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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,680

This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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00:00:09,280 --> 00:00:11,880

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

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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries, the story of a lonely housewife

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00:00:21,280 --> 00:00:23,820

in Maine who searched for love in her newspaper's

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00:00:23,820 --> 00:00:25,560

personal columns.

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Two years ago, the story of a lonely housewife

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00:00:29,320 --> 00:00:33,800

two years ago, she went on a blind date and vanished.

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And on the Queen Mary, dozens of eyewitnesses

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00:00:36,560 --> 00:00:39,500

plainly have seen or heard ghosts.

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00:00:39,500 --> 00:00:42,240

Last month, parapsychologists tape recorded

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00:00:42,240 --> 00:00:44,140

phantom sounds of what some believe

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00:00:44,140 --> 00:00:48,840

is a shipwreck that took place 40 years earlier.

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00:00:48,840 --> 00:00:50,620

We'll also examine the case of a man

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00:00:50,620 --> 00:00:53,980

awaiting trial for the murder of two teenage girls.

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Joe Shepard has escaped.

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00:00:55,880 --> 00:00:57,360

Perhaps you can help catch him.

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00:00:59,360 --> 00:01:02,200

The nice cases feature ordinary people thrust

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00:01:02,200 --> 00:01:05,720

into a vortex of mystery, heartbreak, and intrigue.

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00:01:05,720 --> 00:01:08,360

Each one is searching for that vital clue to end a story

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00:01:08,360 --> 00:01:10,800

that so far has no ending.

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00:01:10,800 --> 00:01:12,600

Perhaps you can help.

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00:01:12,600 --> 00:01:13,760

Join me.

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00:01:13,760 --> 00:01:16,040

You may be able to help solve a mystery.

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00:01:46,040 --> 00:01:51,040

The Queen Mary

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00:01:51,040 --> 00:01:59,040

The Queen Mary

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00:01:59,040 --> 00:02:09,040

The Queen Mary

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This is the Queen Mary, now permanently moored

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00:02:11,680 --> 00:02:13,040

in Long Beach, California.

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00:02:16,540 --> 00:02:18,640

On her decks and in her quarters,

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00:02:18,640 --> 00:02:24,160

people have seen and heard things they can't explain.

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00:02:24,160 --> 00:02:25,960

I'd been here about 14 years when

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I had the first experience with actually seeing

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what I thought to be a ghost.

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It was a December morning.

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00:02:36,680 --> 00:02:38,240

I was in the work area.

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00:02:38,240 --> 00:02:41,080

And for some reason, I picked up a cup of coffee,

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00:02:41,080 --> 00:02:45,480

went out to the table, and there was a lady sitting there.

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00:02:45,480 --> 00:02:48,200

I was so fascinated by her dress.

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00:02:48,200 --> 00:02:51,680

She appeared to be in a late afternoon cocktail-type

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00:02:51,680 --> 00:02:53,360

dress from the 40s.

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00:02:53,360 --> 00:02:56,480

She had dark hair, rolled at the sides, no makeup on.

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00:02:56,480 --> 00:02:58,160

She seemed to be very pale.

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00:02:58,160 --> 00:03:00,840

But I never saw a movement.

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00:03:00,840 --> 00:03:04,560

I left the table, went up about 10 feet,

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00:03:04,560 --> 00:03:07,240

turned around because I wanted to take another look,

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00:03:07,240 --> 00:03:08,280

and there was nothing there.

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00:03:08,480 --> 00:03:13,280

The Queen Mary

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00:03:13,280 --> 00:03:15,400

I am probably the last person that

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00:03:15,400 --> 00:03:16,600

should have had these experiences

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00:03:16,600 --> 00:03:17,800

because I'm such a skeptic.

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00:03:20,720 --> 00:03:24,440

One day, I was standing on the stairs of the pool.

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00:03:24,440 --> 00:03:27,000

And out of the corner of my right eye,

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00:03:27,000 --> 00:03:31,080

I saw a woman probably in her 60s or 70s in black and white.

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00:03:34,120 --> 00:03:36,720

So I went down the stairs and around the pillar

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00:03:36,720 --> 00:03:39,680

expecting to find her standing there.

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00:03:39,680 --> 00:03:43,040

And she wasn't anywhere to be found.

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00:03:43,040 --> 00:03:45,160

It was only a matter of seconds.

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00:03:45,160 --> 00:03:46,200

She couldn't have gone anywhere.

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00:03:49,240 --> 00:03:51,400

Several others, besides Carol and Nancy,

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00:03:51,400 --> 00:03:54,120

say they have seen or heard ghosts here in the Queen Mary's

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00:03:54,120 --> 00:03:56,320

first class pool.

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How do we explain these sightings

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00:03:57,760 --> 00:04:01,160

to reportedly well-balanced, level-headed people?

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00:04:01,160 --> 00:04:03,840

Could they simply result from the power of suggestion

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00:04:03,840 --> 00:04:06,640

stimulated by an eerie location?

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00:04:06,640 --> 00:04:10,640

Some parapsychologists believe that all locations are haunted.

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00:04:10,640 --> 00:04:12,760

That is, they retain memories of past events,

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00:04:12,760 --> 00:04:16,200

as some people with psychic sensitivities, their ESP,

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00:04:16,200 --> 00:04:18,360

experience as hauntings.

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00:04:18,360 --> 00:04:21,040

Whatever the explanation, the Queen Mary

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00:04:21,040 --> 00:04:24,080

seems to be inhabited by something ethereal that

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00:04:24,080 --> 00:04:28,080

has been seen and heard, but not explained.

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00:04:30,760 --> 00:04:35,320

Oh, I'm happy and gay because I'm sailing away.

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00:04:35,360 --> 00:04:39,600

The Queen Mary took her maiden voyage on May 27, 1936

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00:04:39,600 --> 00:04:41,480

and transported the titled and elite

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00:04:41,480 --> 00:04:43,240

from both sides of the Atlantic.

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00:04:43,240 --> 00:04:47,800

The Queen Mary, how'd you like to come with me?

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00:04:47,800 --> 00:04:50,080

During that five-day voyage, the Queen Mary

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00:04:50,080 --> 00:04:53,680

was a floating party, a living symbol of luxury travel.

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I abrazish proof so when I go over the sea,

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00:04:59,680 --> 00:05:03,640

the Queen Mary takes me.

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00:05:04,080 --> 00:05:08,480

In the Second World War, the Queen Mary

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00:05:08,480 --> 00:05:10,520

was turned into a troop ship.

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00:05:10,520 --> 00:05:12,640

Due to her ghostly gray camouflage,

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00:05:12,640 --> 00:05:15,320

she was ironically nicknamed the Gray Ghost.

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00:05:19,520 --> 00:05:22,520

After the war, she reverted back to her former glory

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00:05:22,520 --> 00:05:27,040

and crossed the ocean a total of 1,001 times.

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00:05:27,040 --> 00:05:29,480

In the over 30 years the ship was at sea,

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00:05:29,480 --> 00:05:34,240

she witnessed four births and at least 49 recorded deaths.

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00:05:37,960 --> 00:05:41,280

After her arrival in Long Beach in 1967,

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00:05:41,280 --> 00:05:43,240

one of the first people to work on board

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00:05:43,240 --> 00:05:45,400

was Marine engineer John Smith.

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00:05:45,400 --> 00:05:49,760

Part of my duties was to check and learn this ship thoroughly.

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00:05:49,760 --> 00:05:51,920

And so I explored it in the evenings

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00:05:51,920 --> 00:05:54,040

on my regular days work was done.

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00:05:54,040 --> 00:05:58,960

His job took him into the remote regions of the ship's bow.

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00:05:58,960 --> 00:06:01,440

And several times over a two-month period,

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00:06:01,440 --> 00:06:04,160

he heard something where there should only have been silence.

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00:06:10,160 --> 00:06:13,640

He heard the sounds of metal tearing, water rushing,

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00:06:13,640 --> 00:06:15,640

and then men screaming.

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00:06:21,800 --> 00:06:25,120

It sounded like there had been a rupture of the ship's hull.

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00:06:25,120 --> 00:06:26,200

It was frightful.

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00:06:26,200 --> 00:06:29,640

I went up to the extreme bow section of the ship.

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00:06:29,640 --> 00:06:32,400

The sound was here, but there was no water.

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00:06:32,400 --> 00:06:34,520

Had nothing to cause it.

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00:06:34,520 --> 00:06:38,040

I don't believe in supernatural things,

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00:06:38,040 --> 00:06:40,640

but in all my experiences as a marine engineer,

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00:06:40,640 --> 00:06:43,040

I've never seen anything like this.

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00:06:43,040 --> 00:06:46,160

Years later, Smith read about a wartime tragedy.

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00:06:46,160 --> 00:06:48,000

The Queen marries accidental collision

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00:06:48,000 --> 00:06:50,200

with a British cruiser named the Curacaoa.

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00:06:51,200 --> 00:06:56,640

Over 300 men were killed.

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00:06:56,640 --> 00:07:02,160

The Queen marries bow sliced the Curacaoa in half.

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00:07:02,160 --> 00:07:09,320

After I read that article, I was so shook up and so overwhelmed.

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00:07:09,320 --> 00:07:13,360

The very area I heard that mysterious water rushing

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00:07:13,360 --> 00:07:17,680

was this exact same area that was damaged when the ship hit

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00:07:17,680 --> 00:07:18,920

the Curacaoa.

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00:07:18,920 --> 00:07:22,280

I said, this is what it would have sounded and felt like

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00:07:22,280 --> 00:07:24,480

if it had been in that compartment at the time.

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00:07:27,120 --> 00:07:28,600

But I knew it couldn't be.

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00:07:28,600 --> 00:07:30,960

That was 30 years earlier.

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00:07:30,960 --> 00:07:35,240

It couldn't be anything.

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00:07:35,240 --> 00:07:40,040

Over the years, dozens of sightings have been reported.

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00:07:40,040 --> 00:07:43,920

Late one night in the pool area, maintenance supervisor

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00:07:43,960 --> 00:07:47,480

Kathy Love and a co-worker heard mysterious sounds.

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00:07:50,600 --> 00:07:56,640

We came into the pool and I heard giggling,

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00:07:56,640 --> 00:07:59,520

the sound of a little girl or a child playing in the area.

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00:08:04,280 --> 00:08:07,200

And at that point, I noticed there was splashing.

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00:08:08,200 --> 00:08:10,200

The splashing stopped.

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00:08:10,200 --> 00:08:11,640

The giggling continued.

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00:08:11,640 --> 00:08:16,200

And we observed the footprints of a small child walking

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00:08:16,200 --> 00:08:17,640

across into the locker room.

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00:08:30,560 --> 00:08:33,480

I know that I saw what I saw.

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00:08:33,960 --> 00:08:37,160

I know that I saw what I saw.

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00:08:37,160 --> 00:08:39,760

I'm not sure exactly why I saw it.

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00:08:42,560 --> 00:08:43,560

But I know it was there.

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00:08:46,200 --> 00:08:49,120

Several unexplained encounters have occurred in Shaft

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00:08:49,120 --> 00:08:53,280

Alley, deep within the ship, near the engine room.

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00:08:53,280 --> 00:08:57,800

Here, in 1966, during a routine fire drill,

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00:08:57,800 --> 00:09:00,600

a man named John Pedder was crushed to death

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00:09:00,720 --> 00:09:01,840

on a watertight door.

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00:09:11,240 --> 00:09:14,280

Some believe Pedder still haunts Shaft Alley.

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00:09:16,720 --> 00:09:18,800

What did they say he was?

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00:09:18,800 --> 00:09:20,640

It was down here in Shaft Alley somewhere.

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00:09:20,640 --> 00:09:24,560

Both tour members and employees have experienced hauntings

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00:09:24,560 --> 00:09:25,520

in Shaft Alley.

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00:09:25,520 --> 00:09:26,760

Blue coveralls in the beard?

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00:09:26,760 --> 00:09:29,040

Yeah, I said it was dressed in blue coveralls

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00:09:29,040 --> 00:09:30,000

and he had a beard.

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00:09:30,040 --> 00:09:33,080

There was two different tour groups that said it.

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00:09:33,080 --> 00:09:36,400

I had a second experience down in Shaft Alley.

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00:09:36,400 --> 00:09:38,880

It was about 5.30 or 6 o'clock in the evening.

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00:09:38,880 --> 00:09:41,200

I was working in the capacity of a lead guide, which

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00:09:41,200 --> 00:09:44,040

meant my job was to close down the tour route

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00:09:44,040 --> 00:09:47,280

and make sure that there weren't any stragglers behind.

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00:09:47,280 --> 00:09:49,200

And I don't know why I turned around,

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00:09:49,200 --> 00:09:51,440

but I turned around and standing right behind me

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00:09:51,440 --> 00:09:53,360

on the step was a man.

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00:09:53,360 --> 00:09:55,080

He had blue overalls.

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00:09:55,080 --> 00:09:57,160

They were dirty.

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00:09:57,160 --> 00:09:59,760

When I stepped aside to let him go by,

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00:09:59,800 --> 00:10:01,160

he wasn't there.

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00:10:01,160 --> 00:10:02,160

He was gone.

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00:10:05,800 --> 00:10:08,640

I don't necessarily believe any other ghost stories

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00:10:08,640 --> 00:10:09,920

that other people have come up with.

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00:10:09,920 --> 00:10:11,840

I only know what I saw and I only

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00:10:11,840 --> 00:10:16,080

believe what I saw with my own eyes.

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00:10:16,080 --> 00:10:19,640

Last month, unsolved mysteries brought to the Queen Mary,

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00:10:19,640 --> 00:10:22,160

a team of experts who've spent decades

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00:10:22,160 --> 00:10:24,360

investigating hauntings.

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00:10:24,360 --> 00:10:27,040

Using sophisticated recording equipment,

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00:10:27,080 --> 00:10:29,920

they would attempt to verify the eyewitness accounts.

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00:10:29,920 --> 00:10:33,800

As soon as I got around the corner, it started again.

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00:10:33,800 --> 00:10:35,440

He came in here and he came out as well.

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00:10:35,440 --> 00:10:38,520

Danish-born William Rohl is one of the world's leading

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00:10:38,520 --> 00:10:41,480

authorities on poltergeists.

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00:10:41,480 --> 00:10:44,360

I'm often asked the question, do you believe in ghosts?

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00:10:44,360 --> 00:10:47,120

And what I expect I will be asked when

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00:10:47,120 --> 00:10:51,360

I finish this investigation, are there ghosts on the ship?

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00:10:51,360 --> 00:10:55,600

And these are questions that I cannot answer.

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00:10:56,600 --> 00:11:01,600

Tony Cornell has researched paranormal activity for 25 years.

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00:11:01,600 --> 00:11:06,000

I am a skeptic, but at the same time,

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00:11:06,000 --> 00:11:08,600

I must allow for the fact that other people who

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00:11:08,600 --> 00:11:12,880

are very sane and sensible have seen things and experienced

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00:11:12,880 --> 00:11:15,600

things.

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00:11:15,600 --> 00:11:18,200

The appetitional stuff, I think, is probably the most

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00:11:18,200 --> 00:11:19,200

interesting.

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00:11:19,200 --> 00:11:21,600

The stuff in the pool and the stuff in Shaft Alley.

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00:11:22,000 --> 00:11:25,760

Look as if they are repeated cases so often

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00:11:25,760 --> 00:11:28,440

that they must be genuine.

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00:11:28,440 --> 00:11:31,160

Cornell set up his surveillance equipment.

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00:11:31,160 --> 00:11:34,280

William Rohl led a team of psychics on board.

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00:11:34,280 --> 00:11:37,640

All six claimed to know nothing about the ship's history

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00:11:37,640 --> 00:11:41,360

or about the haunting occurrences.

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00:11:41,360 --> 00:11:44,320

Armed with maps and their psychic sensitivity,

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00:11:44,320 --> 00:11:47,640

they struck off in many different directions, alone.

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00:11:51,600 --> 00:12:13,400

After this search, the psychics gathered together to compare notes.

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00:12:13,400 --> 00:12:15,360

Though some had nothing to report,

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00:12:15,360 --> 00:12:17,560

others sensed a great deal of activity

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00:12:17,560 --> 00:12:19,840

that coincided with eyewitness reports.

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00:12:21,720 --> 00:12:23,760

Did you mention something about a collision or something like that?

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00:12:23,760 --> 00:12:24,920

Yeah, I felt a collision.

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00:12:24,920 --> 00:12:25,560

I see.

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00:12:25,560 --> 00:12:29,280

I felt the impression of a collision.

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00:12:29,280 --> 00:12:29,760

I see.

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00:12:29,760 --> 00:12:31,200

Do you know the histories of Queen Mary?

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00:12:31,200 --> 00:12:32,000

No.

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00:12:32,000 --> 00:12:32,400

Sure.

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00:12:32,400 --> 00:12:33,280

I don't.

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00:12:33,280 --> 00:12:35,920

But I definitely felt the movement of the ship.

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00:12:35,920 --> 00:12:41,200

And I felt a jerking hit and the sensation from the body.

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00:12:41,200 --> 00:12:43,520

And I did hear footsteps.

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00:12:43,520 --> 00:12:44,440

I see.

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00:12:44,440 --> 00:12:46,240

So let's go to the next one.

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00:12:46,240 --> 00:12:50,480

In Shaft Alley, one psychic sensed a 20-year-old tragedy.

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00:12:50,480 --> 00:12:54,200

Janice, would you describe your experiences in that area?

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00:12:54,200 --> 00:12:57,360

I felt that there had been not that I was hearing it physically,

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00:12:57,360 --> 00:13:01,720

but that at times someone could hear a very rhythmical banging

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00:13:01,720 --> 00:13:06,760

as if someone had a wrench or a large piece of iron banging against a wrench.

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00:13:06,760 --> 00:13:07,400

A wrench.

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00:13:07,400 --> 00:13:08,400

A wrench.

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00:13:08,400 --> 00:13:09,320

That was the...

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00:13:09,320 --> 00:13:10,160

Not a hammer.

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00:13:10,160 --> 00:13:12,640

No, it would be a wrench.

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00:13:12,640 --> 00:13:14,480

Someone had apparently gotten trapped.

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00:13:14,480 --> 00:13:19,040

It is a fact that some psychics managed to pick up things.

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00:13:19,040 --> 00:13:21,360

And you can't quite see how they got it.

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00:13:21,360 --> 00:13:23,040

But you've got to be suspicious about this,

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00:13:23,040 --> 00:13:24,920

because there's a thing called feedback.

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00:13:24,920 --> 00:13:29,440

I mean, I've met enough mediums now who've read what they want to tell you

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00:13:29,440 --> 00:13:32,800

in the newspaper.

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00:13:32,800 --> 00:13:35,760

One investigator did find something.

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00:13:35,760 --> 00:13:38,400

While William Rohl was surveying the bow area,

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00:13:38,400 --> 00:13:42,920

he heard some unusual sounds he couldn't explain.

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00:13:42,920 --> 00:13:48,280

There was the sound of two men talking.

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00:13:48,280 --> 00:13:55,400

And it was heard by the security guard who brought me there and by myself.

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00:13:55,400 --> 00:14:03,000

And it seemed to come from the lower levels, the bow of the ship.

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00:14:03,000 --> 00:14:06,400

In 30 years of investigation, this was the first time

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00:14:06,400 --> 00:14:11,080

that Rohl had heard an unexplained sound that had been reported by a witness.

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00:14:11,080 --> 00:14:16,320

In this case, he believes what he perceived was genuine.

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00:14:16,320 --> 00:14:20,080

Rohl placed a voice-activated tape recorder in the bow area

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00:14:20,080 --> 00:14:23,360

at the same spot where the voices were heard.

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00:14:23,360 --> 00:14:27,800

X-ray 15 AM.

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00:14:27,800 --> 00:14:31,160

For most of the night, this is what was recorded.

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00:14:31,160 --> 00:14:33,520

Nothing.

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00:14:33,520 --> 00:14:36,400

In the early morning, for a full two minutes,

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00:14:36,400 --> 00:14:41,080

the tape recorder picked up sounds where no sounds should be.

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00:14:41,080 --> 00:14:46,360

This is a condensed version of the actual tape.

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00:15:03,640 --> 00:15:06,480

Earlier, the bow had been sealed off.

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00:15:06,480 --> 00:15:10,840

The researchers attempted to duplicate the sounds through mechanical means.

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00:15:10,840 --> 00:15:13,520

They were unsuccessful.

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00:15:13,520 --> 00:15:20,080

What we can conclude is that there is a physical source for the sounds.

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00:15:20,080 --> 00:15:24,960

Now, is it parapsychological or does it have some other kind of source?

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00:15:24,960 --> 00:15:28,160

And that still remains uncertain.

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00:15:28,160 --> 00:15:33,080

A man has had this kind of experience as long as recorded history.

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00:15:33,080 --> 00:15:35,480

It is a human experience.

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00:15:35,480 --> 00:15:39,840

It's going to continue going on and somebody's got to look at it.

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00:15:41,720 --> 00:15:45,560

It's a challenge and it's a mystery that has got to be solved.

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00:15:48,200 --> 00:15:50,400

What can explain these hauntings?

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00:15:50,400 --> 00:15:52,440

Overactive imagination?

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00:15:52,440 --> 00:15:54,280

A quest for publicity?

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00:15:54,280 --> 00:15:56,200

Or something more intangible?

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00:15:56,200 --> 00:15:58,720

Something supernatural?

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00:15:58,720 --> 00:16:00,760

Is the Queen Mary haunted?

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00:16:00,760 --> 00:16:04,080

We cannot say yes, but we cannot say no.

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00:16:11,640 --> 00:16:13,840

THE PART OF THE TENSEY

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00:16:21,840 --> 00:16:26,560

February 27, 1978, Telico Plains, Tennessee.

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00:16:29,560 --> 00:16:32,840

In a parked car, 16-year-old Roxanne Woodson

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00:16:32,840 --> 00:16:36,920

fought off the advances of a man named Joe Shepard.

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00:16:36,920 --> 00:16:40,520

Two friends watched from the back seat.

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00:16:40,560 --> 00:16:43,840

Roxanne escaped and ran off into the night.

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00:16:43,840 --> 00:16:45,960

Joe chased after her.

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00:16:45,960 --> 00:16:49,440

Roxanne never returned.

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00:16:49,440 --> 00:16:51,560

When Roxanne failed to come home,

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00:16:51,560 --> 00:16:53,960

her family began to worry.

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00:16:53,960 --> 00:16:56,960

She'd just wring her hands and there's no outlet.

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00:16:56,960 --> 00:17:00,120

There's no relief because you haven't got her.

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00:17:00,120 --> 00:17:01,160

She's gone.

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00:17:01,160 --> 00:17:03,200

You don't know what's happened to her.

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00:17:03,200 --> 00:17:05,360

And she's out there and you can't reach her.

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00:17:05,360 --> 00:17:07,280

And you can't help her.

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00:17:07,320 --> 00:17:10,120

After 10 years, the case of Roxanne Woodson

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00:17:10,120 --> 00:17:12,400

still haunts her family and everyone living

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00:17:12,400 --> 00:17:14,880

in Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

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00:17:14,880 --> 00:17:16,880

For weeks, there was no trace of Roxanne.

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00:17:16,880 --> 00:17:18,440

And as her investigation unfolded,

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00:17:18,440 --> 00:17:21,840

the police became convinced that the last person who saw her,

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00:17:21,840 --> 00:17:24,600

Joe Shepard, is a psychopathic killer.

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00:17:28,320 --> 00:17:31,080

The night after Roxanne Woodson was reported missing,

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00:17:31,080 --> 00:17:34,120

police went to the home where Joe Shepard lived with his parents

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00:17:34,120 --> 00:17:35,520

to take him in for questioning.

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00:17:38,120 --> 00:17:40,480

My hands, shoes, I'll get this one.

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00:17:40,480 --> 00:17:43,040

The officers waited while Joe went into his bedroom

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00:17:43,040 --> 00:17:45,600

to put on his boots.

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00:17:45,600 --> 00:17:46,880

The agents wants to talk to him.

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00:17:46,880 --> 00:17:51,680

What was he doing about Joe's talk to him over and over again?

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00:17:51,680 --> 00:17:53,360

Joe reached for a shotgun.

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00:17:53,360 --> 00:17:55,760

Got him, baby.

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00:17:55,760 --> 00:17:59,080

The officers fired two warning shots.

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00:17:59,080 --> 00:18:03,880

After a brief struggle, they wrestled a gun away from him.

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00:18:03,880 --> 00:18:05,600

He was then brought in for interrogation.

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00:18:08,960 --> 00:18:11,960

When was the last time you saw Roxanne Woodson?

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00:18:11,960 --> 00:18:16,560

Joe's initial story was that he had attempted to seduce Roxanne,

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00:18:16,560 --> 00:18:21,960

and she had gotten mad at him at his persistent efforts

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00:18:21,960 --> 00:18:23,920

and had jumped from the car and run into the woods,

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00:18:23,920 --> 00:18:26,640

that he went running after her.

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00:18:26,640 --> 00:18:30,160

And finally, Joe came back telling the two boys

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00:18:30,160 --> 00:18:32,360

that he'd tried to get her back and that he

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00:18:32,360 --> 00:18:34,920

didn't know where she'd gone.

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00:18:34,920 --> 00:18:37,840

Joe Shepard was booked for assaulting a police officer,

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00:18:37,840 --> 00:18:39,680

made bond, and was released.

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00:18:44,840 --> 00:18:47,840

For several days, over 60 people combed through the woods

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00:18:47,840 --> 00:18:48,920

looking for Roxanne.

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00:18:51,760 --> 00:18:53,640

Joe voluntarily joined them.

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00:18:57,040 --> 00:18:59,760

The police brought in dogs to follow Roxanne's scent

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00:18:59,760 --> 00:19:01,000

into the woods.

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00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:02,880

They tracked her only a few yards,

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00:19:02,880 --> 00:19:05,360

and then the train abruptly stopped.

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00:19:08,400 --> 00:19:11,160

Still, the searchers found no trace of Roxanne,

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00:19:11,160 --> 00:19:13,040

and the girl's family began to panic.

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00:19:15,600 --> 00:19:19,520

We just fell on her knees and said, oh, god, no, oh, god, no.

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00:19:19,520 --> 00:19:20,840

Not her.

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00:19:20,840 --> 00:19:24,000

She loved her daddy so much, and he knew she would not

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00:19:24,000 --> 00:19:24,880

have ran off.

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00:19:25,800 --> 00:19:29,880

After a few frustrating days, the search was called off.

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00:19:29,880 --> 00:19:32,160

Roxanne Woodson had vanished.

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00:19:35,600 --> 00:19:38,520

Until the afternoon of April 8, 1978.

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00:19:41,640 --> 00:19:44,520

Roxanne's body was found after Joe's mother was

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00:19:44,520 --> 00:19:46,680

standing at the window in the kitchen looking out,

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00:19:46,680 --> 00:19:50,600

and she noticed that the dogs were digging and going on

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00:19:50,600 --> 00:19:52,760

at one specific location there.

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00:19:52,800 --> 00:19:54,560

And she became alarmed.

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00:19:54,560 --> 00:19:59,000

She went outside and walked up on what proved to be two hands

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00:19:59,000 --> 00:20:00,400

sticking out of the ground.

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00:20:00,400 --> 00:20:01,800

Oh!

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00:20:01,800 --> 00:20:03,600

Moe!

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00:20:03,600 --> 00:20:05,600

Moe!

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00:20:05,600 --> 00:20:07,600

Moe!

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00:20:07,600 --> 00:20:10,480

She notified the authorities at that time,

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00:20:10,480 --> 00:20:13,480

and they came to the shepherd's home

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00:20:13,480 --> 00:20:16,120

and did remove the body of Roxanne Woodson

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00:20:16,120 --> 00:20:19,040

from Joe's shepherd's mother and father's yard.

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00:20:23,520 --> 00:20:26,480

Roxanne had been buried in a shallow grave.

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00:20:26,480 --> 00:20:28,160

Some of her clothes were missing,

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00:20:28,160 --> 00:20:30,400

and her pants had been wrapped around her head.

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00:20:33,000 --> 00:20:36,160

At that point, the Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy

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00:20:36,160 --> 00:20:41,400

took out a warrant charging the suspect, Joe Sheppard,

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00:20:41,400 --> 00:20:43,400

of the First Degree of Murder.

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00:20:43,400 --> 00:20:47,520

We went to his mother-in-law, ex-mother-in-law's home

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00:20:47,520 --> 00:20:50,640

to conduct the search, and they told us he wasn't there.

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00:20:50,640 --> 00:20:53,440

We went in and searched the house and found him.

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00:20:53,440 --> 00:20:55,720

There was a child in the bed, and he was rolled up

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00:20:55,720 --> 00:20:57,240

in the covers under the foot of the bed,

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00:20:57,240 --> 00:20:59,120

like the cover was just rolled under the foot of the bed.

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00:20:59,120 --> 00:21:01,320

He was hidden in there.

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00:21:01,320 --> 00:21:03,120

Joe, look at me.

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00:21:03,120 --> 00:21:04,520

We found Roxanne, Joe.

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00:21:07,040 --> 00:21:08,440

We found her, Joe.

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00:21:08,440 --> 00:21:09,840

Look here, Joe.

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00:21:09,840 --> 00:21:11,240

Found her buried in your friend's yard.

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00:21:11,240 --> 00:21:12,040

Look at him, Joe.

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00:21:12,040 --> 00:21:13,040

We found her buried in your yard.

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00:21:13,040 --> 00:21:17,040

Dirty a second interrogation, Joe's story began to change.

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00:21:17,040 --> 00:21:18,040

Come on, Joe.

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00:21:18,040 --> 00:21:19,040

Just tell us the truth.

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00:21:19,040 --> 00:21:20,040

What happened to her?

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00:21:21,040 --> 00:21:23,640

Joe began to fill in the blanks of the segment

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00:21:23,640 --> 00:21:27,440

that he had earlier given, and he said that when Roxanne ran

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00:21:27,440 --> 00:21:30,640

from the car and into the woods, he gave chase,

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00:21:30,640 --> 00:21:32,440

and that as she was running through the woods,

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00:21:32,440 --> 00:21:34,440

as she had fallen and struck her head.

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00:21:37,440 --> 00:21:39,440

Roxanne.

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00:21:39,440 --> 00:21:40,440

Roxanne.

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00:21:42,440 --> 00:21:45,040

She'd hit her head or something, and I tried to...

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00:21:45,040 --> 00:21:48,440

I come up on her and...

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00:21:48,440 --> 00:21:49,840

I tried to revive her.

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00:21:49,840 --> 00:21:51,840

I thought maybe she was just knocked out.

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00:21:51,840 --> 00:21:53,840

He told investigators that he panicked

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00:21:53,840 --> 00:21:57,540

and returned to his car and companions.

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00:21:57,540 --> 00:21:59,740

They left the area.

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00:21:59,740 --> 00:22:03,640

Joe claimed he returned to the scene later that same night.

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00:22:03,640 --> 00:22:06,680

Unsure whether Roxanne was dead or alive,

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00:22:06,680 --> 00:22:08,040

he carried her back to his car.

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00:22:13,640 --> 00:22:16,640

He placed the girl inside and drove off into the night.

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00:22:18,840 --> 00:22:20,840

I didn't do nothing to her.

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00:22:20,840 --> 00:22:23,040

All I did is I figured, you know,

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00:22:23,040 --> 00:22:24,640

something could happen to her out there,

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00:22:24,640 --> 00:22:26,640

an animal or something, so I thought I'll bury her.

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00:22:26,640 --> 00:22:28,640

That's what I'll do, though.

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00:22:28,640 --> 00:22:29,640

So I did.

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00:22:29,640 --> 00:22:30,640

I took her...

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00:22:30,640 --> 00:22:32,640

I took her back to the house of Mary.

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00:22:32,640 --> 00:22:35,040

According to Joe Shepherd, not knowing what to do with her

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00:22:35,040 --> 00:22:37,040

and his previous encounters with the law,

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00:22:37,040 --> 00:22:39,040

he was afraid to contact any law enforcement.

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00:22:39,040 --> 00:22:41,840

So then he decided to bury her,

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00:22:41,840 --> 00:22:44,640

and he could find her other place other than his residence

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00:22:44,640 --> 00:22:45,640

there in Telco Plain.

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00:22:46,040 --> 00:22:51,040

He never did actually admit to being responsible for her death.

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00:22:51,040 --> 00:22:53,840

He admitted he had been with her and that she had died

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00:22:53,840 --> 00:22:55,840

as a result of some sort of head injury

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00:22:55,840 --> 00:22:58,840

that she had attained when she failed.

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00:22:58,840 --> 00:23:00,840

As a result of your investigation...

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00:23:00,840 --> 00:23:02,840

Joe was brought before a judge.

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00:23:04,840 --> 00:23:06,840

He recommended that Joe be formally charged

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00:23:06,840 --> 00:23:08,840

with a murder of Roxanne Woodson.

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00:23:08,840 --> 00:23:10,840

He was charged with a murder of Roxanne Woodson.

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00:23:10,840 --> 00:23:13,840

He was charged with a murder of a man who was killed

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00:23:14,040 --> 00:23:16,040

by a murder of Roxanne Woodson.

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00:23:16,040 --> 00:23:20,040

The grand jury bond is set at \$150,000.

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00:23:20,040 --> 00:23:23,040

As a Roxanne Woodson story began to draw to a close,

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00:23:23,040 --> 00:23:27,040

another murder case was about to be reopened.

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00:23:27,040 --> 00:23:31,040

After Joe had been charged in regards to the homicide,

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00:23:31,040 --> 00:23:34,040

the investigators who had talked with him and questioned him,

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00:23:34,040 --> 00:23:37,040

they had become pretty much buddies.

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00:23:37,040 --> 00:23:39,040

Joe had learned to trust these people,

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00:23:39,040 --> 00:23:42,040

and he wanted to help them.

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00:23:42,240 --> 00:23:45,240

Detective Joe Grays had received an anonymous phone call

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00:23:45,240 --> 00:23:48,240

linking Joe to another disappearance.

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00:23:48,240 --> 00:23:51,240

That of a girl named Kathy Clowers,

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00:23:51,240 --> 00:23:54,240

a local 14-year-old who had vanished two years earlier.

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00:23:57,240 --> 00:24:00,240

I can take you to the last place I saw her.

425

00:24:01,240 --> 00:24:04,240

I need you to take us and show us where she is now.

426

00:24:04,240 --> 00:24:06,240

Can you do that?

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00:24:09,240 --> 00:24:11,240

Yeah, I can take you there.

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00:24:11,440 --> 00:24:14,440

Joe told them that not only did he know Kathy Clowers,

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00:24:14,440 --> 00:24:17,440

but he knew where she was buried.

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00:24:17,440 --> 00:24:19,440

He offered to take them there.

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00:24:19,440 --> 00:24:21,440

I have mine.

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00:24:30,440 --> 00:24:33,440

We went into the woods, probably a couple hundred yards

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00:24:33,440 --> 00:24:35,440

off the highway.

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00:24:35,440 --> 00:24:39,440

Joe had designated a spot where we ought to dig.

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00:24:41,440 --> 00:24:44,440

We had taken along pickaxe and shovel and such,

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00:24:44,440 --> 00:24:47,440

and started digging in the ground.

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00:24:47,440 --> 00:24:51,440

We'd gone down some depth and hadn't uncovered her body at all.

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00:24:51,440 --> 00:24:54,440

I took the pickaxe just to sort of relieve the guy

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00:24:54,440 --> 00:24:57,440

who had been doing the digging,

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00:24:57,440 --> 00:25:00,440

and after about the second effort,

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00:25:00,440 --> 00:25:04,440

a piece of red cloth came up on the head of the pickaxe.

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00:25:06,440 --> 00:25:09,440

I'll never forget Joe Shepard was hunkered down

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00:25:09,640 --> 00:25:12,640

by the hole we were digging,

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00:25:12,640 --> 00:25:15,640

and he looked up with his cold smile on his face

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00:25:15,640 --> 00:25:18,640

and said, see, I told you something.

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00:25:18,640 --> 00:25:21,640

He was proud, I think, of the fact that he had produced

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00:25:21,640 --> 00:25:24,640

a body for us, and showed no emotion at all.

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00:25:26,640 --> 00:25:28,640

Though the body was badly decomposed,

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00:25:28,640 --> 00:25:31,640

Dr. William Bass, a noted forensic anthropologist,

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00:25:31,640 --> 00:25:34,640

was able to identify it as that of Kathy Clowers.

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00:25:34,640 --> 00:25:37,640

It looks to be fairly young, maybe mid-teen.

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00:25:37,840 --> 00:25:39,840

Kathy Clowers had the chip-to-tooth,

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00:25:39,840 --> 00:25:42,840

and this match, the chip-tooth that she had.

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00:25:42,840 --> 00:25:45,840

Dr. Bass, is there anything that indicates a cause of death?

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00:25:45,840 --> 00:25:49,840

There was no evidence on the skeleton of cause of death.

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00:25:49,840 --> 00:25:51,840

There were no gunshot wounds, no stab wounds,

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00:25:51,840 --> 00:25:53,840

no broken bones.

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00:25:53,840 --> 00:25:56,840

Whatever caused death

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00:25:56,840 --> 00:25:59,840

did not leave its mark on the skeleton.

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00:25:59,840 --> 00:26:02,840

The clothing of this girl, the pants,

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00:26:02,840 --> 00:26:05,840

the pants they had been wrapped around her head,

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00:26:06,040 --> 00:26:09,040

was very similar to the man in which the

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00:26:09,040 --> 00:26:12,040

Woodson child had been buried.

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00:26:12,040 --> 00:26:15,040

There had been pants laid wrapped around her head.

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00:26:15,040 --> 00:26:18,040

On April 17, 1978,

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00:26:18,040 --> 00:26:22,040

Joe Shepherd was formally indicted for the murder of Kathy Clowers.

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00:26:24,040 --> 00:26:27,040

While awaiting trial for the double homicides,

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00:26:27,040 --> 00:26:30,040

Joe was held at the Bradley County Jail.

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00:26:30,040 --> 00:26:33,040

On July 17, 1978,

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00:26:33,240 --> 00:26:36,240

one of the jailers was summoned to a cell near Joe's.

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00:26:36,240 --> 00:26:38,240

What's the matter with you, boy?

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00:26:38,240 --> 00:26:42,240

The jailer was lured into the cell by a man feigning sickness.

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00:26:42,240 --> 00:26:44,240

What's your problem, man?

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00:26:44,240 --> 00:26:46,240

I don't know. I'm sick.

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00:26:50,240 --> 00:26:52,240

You make up the room when I'm sure.

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00:26:54,240 --> 00:26:56,240

After locking up the jailer,

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00:26:56,240 --> 00:26:58,240

the two men went to Joe Shepherd's cell.

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00:26:58,240 --> 00:27:01,240

They released him, and the three men fled the prison.

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00:27:03,240 --> 00:27:05,240

Come on, travel!

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00:27:05,240 --> 00:27:08,240

While the other two escapees were recaptured

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00:27:08,240 --> 00:27:11,240

the following week, Joe Shepherd remains at large.

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00:27:15,240 --> 00:27:18,240

I feel certain that Joe is a danger to society.

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00:27:18,240 --> 00:27:22,240

The methodology that he put into each act

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00:27:22,240 --> 00:27:25,240

was that of a very criminal mind.

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00:27:25,240 --> 00:27:28,240

A mind that feels no guilt

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00:27:28,240 --> 00:27:31,240

or he is just there to help.

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00:27:31,440 --> 00:27:35,440

He is just there and he's capable of doing it at any time.

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00:27:35,440 --> 00:27:37,440

We don't know what sets him on.

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00:27:38,440 --> 00:27:41,440

I would like to see him brought to justice.

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00:27:41,440 --> 00:27:43,440

I'd like to see justice done

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00:27:43,440 --> 00:27:47,440

for personal reasons

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00:27:47,440 --> 00:27:49,440

and for the love of my granddaughter.

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00:27:49,440 --> 00:27:52,440

I would like to see it, but also for the ones,

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00:27:52,440 --> 00:27:56,440

the mothers out there, that their daughters might be in danger.

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00:27:57,440 --> 00:28:00,440

These pictures of Joe on and Shepherd were taken in 1978.

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00:28:01,440 --> 00:28:04,440

He is six feet tall and weighs about 150 pounds.

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00:28:04,440 --> 00:28:07,440

He has brown hair, a scar on his left forearm,

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00:28:07,440 --> 00:28:09,440

and he may be working as an auto mechanic.

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00:28:09,440 --> 00:28:12,440

Shepherd has recently been seen in El Paso, Texas,

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00:28:12,440 --> 00:28:16,440

and the authorities believe he may be living somewhere along the Mexican border.

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00:28:19,440 --> 00:28:22,440

Update, London, Ontario, Canada.

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00:28:22,440 --> 00:28:25,440

The ten-year search for Joe Shepherd has ended.

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00:28:25,440 --> 00:28:28,440

After the unsolved mystery show on October the 5th,

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00:28:28,640 --> 00:28:31,640

he received a phone call from a local resident

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00:28:31,640 --> 00:28:35,640

saying that he believed the guy called Shepherd

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00:28:35,640 --> 00:28:38,640

was in fact living in London under the name Joseph Tripp.

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00:28:40,640 --> 00:28:44,640

We began an investigation and when we had identified him

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00:28:44,640 --> 00:28:47,640

to our satisfaction as Shepherd, he was arrested.

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00:28:49,640 --> 00:28:51,640

At the time of his arrest,

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00:28:51,640 --> 00:28:54,640

Shepherd was living in a government housing project in London, Ontario,

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00:28:54,640 --> 00:28:57,640

with his common-law wife and their two children.

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00:28:57,840 --> 00:29:01,840

It seems apparent that Mr. Shepherd was in London, Canada

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00:29:01,840 --> 00:29:05,840

just within a matter of days after his escape from Bradley County.

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00:29:27,840 --> 00:29:30,840

Wisconsin Maine.

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00:29:30,840 --> 00:29:33,840

A picturesque town of 3,000 people.

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00:29:33,840 --> 00:29:36,840

Each year, vacationers come here to escape.

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00:29:36,840 --> 00:29:39,840

But for Gail Delano, who lived in Wisconsin,

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00:29:39,840 --> 00:29:42,840

this vacation paradise was a prison.

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00:29:42,840 --> 00:29:45,840

She wrote about it in her diary.

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00:29:45,840 --> 00:29:48,840

Maine seems to bring out the worst in me.

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00:29:48,840 --> 00:29:51,840

I don't seem into my loneliness.

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00:29:51,840 --> 00:29:54,840

It just seems to be a very difficult time.

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00:29:55,040 --> 00:29:58,040

I need someone so desperately, but nothing seems to work.

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00:29:58,040 --> 00:30:01,040

Gail Delano was twice divorced

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00:30:01,040 --> 00:30:04,040

and the mother of two teenage boys.

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00:30:04,040 --> 00:30:07,040

She looked for companionship

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00:30:07,040 --> 00:30:10,040

in the personal ads of her local newspaper.

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00:30:10,040 --> 00:30:13,040

When she placed the ads,

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00:30:13,040 --> 00:30:16,040

she described herself exuberantly.

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00:30:16,040 --> 00:30:19,040

She said,

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00:30:19,040 --> 00:30:22,040

she was a very lonely person.

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00:30:22,240 --> 00:30:25,240

When she placed the ads, she described herself exuberantly.

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00:30:25,240 --> 00:30:28,240

Unique female, 34.

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00:30:28,240 --> 00:30:31,240

Attractive, trim, intelligent,

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00:30:31,240 --> 00:30:34,240

affectionate, independent,

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00:30:34,240 --> 00:30:37,240

slightly crazy night owl.

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00:30:37,240 --> 00:30:40,240

Likes music, movies,

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00:30:40,240 --> 00:30:43,240

dance, dining.

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00:30:43,240 --> 00:30:46,240

Seeks easygoing, intelligent, responsible,

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00:30:46,240 --> 00:30:49,240

not overweight male for growing relationship.

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00:30:49,440 --> 00:30:52,440

I'm in Wisconsin. Where are you?

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00:30:56,440 --> 00:30:59,440

On June 21st, 1986,

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00:30:59,440 --> 00:31:02,440

Gail Delano drove alone to a restaurant in Brunswick, Maine

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00:31:02,440 --> 00:31:05,440

to meet a blind date.

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00:31:07,440 --> 00:31:10,440

Gail's family never saw or heard from her again.

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00:31:10,640 --> 00:31:13,640

Despite the tone of her personal ads,

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00:31:13,640 --> 00:31:16,640

Gail Delano was shy and withdrawn.

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00:31:16,640 --> 00:31:19,640

For Gail placing these ads was an act of courage.

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00:31:19,640 --> 00:31:22,640

It was also an act of hope.

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00:31:22,640 --> 00:31:25,640

The last entry in her diary read,

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00:31:25,640 --> 00:31:28,640

it would be nice to find someone to date over the summer.

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00:31:28,640 --> 00:31:31,640

Who knows?

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00:31:31,640 --> 00:31:34,640

Maybe I'll get lucky and find someone interesting.

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00:31:34,640 --> 00:31:37,640

I'm sure I'll find someone interesting.

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00:31:37,840 --> 00:31:40,840

Gail was searching not only for companionship,

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00:31:40,840 --> 00:31:43,840

but also for a father figure for her two boys.

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00:31:43,840 --> 00:31:46,840

Her desperate need to find love placed her in the center

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00:31:46,840 --> 00:31:49,840

of an unsolved mystery.

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00:31:49,840 --> 00:31:52,840

Friday evening, June 20th, 1986.

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00:31:52,840 --> 00:31:55,840

Gail's sons recall that she had a

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00:31:55,840 --> 00:31:58,840

two-and-a-half-hour telephone conversation

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00:31:58,840 --> 00:32:01,840

with a man named John.

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00:32:01,840 --> 00:32:04,840

A man they assumed their mother had met through the personal ads.

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00:32:05,040 --> 00:32:07,040

Mom, this isn't like you.

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00:32:07,040 --> 00:32:09,040

Well, I'm in a pretty good mood today.

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00:32:09,040 --> 00:32:11,040

Really? Why?

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00:32:11,040 --> 00:32:13,040

Got a call from John last night?

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00:32:13,040 --> 00:32:15,040

The next morning, Gail told her son

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00:32:15,040 --> 00:32:17,040

she planned to have coffee with John

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00:32:17,040 --> 00:32:20,040

at the Howard Johnson's in Brunswick.

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00:32:20,040 --> 00:32:22,040

And then if things went well,

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00:32:22,040 --> 00:32:25,040

spend the afternoon with him.

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00:32:25,040 --> 00:32:28,040

Be good while I'm gone.

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00:32:28,040 --> 00:32:31,040

That night, Gail's 13th birthday,

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00:32:31,240 --> 00:32:34,240

he returned home from a friend's house.

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00:32:34,240 --> 00:32:37,240

He discovered that his mother was not at home.

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00:32:37,240 --> 00:32:39,240

Mom.

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00:32:39,240 --> 00:32:41,240

Ryan was concerned, but not alarmed.

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00:32:41,240 --> 00:32:43,240

Mom.

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00:32:43,240 --> 00:32:45,240

When Gail did not return home the next night,

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00:32:45,240 --> 00:32:47,240

her family called the police.

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00:32:47,240 --> 00:32:49,240

And fought right again.

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00:32:49,240 --> 00:32:51,240

It was now 37 hours

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00:32:51,240 --> 00:32:54,240

of the time Gail Delano had left home to meet her date.

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00:32:54,240 --> 00:32:56,240

The next morning,

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00:32:56,240 --> 00:32:58,240

he was told that he had been in the hospital

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00:32:58,440 --> 00:33:01,440

and that Gail Delano had left home to meet her date.

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00:33:01,440 --> 00:33:03,440

The police immediately searched

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00:33:03,440 --> 00:33:05,440

the Howard Johnson's parking lot

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00:33:05,440 --> 00:33:07,440

and located Gail's car.

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00:33:09,440 --> 00:33:11,440

There was no indication at that point

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00:33:11,440 --> 00:33:13,440

that there was any foul play.

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00:33:13,440 --> 00:33:15,440

Basically, it was an adult woman

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00:33:15,440 --> 00:33:17,440

who has gone out and spent the night.

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00:33:17,440 --> 00:33:19,440

The history we got was

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00:33:19,440 --> 00:33:21,440

that that's not unusual for her

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00:33:21,440 --> 00:33:23,440

to spend the night out,

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00:33:23,440 --> 00:33:25,440

although it was unusual for her to do it without calling.

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00:33:25,440 --> 00:33:27,440

You know, when she'd been going that long,

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00:33:27,840 --> 00:33:29,840

it just wasn't right because she was

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00:33:29,840 --> 00:33:31,840

so careful about

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00:33:31,840 --> 00:33:33,840

keeping track with the children

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00:33:33,840 --> 00:33:35,840

where she was.

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00:33:35,840 --> 00:33:37,840

We knew if she'd been going for that long

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00:33:37,840 --> 00:33:39,840

that something was haywire.

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00:33:39,840 --> 00:33:41,840

Gail's family was forced to wait

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00:33:41,840 --> 00:33:43,840

until 11 o'clock Monday morning

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00:33:43,840 --> 00:33:45,840

to have her officially declared a missing person.

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00:33:45,840 --> 00:33:47,840

Only then could the police

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00:33:47,840 --> 00:33:49,840

search her car.

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00:33:51,840 --> 00:33:53,840

When we got the car open,

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00:33:53,840 --> 00:33:55,840

we tried to see if there would be a note

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00:33:56,240 --> 00:33:58,240

or anything that would be from Gail

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00:33:58,240 --> 00:34:00,240

that would explain particularly who she was with

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00:34:00,240 --> 00:34:02,240

because at this point we figured

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00:34:02,240 --> 00:34:04,240

the guy that she had to date with

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00:34:04,240 --> 00:34:06,240

had done something.

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00:34:06,240 --> 00:34:08,240

No, it's pretty clean.

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00:34:08,240 --> 00:34:10,240

And we looked the car over and there was nothing

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00:34:10,240 --> 00:34:12,240

in the car.

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00:34:12,240 --> 00:34:14,240

Normally I know the person's

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00:34:14,240 --> 00:34:16,240

first and last name

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00:34:16,240 --> 00:34:18,240

and where he's from,

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00:34:18,240 --> 00:34:20,240

but this one time we just missed

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00:34:20,240 --> 00:34:22,240

the one had to be that one time.

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00:34:22,240 --> 00:34:24,240

I'd spoken with her earlier

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00:34:24,640 --> 00:34:26,640

that afternoon and she said

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00:34:26,640 --> 00:34:28,640

I have a feeling I'm going to have a date

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00:34:28,640 --> 00:34:30,640

and I'm going to do something happy

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00:34:30,640 --> 00:34:32,640

and I'm going to have fun this weekend

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00:34:32,640 --> 00:34:34,640

and then look what happened.

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00:34:38,640 --> 00:34:40,640

Two hours after the police had removed

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00:34:40,640 --> 00:34:42,640

Gail's car,

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00:34:42,640 --> 00:34:44,640

Howard Johnson's bus boy made a startling discovery.

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00:34:46,640 --> 00:34:48,640

The manager of Howard Johnson

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00:34:48,640 --> 00:34:50,640

called the Brunswick Police Department

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00:34:50,640 --> 00:34:52,640

to notify them that one of their bus boys

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00:34:53,040 --> 00:34:55,040

had been parked in a parking lot

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00:34:55,040 --> 00:34:57,040

where Gail Gull and those car had been parked

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00:34:57,040 --> 00:34:59,040

prior to their moving it.

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00:34:59,040 --> 00:35:01,040

When the policeman handed those keys

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00:35:01,040 --> 00:35:03,040

he said, are these Gail's keys?

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00:35:03,040 --> 00:35:05,040

And I said, oh my God, I said

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00:35:05,040 --> 00:35:07,040

they'd have to kill her short

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00:35:07,040 --> 00:35:09,040

of getting those keys from her

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00:35:09,040 --> 00:35:11,040

and I just about came unglued then

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00:35:11,040 --> 00:35:13,040

and I guess I said to Platt

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00:35:13,040 --> 00:35:15,040

you've got to find my baby

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00:35:15,040 --> 00:35:17,040

where is she, where is she?

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00:35:17,040 --> 00:35:19,040

Two weeks later

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00:35:19,040 --> 00:35:21,040

a nine-year-old boy playing

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00:35:21,440 --> 00:35:23,440

on the other side of the Howard Johnson's

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00:35:23,440 --> 00:35:25,440

made a second starting discovery

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00:35:25,440 --> 00:35:27,440

Gail's purse.

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00:35:29,440 --> 00:35:31,440

Finding the purse at the parking lot

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00:35:31,440 --> 00:35:33,440

kind of

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00:35:33,440 --> 00:35:35,440

raised our concern

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00:35:35,440 --> 00:35:37,440

about the possibility of foul play.

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00:35:37,440 --> 00:35:39,440

I was just heart sick

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00:35:39,440 --> 00:35:41,440

when I found out because

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00:35:41,440 --> 00:35:43,440

again she would not let go of that handbag

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00:35:43,440 --> 00:35:45,440

short of being bopped in the head

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00:35:45,440 --> 00:35:47,440

or dragged away.

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00:35:47,440 --> 00:35:49,440

We can find an air maybe

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00:35:49,840 --> 00:35:51,840

Actually the pocket book

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00:35:51,840 --> 00:35:53,840

was very neat inside

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00:35:53,840 --> 00:35:55,840

and quite orderly

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00:35:55,840 --> 00:35:57,840

so it appeared right from the beginning

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00:35:57,840 --> 00:35:59,840

that it had not been

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00:35:59,840 --> 00:36:01,840

rifled through by anybody

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00:36:01,840 --> 00:36:03,840

looking for any type of money

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00:36:03,840 --> 00:36:05,840

or things of this nature.

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00:36:05,840 --> 00:36:07,840

Curiously

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00:36:07,840 --> 00:36:09,840

while the purse appeared untouched

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00:36:09,840 --> 00:36:11,840

there was no money in it.

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00:36:11,840 --> 00:36:13,840

Even the emergency \$5 bill

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00:36:13,840 --> 00:36:15,840

that Gail always kept

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00:36:15,840 --> 00:36:17,840

tucked in a secret compartment

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00:36:18,240 --> 00:36:20,240

further later on.

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00:36:22,240 --> 00:36:24,240

Using a date book they found in her purse

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00:36:24,240 --> 00:36:26,240

detectives Mallett and Bradford

682

00:36:26,240 --> 00:36:28,240

compound a list of the men that Gail

683

00:36:28,240 --> 00:36:30,240

might have dated in the last year.

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00:36:30,240 --> 00:36:32,240

The last entry in there is

685

00:36:32,240 --> 00:36:34,240

John called

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00:36:34,240 --> 00:36:36,240

two and a half hours.

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00:36:36,240 --> 00:36:38,240

One of them was a man named John

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00:36:38,240 --> 00:36:40,240

from Old Orchard Beach.

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00:36:40,240 --> 00:36:42,240

Do you have any kind of

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00:36:42,240 --> 00:36:44,240

quarrel with her?

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00:36:44,240 --> 00:36:46,240

This man swore he had never dated Gail.

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00:36:46,640 --> 00:36:48,640

The only time he might have talked to her on the phone

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00:36:48,640 --> 00:36:50,640

was months before she disappeared.

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00:36:50,640 --> 00:36:52,640

Not really, it wasn't a ring.

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00:36:52,640 --> 00:36:54,640

He had a rock solid alibi

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00:36:54,640 --> 00:36:56,640

for the day Gail vanished.

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00:36:56,640 --> 00:36:58,640

So did all the other men

698

00:36:58,640 --> 00:37:00,640

the police questioned.

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00:37:02,640 --> 00:37:04,640

The police were totally baffled.

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00:37:06,640 --> 00:37:08,640

Gail kept a tale records

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00:37:08,640 --> 00:37:10,640

of the men who responded to her ads.

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00:37:10,640 --> 00:37:12,640

Yet there was no record

703

00:37:12,640 --> 00:37:14,640

of a man named John in her files.

704

00:37:16,640 --> 00:37:18,640

Who would call Gail and talk

705

00:37:18,640 --> 00:37:20,640

for two and a half hours a night before she disappeared?

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00:37:20,640 --> 00:37:22,640

Yeah, yeah, right.

707

00:37:22,640 --> 00:37:24,640

Why were her keys found

708

00:37:24,640 --> 00:37:26,640

in exactly the spot where her car had been parked?

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00:37:28,640 --> 00:37:30,640

Why was Gail's purse found

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00:37:30,640 --> 00:37:32,640

on the other side of the restaurant?

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00:37:32,640 --> 00:37:34,640

Apparently untouched, but with no money in it.

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00:37:36,640 --> 00:37:38,640

Were the keys in purse

713

00:37:38,640 --> 00:37:40,640

thrown where they lay by someone who attacked Gail?

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00:37:40,640 --> 00:37:42,640

Or is it possible

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00:37:42,640 --> 00:37:44,640

Gail placed the keys

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00:37:45,040 --> 00:37:47,040

in the car and purse herself?

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00:37:49,040 --> 00:37:51,040

A new theory about Gail's disappearance

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00:37:51,040 --> 00:37:53,040

emerged when police interviewed

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00:37:53,040 --> 00:37:55,040

a local late night disc jockey.

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00:37:59,040 --> 00:38:01,040

I was working in the overnight radio station

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00:38:01,040 --> 00:38:03,040

and Gail would call

722

00:38:03,040 --> 00:38:05,040

sometime after one o'clock in the morning

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00:38:05,040 --> 00:38:07,040

just to talk and to go on in general

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00:38:07,040 --> 00:38:09,040

about life experiences.

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00:38:09,040 --> 00:38:11,040

And then Gail finally

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00:38:11,040 --> 00:38:13,040

asked if I would like to meet her.

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00:38:13,440 --> 00:38:15,440

Gail always seemed to be

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00:38:15,440 --> 00:38:17,440

very, very sad or depressed

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00:38:17,440 --> 00:38:19,440

almost to the point of not being able to move.

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00:38:19,440 --> 00:38:21,440

Always you felt that

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00:38:21,440 --> 00:38:23,440

Gail was just going to

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00:38:23,440 --> 00:38:25,440

perhaps give up at any moment

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00:38:25,440 --> 00:38:27,440

just cease to exist

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00:38:27,440 --> 00:38:29,440

disappear literally

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00:38:29,440 --> 00:38:31,440

sitting there on the couch.

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00:38:33,440 --> 00:38:35,440

For years Gail had struggled with depression

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00:38:35,440 --> 00:38:37,440

and had been on medication for it.

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00:38:37,440 --> 00:38:39,440

Several times she had considered

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00:38:39,440 --> 00:38:41,440

taking her own life

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00:38:41,840 --> 00:38:43,840

and talked about it with her sister.

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00:38:43,840 --> 00:38:45,840

Gail's family reluctantly

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00:38:45,840 --> 00:38:47,840

considered whether her disappearance

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00:38:47,840 --> 00:38:49,840

might have been a suicide.

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00:38:51,840 --> 00:38:53,840

I don't feel that Gail committed suicide

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00:38:53,840 --> 00:38:55,840

because I don't believe that she would ever have left

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00:38:55,840 --> 00:38:57,840

and

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00:38:57,840 --> 00:38:59,840

left us to go through this kind of

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00:38:59,840 --> 00:39:01,840

pain and not knowing

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00:39:01,840 --> 00:39:03,840

if she's out there somewhere

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00:39:03,840 --> 00:39:05,840

I think that she definitely doesn't know who she is

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00:39:05,840 --> 00:39:07,840

and that would be

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00:39:07,840 --> 00:39:09,840

of course our best scenario

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00:39:10,240 --> 00:39:12,240

with the help of truck drivers

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00:39:12,240 --> 00:39:14,240

Gail's family distributed

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00:39:14,240 --> 00:39:16,240

missing posters throughout

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00:39:16,240 --> 00:39:18,240

the eastern united states

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00:39:20,240 --> 00:39:22,240

Over a year

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00:39:22,240 --> 00:39:24,240

after Gail disappeared

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00:39:24,240 --> 00:39:26,240

a truck driver spotted her missing

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00:39:26,240 --> 00:39:28,240

poster in a Georgia truck stop.

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00:39:30,240 --> 00:39:32,240

On Friday, August 14th, 1987

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00:39:32,240 --> 00:39:34,240

I received a phone call

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00:39:34,240 --> 00:39:36,240

in the evening from a man named

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00:39:36,240 --> 00:39:38,240

John Scott of Swansea, South Carolina

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00:39:38,640 --> 00:39:40,640

Earlier that day

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00:39:40,640 --> 00:39:42,640

he'd seen a missing

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00:39:42,640 --> 00:39:44,640

person's poster

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00:39:44,640 --> 00:39:46,640

of Gail Delano

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00:39:46,640 --> 00:39:48,640

He recognized that woman as one

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00:39:48,640 --> 00:39:50,640

that he had given a ride to

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00:39:50,640 --> 00:39:52,640

several months earlier

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00:39:52,640 --> 00:39:54,640

I was with her

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00:39:54,640 --> 00:39:56,640

somewhere in the neighborhood of 24 hours

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00:39:56,640 --> 00:39:58,640

She didn't talk too much

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00:39:58,640 --> 00:40:00,640

but

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00:40:00,640 --> 00:40:02,640

she had that northern accent

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00:40:02,640 --> 00:40:04,640

pretty bad

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00:40:04,640 --> 00:40:06,640

you know, like the tail system up north

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00:40:07,040 --> 00:40:09,040

She was sort of a neat type of woman

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00:40:09,040 --> 00:40:11,040

and mostly

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00:40:11,040 --> 00:40:13,040

you catch these regular hitchhikers

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00:40:13,040 --> 00:40:15,040

I'd call them and truck stop queen

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00:40:15,040 --> 00:40:17,040

you don't care how they dress

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00:40:17,040 --> 00:40:19,040

you don't care how they go

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00:40:19,040 --> 00:40:21,040

but this woman was dressed pretty neat

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00:40:21,040 --> 00:40:23,040

you could tell she was bipped

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00:40:23,040 --> 00:40:25,040

than the regular one, you know what I'm talking about

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00:40:25,040 --> 00:40:27,040

You can't travel

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00:40:27,040 --> 00:40:29,040

along the road without any money

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00:40:29,040 --> 00:40:31,040

I asked him

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00:40:31,040 --> 00:40:33,040

did he notice anything about her

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00:40:33,040 --> 00:40:35,040

whether she was on medication

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00:40:35,440 --> 00:40:37,440

or anything, this one

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00:40:37,440 --> 00:40:39,440

he did notice some pill bottles

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00:40:39,440 --> 00:40:41,440

but he had no idea what might be in them

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00:40:41,440 --> 00:40:43,440

My next question to him

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00:40:43,440 --> 00:40:45,440

was how sure he felt that this was

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00:40:45,440 --> 00:40:47,440

in fact Gail Delano

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00:40:47,440 --> 00:40:49,440

I would bet money on that

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00:40:49,440 --> 00:40:51,440

that was her

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00:40:55,440 --> 00:40:57,440

The truck driver story suggested another possibility

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00:40:59,440 --> 00:41:01,440

that Gail have engineered her own disappearance

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00:41:01,440 --> 00:41:03,440

from the Brunswick restaurant

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Gail could have

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00:41:07,440 --> 00:41:09,440

told the children that she was going

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00:41:09,440 --> 00:41:11,440

to a restaurant to meet a gentleman

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00:41:11,440 --> 00:41:13,440

by the name of John

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Gail could have easily driven to the restaurant

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00:41:15,440 --> 00:41:17,440

parked her car

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either concealed the keys

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somewhere under the car

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or just merely tossed them under the car

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00:41:27,440 --> 00:41:29,440

Stating to herself, she was going to

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00:41:29,440 --> 00:41:31,440

give up her identity

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00:41:31,440 --> 00:41:33,440

throw the purse in the shrubbery

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00:41:33,840 --> 00:41:35,840

and either catch a ride

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with somebody leaving the restaurant area

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or perhaps even a truck driver

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leave any area

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The Gail Delano I met did not seem to have it

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00:41:43,840 --> 00:41:45,840

together enough or brave enough

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or sure of herself enough

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to just pack it up and head for another part of the country

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00:41:49,840 --> 00:41:51,840

without telling anyone what she was doing

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00:41:51,840 --> 00:41:53,840

I couldn't even get Gail Delano

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00:41:53,840 --> 00:41:55,840

to go for a Sunday drive

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or out to a restaurant

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or for an ice cream

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and I really cannot picture Gail Delano

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00:42:02,240 --> 00:42:04,240

and just going to the other side of the country

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She could just as well have

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thrown her hands up and said

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00:42:08,240 --> 00:42:10,240

the heck with it all and just took off

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00:42:10,240 --> 00:42:12,240

but what we're afraid of

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00:42:12,240 --> 00:42:14,240

is that she's out there wandering around

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00:42:14,240 --> 00:42:16,240

possibly not knowing

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who she is needing our help

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I wanted to know

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00:42:20,240 --> 00:42:22,240

that if she's well

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00:42:22,240 --> 00:42:24,240

unhappy and I pray she is

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00:42:24,240 --> 00:42:26,240

she doesn't have to come home

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00:42:26,240 --> 00:42:28,240

she doesn't even have to call

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00:42:28,240 --> 00:42:30,240

if she'll just let somebody know

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00:42:30,640 --> 00:42:32,640

that she's alive

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00:42:32,640 --> 00:42:34,640

so that we can

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00:42:34,640 --> 00:42:36,640

put ourselves at peace

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00:42:40,640 --> 00:42:42,640

Gail's parents are no closer to the truth

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00:42:42,640 --> 00:42:44,640

than on the day their daughter disappeared

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00:42:46,640 --> 00:42:48,640

Was she the victim of foul play

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00:42:48,640 --> 00:42:50,640

or is she wandering somewhere

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00:42:50,640 --> 00:42:52,640

unaware of her own identity

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00:42:52,640 --> 00:42:54,640

or could the blind date with John

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merely have been an elaborate ruse

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00:42:56,640 --> 00:42:58,640

Gail concocted to cover up

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00:42:59,040 --> 00:43:01,040

her own disappearance

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The only thing I want

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00:43:07,040 --> 00:43:09,040

is to find a man to share my life

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00:43:09,040 --> 00:43:11,040

I know I'm lonely

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00:43:11,040 --> 00:43:13,040

and tired of doing it all

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00:43:13,040 --> 00:43:15,040

by myself

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time is becoming a big enemy to me

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00:43:17,040 --> 00:43:19,040

to say it passes slowly

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00:43:19,040 --> 00:43:21,040

is a laugh

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00:43:21,040 --> 00:43:23,040

for me

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00:43:23,040 --> 00:43:25,040

it seems to stand still

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00:43:29,040 --> 00:43:31,040

Update, Mobile, Alabama

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The two and a half year search

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for Gail Delano has come to an end

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tragically she took her own life

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shortly after she disappeared

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A forensic administrator in Mobile

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watched our program

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and recognized Gail's photo

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as a woman who had died

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00:43:49,040 --> 00:43:51,040

in a local hotel room in 1986

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When I saw the photograph

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I immediately

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00:43:55,040 --> 00:43:57,040

saw the resemblance

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00:43:57,440 --> 00:43:59,440

between Ms. Delano

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00:43:59,440 --> 00:44:01,440

and an unidentified body

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00:44:01,440 --> 00:44:03,440

that we had in our

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00:44:03,440 --> 00:44:05,440

laboratory in Mobile

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00:44:07,440 --> 00:44:09,440

After two weeks of forensic tests

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positive identification was made

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Police now theorize that Gail Delano

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orchestrated her own disappearance

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They believe that after she drove to the restaurant

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she hid her keys somewhere on the car

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removed all the money

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from her purse, discarded it

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and then flew to Alabama

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That evening she checked into a hotel

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in Mobile where she registered

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under the name Jackie Stafford

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Three days later police discovered

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her body

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She had died from a drug overdose

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On November 11th

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Gail's family held a memorial service

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for her in Brunswick, Maine

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Gail's family showed remarkable courage

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as for two long years they searched for the truth

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Her loss saddens us all

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00:44:56,240 --> 00:44:58,240

and to her parents and sons we send our deepest sympathy

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00:45:06,240 --> 00:45:08,240

For every mystery

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00:45:08,240 --> 00:45:10,240

someone somewhere

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00:45:10,240 --> 00:45:12,240

who knows the truth

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00:45:12,240 --> 00:45:14,240

perhaps that someone is watching

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00:45:14,240 --> 00:45:16,240

perhaps it's you

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00:45:53,840 --> 00:45:56,240

you

