:27:49,400 --> 00:27:55,240

Diane brought back, fell in love with John Yacht.

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00:27:55,240 --> 00:28:00,520

I had no idea that they were romantically involved.

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00:28:00,520 --> 00:28:04,440

It appeared to me that they were simply very good friends.

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00:28:04,440 --> 00:28:09,200

She never confided in me if they were romantically involved.

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00:28:09,200 --> 00:28:13,680

Diane talked to about John Yacht.

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00:28:13,680 --> 00:28:15,760

I know she was writing him.

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00:28:15,760 --> 00:28:18,440

I know she visited him.

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00:28:18,440 --> 00:28:19,960

Which, that's about all.

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00:28:19,960 --> 00:28:25,800

It was just a little bit as far as I knew.

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00:28:25,800 --> 00:28:29,240

John Yacht tried repeatedly to appeal his conviction.

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00:28:29,440 --> 00:28:38,120

Finally, the United States Supreme Court denied Yacht's request for a retrial.

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00:28:38,120 --> 00:28:42,560

In February 1985, John Yacht wrote Diane again.

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00:28:42,560 --> 00:28:45,560

Be my Valentine love, forever.

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00:28:45,560 --> 00:28:48,840

You are my heart.

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00:28:48,840 --> 00:28:54,120

I hope more than anything that this is the last Valentine Day that we will spend apart.

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00:28:59,240 --> 00:29:07,240

On April 5th, 1986, John Yacht escaped.

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00:29:07,240 --> 00:29:15,600

Yacht's excellent behavior had earned him the right to work unsupervised outside the

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00:29:15,600 --> 00:29:16,600

prison fence.

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00:29:16,600 --> 00:29:18,680

All right, John.

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00:29:18,680 --> 00:29:23,920

The morning of the escape, John was to go out and cut some hay.

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00:29:23,920 --> 00:29:27,280

All you have to do is take this hay wagon down to the garden barn, and I'll be back in

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00:29:27,280 --> 00:29:28,280

a little bit.

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00:29:28,280 --> 00:29:32,640

He was specifically by the supervisor what he was supposed to do, took the other men

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00:29:32,640 --> 00:29:39,880

to their particular areas, and then made his rounds.

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00:29:39,880 --> 00:29:44,600

That was the last time John Yacht was ever seen.

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00:29:44,600 --> 00:29:49,840

I was on the way up over Ritchell Hill there heading for the bowling alley.

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00:29:49,840 --> 00:29:53,960

And I seen his car come down, and I just casually looked over, and I thought that girl looks

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00:29:53,960 --> 00:29:54,960

familiar.

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00:29:55,320 --> 00:29:57,160

Looks like John Yacht's girlfriend.

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00:29:57,160 --> 00:30:02,320

So I thought to myself, what is she doing on this road?

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00:30:02,320 --> 00:30:05,520

That was the last time Diane Brodbeck was ever seen.

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00:30:05,520 --> 00:30:06,520

Yes, sir.

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00:30:06,520 --> 00:30:07,520

Yes, sir.

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00:30:07,520 --> 00:30:10,400

Sergeant Decker from the Pennsylvania State Police.

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00:30:10,400 --> 00:30:12,080

This is Trooper Robert Skutta.

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00:30:12,080 --> 00:30:13,080

Yes, sir.

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00:30:13,080 --> 00:30:16,600

I'd like to talk to you about John Yacht and your wife.

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00:30:16,600 --> 00:30:18,320

Are you familiar with John Yacht?

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00:30:18,320 --> 00:30:24,920

When a trooper came to my door on Sunday wanting to know where my wife was saying that Yacht

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00:30:24,920 --> 00:30:29,800

had been broken out of prison by someone, thinking it was her.

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00:30:29,800 --> 00:30:32,960

As far as I was concerned, they were completely wrong.

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00:30:32,960 --> 00:30:35,040

She had nothing to do with it.

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00:30:35,040 --> 00:30:40,800

I thought that she had gone to Williamsburg, Virginia, and I believed that until Monday

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00:30:40,800 --> 00:30:45,120

or Tuesday when she did not return.

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00:30:45,120 --> 00:30:50,960

The police discovered that Diane had a secret bank account and had withdrawn \$7,500 in the

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00:30:50,960 --> 00:30:57,320

weeks just before she disappeared.

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00:30:57,320 --> 00:31:04,040

We discovered that she also placed a car into a used-doorit facility, and that car was placed

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00:31:04,040 --> 00:31:09,080

in there within two weeks prior to the escape.

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00:31:09,080 --> 00:31:15,040

And we discovered that there was telephone contact with John Yacht between she and he

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00:31:15,040 --> 00:31:16,640

at the prison.

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00:31:16,640 --> 00:31:22,080

The night before the escape, there was a 14-minute conversation which occurred.

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00:31:22,080 --> 00:31:28,600

At that point in time, we decided to file charges against her in assisting John Yacht.

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00:31:28,600 --> 00:31:34,240

I do not believe that Diane deliberately helped a convicted murderer escape from prison.

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00:31:34,240 --> 00:31:38,700

She was a very moral person, and you just did not do certain things.

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00:31:38,700 --> 00:31:45,720

She had a very strong code of ethics, and certainly helping a prisoner escape was not

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00:31:45,720 --> 00:31:49,800

among them.

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00:31:49,800 --> 00:31:56,440

A month after the escape, Diane's car was found abandoned at a motel just 20 miles from her

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00:31:56,440 --> 00:31:57,680

home.

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00:31:57,680 --> 00:32:04,440

A bag was found in the trunk containing Diane's personal items, jewelry, cosmetics, and over

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00:32:04,440 --> 00:32:06,920

a dozen pairs of underwear.

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00:32:06,920 --> 00:32:15,440

There is a theory that John used Diane as an instrument of his escape.

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00:32:15,440 --> 00:32:20,160

He discovers that he is not going to get out of the prison system.

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00:32:20,160 --> 00:32:24,960

He has a woman on the outside who can do things for him.

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00:32:24,960 --> 00:32:25,960

She does them.

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00:32:25,960 --> 00:32:28,560

He then kills her.

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00:32:28,560 --> 00:32:31,000

He departs from the scene.

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00:32:31,000 --> 00:32:34,480

He would be gone free and clear.

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00:32:34,480 --> 00:32:39,460

The other theory is that she really loved him, and he really loved her.

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00:32:39,460 --> 00:32:41,500

That theory is one that I hold.

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00:32:41,500 --> 00:32:43,980

I believe she is with him.

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00:32:43,980 --> 00:32:49,140

Well, my wife has run off with another man.

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00:32:49,140 --> 00:32:50,140

It's for sure.

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00:32:50,140 --> 00:32:51,140

I do not like it.

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00:32:51,140 --> 00:32:53,980

That's for sure.

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00:32:53,980 --> 00:32:59,260

We were married for 25 years, and I thought they were fairly good years.

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00:32:59,260 --> 00:33:03,060

As I told many people, she didn't leave just me.

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00:33:03,060 --> 00:33:05,540

She left the whole family.

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00:33:05,540 --> 00:33:12,300

I don't think she's alive because I think if she is, she would contact somebody in the

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00:33:12,300 --> 00:33:14,300

family.

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00:33:14,300 --> 00:33:17,420

I will never even think that she is dead.

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00:33:17,420 --> 00:33:21,220

I know she's alive.

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00:33:21,220 --> 00:33:29,460

I think of nothing else but my missing daughter, and I want her back.

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00:33:29,460 --> 00:33:33,580

John Yant murdered a high school girl at one time.

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00:33:33,580 --> 00:33:39,020

He flew off the handle at that time and could do it again.

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00:33:39,020 --> 00:33:42,860

I think she should fear for her life.

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00:33:42,860 --> 00:33:47,300

I think at some point in time, John can kill again.

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00:33:47,300 --> 00:33:48,300

Update.

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00:33:48,300 --> 00:33:52,020

John Yant and Diane Broadbeck have been captured.

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00:33:52,020 --> 00:33:57,820

Two of our viewers in Boise, Idaho, recognize Broadbeck as a former coworker, Kathy Kerman.

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00:33:57,820 --> 00:34:01,900

When they showed the picture, it was Kathy's face, obviously.

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00:34:01,900 --> 00:34:05,700

Once they said she was a bank manager and was from Massachusetts, and they said that

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00:34:05,700 --> 00:34:08,060

John's background was in computers.

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00:34:08,060 --> 00:34:11,100

It was a dead giveaway.

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00:34:11,100 --> 00:34:16,860

The Humphries called the FBI, and after a month-long investigation, the fugitive couple was arrested

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00:34:16,860 --> 00:34:17,860

at their home.

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00:34:17,860 --> 00:34:21,340

He seemed a little surprised for a minute, and he put his hands up in the air.

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00:34:21,340 --> 00:34:22,780

He didn't look around or anything really.

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00:34:22,780 --> 00:34:25,260

He sort of, I think he had his eyes on the guy with the gun.

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00:34:31,900 --> 00:34:42,100

Next, the mystery of \$21 million in gold and silver buried somewhere in Virginia.

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00:34:42,100 --> 00:34:55,500

It has eluded treasure hunters for over a century.

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00:34:55,500 --> 00:35:05,060

I have deposited in the county of Bedford 5,100 pounds of silver and 2,921 pounds of

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00:35:05,060 --> 00:35:10,340

gold securely packed in iron pots with iron covers.

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00:35:10,340 --> 00:35:14,580

No difficulty will be had in finding it.

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00:35:14,580 --> 00:35:20,260

In 1821, Thomas J. Biel wrote of an enormous fortune he buried in the hills of Bedford

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00:35:20,260 --> 00:35:22,340

County, Virginia.

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00:35:22,340 --> 00:35:27,420

According to legend, \$21 million in gold, silver and jewels.

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00:35:27,420 --> 00:35:31,980

For over 100 years, treasure hunters have been combing the countryside looking for Biel's

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00:35:31,980 --> 00:35:35,980

buried hoard no one has found it.

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00:35:35,980 --> 00:35:41,540

The amount of gold and silver that was supposed to have been deposited in these two deposits

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00:35:41,540 --> 00:35:46,500

gave me an idea that you'd have to have two wagons or more to bury it.

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00:35:46,500 --> 00:35:54,060

These pots, iron pots with silver and gold in them and coins.

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00:35:54,060 --> 00:35:56,700

And I'm excited about getting down to where it's at.

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00:35:56,700 --> 00:35:58,940

Well, somebody will get lucky.

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00:35:58,940 --> 00:36:02,420

Somebody will get lucky and find it by mistake or they'll find it because they've really

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00:36:02,420 --> 00:36:04,780

searched it out and know what they're doing.

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00:36:04,780 --> 00:36:08,060

One way or the other, I think it'll be found.

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00:36:08,060 --> 00:36:13,260

The legend of Biel's fortune begins in the early 1800s in New Mexico.

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00:36:13,260 --> 00:36:19,420

Thomas Biel and a team of 30 miners dug up gold and silver worth over \$21 million at

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00:36:19,420 --> 00:36:21,260

today's prices.

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00:36:21,260 --> 00:36:25,540

They brought the treasure to Virginia where Biel buried it.

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00:36:25,540 --> 00:36:30,660

He left written instructions to the location of his fortune in the form of three secret

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00:36:30,660 --> 00:36:32,900

codes or ciphers.

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00:36:32,900 --> 00:36:38,380

Then he went back to New Mexico and disappeared.

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00:36:38,380 --> 00:36:44,940

In 1869, a wealthy Virginian saw one of the three ciphers using the Declaration of Independence

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00:36:44,940 --> 00:36:46,460

as the key.

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00:36:46,460 --> 00:36:50,420

He numbered the first letter of every word in the Declaration of Independence.

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00:36:50,420 --> 00:36:56,820

Then for each number in the cipher, he substituted the corresponding letter, decoded the message

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00:36:56,820 --> 00:36:57,820

red.

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00:36:57,820 --> 00:37:04,180

I have deposited in the county of Bedford in an excavation or vault six feet below the

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00:37:04,180 --> 00:37:11,740

surface of the ground, 5,100 pounds of silver in 2,900.

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00:37:11,740 --> 00:37:14,740

Biel then describes the treasure in detail.

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00:37:14,740 --> 00:37:21,740

For over 100 years, the other two ciphers have remained unsolved, one list Thomas Biel's

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00:37:21,740 --> 00:37:23,260

associates and heirs.

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00:37:23,260 --> 00:37:28,820

And this one pinpoints the exact location of the treasure.

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00:37:28,820 --> 00:37:33,660

Whoever decodes it may find Biel's fortune, stored in a secret vault roughly the size

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00:37:33,660 --> 00:37:36,340

of two Rolls Royces.

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00:37:36,340 --> 00:37:41,460

In this next mystery, who joined several treasure hunters, some of whom say they have broken

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00:37:41,460 --> 00:37:43,020

the cipher.

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00:37:43,020 --> 00:37:49,180

They are convinced that sooner or later, someone will strike it rich.

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00:37:49,180 --> 00:37:54,460

Two brothers, Eddie and Joe Tony and their father-in-law Earl Boggs, have spent nine years

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00:37:54,460 --> 00:37:56,540

searching for the treasure.

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00:37:56,540 --> 00:38:01,660

They say they have broken the cipher and that the message tells of five geographical points

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00:38:01,780 --> 00:38:08,780

where 167 years ago, Thomas Biel left the clues which one by one will lead to his fortune.

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00:38:10,660 --> 00:38:15,060

The Tony brothers are currently looking for the fifth and final point, which is the clue

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00:38:15,060 --> 00:38:17,580

that will lead them to the vault.

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00:38:17,580 --> 00:38:23,020

We only have one more point to go and we've verified each place we found something that

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00:38:23,020 --> 00:38:25,700

he left.

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00:38:25,700 --> 00:38:30,700

And degrees and the footage and paces came out exactly.

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00:38:30,740 --> 00:38:35,140

If we can't find this fifth point after finding four, there's something bad wrong.

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00:38:35,140 --> 00:38:38,140

I'm confident that we'll find it.

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00:39:00,980 --> 00:39:06,660

The Tony brothers believe this 19th century carriage rod is the fifth clue in their search.

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00:39:06,660 --> 00:39:11,320

They think that it was purposefully buried by Biel pointing in the direction of his secret

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00:39:11,320 --> 00:39:12,780

vault.

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00:39:12,780 --> 00:39:15,660

We know what the last degree is to go.

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00:39:15,660 --> 00:39:22,660

I'm a little shaky right now on the count of it because I know there's not enough time

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00:39:22,700 --> 00:39:24,260

today to go do it.

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00:39:24,260 --> 00:39:30,420

Well, when the middle detector went off, I got excited and it's hard to explain how exciting

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00:39:30,460 --> 00:39:32,100

you do get.

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00:39:32,100 --> 00:39:39,100

And you imagine a gold down in there behind them rocks and my heart felt like it come

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00:39:39,100 --> 00:39:41,020

up in my throat.

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00:39:41,020 --> 00:39:47,520

Meanwhile, miles away in a completely different section of Bedford County, Wilbur Swift from

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00:39:47,520 --> 00:39:50,940

Garden Grove, California is also searching.

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00:39:50,940 --> 00:39:57,620

He believes that he too has broken the cipher that has spent the last year on \$20,000 trying

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00:39:57,620 --> 00:39:59,780

to find the Biel treasure.

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00:39:59,900 --> 00:40:02,620

I'm a computer programmer to start with.

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00:40:02,620 --> 00:40:07,540

So on my own personal computer, I decided to try to decipher this and about eight months

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00:40:07,540 --> 00:40:10,540

time I was able to break the code.

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00:40:10,540 --> 00:40:16,620

And it told me about a specific type of rock that I was looking for.

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00:40:16,620 --> 00:40:23,540

And I happened to locate that specific type of rock and there it is right there.

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00:40:23,540 --> 00:40:28,620

It has a face on it and it has a head on it.

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00:40:28,620 --> 00:40:33,380

This is what the deciphered code told me to look for.

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00:40:33,380 --> 00:40:38,060

And then I said, OK, the treasure has to be underneath it because it said that's where

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00:40:38,060 --> 00:40:39,620

it was supposed to be.

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00:40:43,300 --> 00:40:49,380

Wilbur hired a local contractor, Ken Dooley, to help him excavate under the rock.

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00:40:49,380 --> 00:40:55,700

I have lived in Bedford County all of my life and over the past 25 years, I have dug this

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00:40:55,700 --> 00:41:00,180

treasure up here for about 20, 25 feet.

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00:41:00,180 --> 00:41:04,980

Most of them knew exactly where it was and when talking to them it would be so uptight

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00:41:04,980 --> 00:41:08,540

that it just couldn't hardly breathe really.

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00:41:08,540 --> 00:41:12,780

And when you started digging for them, there was always just two feet away from it.

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00:41:12,780 --> 00:41:16,300

I don't care how deep in the ground you went, there still was two feet deeper than what

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00:41:16,300 --> 00:41:18,300

you dug.

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00:41:19,300 --> 00:41:26,900

The target was pre-majored at 26 feet and we're down right now at about 24 feet so

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00:41:26,900 --> 00:41:31,500

we don't have too much further to go.

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00:41:31,500 --> 00:41:37,300

Now that we've found the rock and we've done some extensive testing, by the way, and we're

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00:41:37,300 --> 00:41:40,460

sure that we're getting the treasure out of there.

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00:41:40,460 --> 00:41:45,820

I've been native here for 50 years, born raised here.

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00:41:45,860 --> 00:41:50,700

I've searched and searched and I haven't seen anybody come up with anything yet.

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00:41:50,700 --> 00:41:55,860

Bedford County's local residents have seen diggers come and diggers go, empty-handed.

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00:41:55,860 --> 00:41:59,380

They're not convinced there really is a treasure.

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00:41:59,380 --> 00:42:00,380

It may be here.

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00:42:00,380 --> 00:42:03,580

It may be sitting on it.

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00:42:03,580 --> 00:42:05,940

I've got some land in Texas and nowhere.

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00:42:05,940 --> 00:42:07,340

It may be on my spread.

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00:42:07,340 --> 00:42:08,340

I don't know.

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00:42:08,340 --> 00:42:09,340

I hope it is.

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00:42:09,340 --> 00:42:11,460

I say I think it's an outside possibility.

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00:42:11,460 --> 00:42:16,100

It might be a treasure somewhere yet but I don't think it's not to believe enough in

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00:42:16,100 --> 00:42:17,860

it to go up and start digging.

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00:42:17,860 --> 00:42:20,580

They think they can break that code.

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00:42:20,580 --> 00:42:21,580

Maybe they can.

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00:42:21,580 --> 00:42:23,980

I hope I'm good luck.

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00:42:23,980 --> 00:42:26,820

But personally, I just don't believe it's here.

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00:42:26,820 --> 00:42:27,820

How are we doing, Carl?

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00:42:27,820 --> 00:42:28,820

I'll be doing very well.

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00:42:28,820 --> 00:42:30,700

I'm down to the 19th line.

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00:42:30,700 --> 00:42:33,020

Could the Beale Ciphers be a hoax?

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00:42:33,020 --> 00:42:38,900

A computer pioneer, Dr. Carl Hammer, has spent 30 years studying Beale's numbers to determine

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00:42:38,900 --> 00:42:42,420

if there truly is a coded message.

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00:42:42,420 --> 00:42:46,700

As part of his investigation, he attempted to recreate the conditions under which Beale

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00:42:46,700 --> 00:42:51,180

wrote the cipher in his computer lab.

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00:42:51,180 --> 00:42:56,700

My aim was to find out whether the ciphers are real or whether they're hoax.

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00:42:56,700 --> 00:42:59,820

Hoax means these are random numbers, they're doodles.

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00:42:59,820 --> 00:43:02,700

And so I started to analyze those numbers.

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00:43:02,700 --> 00:43:07,260

And I discovered that there were some very distinguishable patterns and they were, in

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00:43:07,260 --> 00:43:09,460

fact, not random numbers.

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00:43:09,460 --> 00:43:13,020

They were not doodles, but they contained information.

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00:43:13,020 --> 00:43:18,100

We don't know what the information is, but they are a legitimate set of cryptographic

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00:43:18,100 --> 00:43:19,100

numbers.

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00:43:19,100 --> 00:43:25,340

And that is all that is known to the state.

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00:43:25,340 --> 00:43:29,940

Even though he has lost his job, is now living in a nearby motel room.

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00:43:29,940 --> 00:43:35,140

Wilbur Swift is still digging at the bottom of his 25-foot shaft.

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00:43:35,140 --> 00:43:37,940

So far, he's found nothing.

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00:43:37,940 --> 00:43:42,660

My wife is back in California and some of the neighbors say, hey, where's Wilbur?

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00:43:42,660 --> 00:43:46,740

I don't think any of them have taken serious.

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00:43:46,740 --> 00:43:51,060

Well, he who laughs last, last best.

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00:43:51,060 --> 00:43:56,980

And I believe that one of these days I might get the last laugh.

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00:43:56,980 --> 00:44:00,220

The Tony brothers believe they will have the last laugh.

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00:44:00,220 --> 00:44:04,340

They still haven't found the treasure, but they do believe they have located the final

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00:44:04,540 --> 00:44:05,540

clue.

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00:44:05,540 --> 00:44:10,900

While we were filming, they had to return home after running out of money, but they will

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00:44:10,900 --> 00:44:11,900

be back.

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00:44:11,900 --> 00:44:15,420

The fact that we've got, I know it's not a hoax.

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00:44:15,420 --> 00:44:17,820

I'm convinced that it's not.

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00:44:17,820 --> 00:44:25,100

It's been there 160 some years supposedly and it's going to be there until it's found.

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00:44:25,100 --> 00:44:30,500

In spite of all the computer programs, historical research, digging and searching, Thomas Biel's

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00:44:30,500 --> 00:44:35,500

secret vault, if it exists, remains intact.

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00:44:35,500 --> 00:44:42,100

The residents of Bedford County have played host to treasure seekers for nearly a century

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00:44:42,100 --> 00:44:49,100

and have asked us to remind everyone that unauthorized digging is against the law.

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00:44:55,100 --> 00:44:56,900

Tonight we've examined four mysteries.

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00:44:57,500 --> 00:44:59,900

And at the heart of each is a secret.

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00:44:59,900 --> 00:45:06,700

A secret kept hidden by amnesia, by a con game, by a prison escape, and by a code.

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00:45:06,700 --> 00:45:09,940

Perhaps someone, somewhere can unlock these secrets.

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00:45:09,940 --> 00:45:12,340

Perhaps that someone was watching.

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00:45:12,340 --> 00:45:13,340

Perhaps it's you.