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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,460

This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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00:00:03,460 --> 00:00:06,300

Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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00:00:06,300 --> 00:00:09,100

officials have participated in recreating the events.

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00:00:09,100 --> 00:00:11,900

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

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00:00:17,900 --> 00:00:23,140

On November the 24th, 1971, at 8.12 PM, 10,000 feet

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00:00:23,140 --> 00:00:25,420

above Southwestern Washington State,

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00:00:25,920 --> 00:00:29,020

a man forced open the rear doorway of a commercial airline.

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00:00:29,020 --> 00:00:32,920

Buffeted by winds gusting in excess of 200 miles per hour,

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00:00:32,920 --> 00:00:37,020

he stood briefly on a rear stairwell.

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

The man, known only as D.B. Cooper, leapt into space.

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00:00:41,460 --> 00:00:42,460

The unknown.

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00:00:55,420 --> 00:01:10,020

The last flight in strange disappears at D.B. Cooper,

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00:01:10,020 --> 00:01:16,920

is one of the most baffling cases of this century.

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00:01:16,920 --> 00:01:20,020

Many, including the FBI, believe he must have perished,

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00:01:20,020 --> 00:01:23,320

and he leapt from a 727 at 10,000 feet.

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00:01:23,320 --> 00:01:24,920

Others disagree.

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00:01:24,920 --> 00:01:26,820

They say he made it.

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00:01:26,820 --> 00:01:29,420

Tonight, we will recreate D.B. Cooper's last flight

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00:01:29,420 --> 00:01:31,820

and examine two other cases.

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00:01:31,820 --> 00:01:35,060

In one, an \$8 million collection of sports memorabilia

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00:01:35,060 --> 00:01:36,540

has disappeared.

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00:01:36,540 --> 00:01:39,660

Among the treasures was Babe Ruth's uniform.

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00:01:39,660 --> 00:01:43,220

In the other, two teenage boys lay motionless in the path

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00:01:43,220 --> 00:01:45,260

of an on-rushing train.

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00:01:45,260 --> 00:01:48,020

Their parents believe they were murdered.

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00:01:48,020 --> 00:01:49,180

Join me.

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00:01:49,180 --> 00:01:51,500

You may be able to help solve a mystery.

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00:01:54,920 --> 00:02:08,500

The Sum D.B. Cooper is a skyjacking mastermind

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00:02:08,500 --> 00:02:11,260

behind a daring crime that defied both the elements

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00:02:11,260 --> 00:02:13,180

and the authorities.

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00:02:13,180 --> 00:02:15,940

To most of us, he's nothing more than a common criminal

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00:02:15,940 --> 00:02:20,540

who risked the lives of 42 innocent people for \$200,000.

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00:02:20,540 --> 00:02:22,500

But one fact remains.

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00:02:22,520 --> 00:02:28,720

Nobody knows whether D.B. Cooper is dead or alive.

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00:02:28,720 --> 00:02:33,840

Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, at 2 PM, D.B. Cooper

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00:02:33,840 --> 00:02:36,800

walked into the Portland Airport.

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00:02:36,800 --> 00:02:41,520

He was your typical businessman, a suit, tie, a raincoat,

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00:02:41,520 --> 00:02:43,640

carrying an attaché case.

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00:02:43,640 --> 00:02:46,840

Nothing distinctive about him except perhaps for the fact

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00:02:46,840 --> 00:02:50,960

that everything was very dark, a black tie, a black raincoat,

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00:02:51,020 --> 00:02:53,020

black shoes.

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00:02:53,020 --> 00:02:54,300

Cooper.

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00:02:54,300 --> 00:02:58,780

He appeared at the ticket counter, bought his ticket,

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00:02:58,780 --> 00:03:01,460

and just gave the name Cooper.

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00:03:01,460 --> 00:03:04,740

By the way, is that a 727?

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00:03:04,740 --> 00:03:05,540

Yes, sir, it is.

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00:03:05,540 --> 00:03:07,140

It'll be \$20, please.

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00:03:07,140 --> 00:03:11,940

The 727 became notorious through this case

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00:03:11,940 --> 00:03:16,820

because it is the only airliner from which a successful parachute

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00:03:16,820 --> 00:03:19,060

jump can be made from the passenger cabin.

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00:03:19,640 --> 00:03:23,240

Flight 305, nonstop service to Seattle.

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00:03:23,240 --> 00:03:26,000

Cooper had purchased a one-way ticket to Seattle.

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00:03:26,000 --> 00:03:29,280

The only luggage he carried was an attaché case.

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00:03:29,280 --> 00:03:30,180

Thank you, sir.

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00:03:30,180 --> 00:03:32,160

You have a good flight, ma'am.

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00:03:32,160 --> 00:03:33,680

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

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00:03:33,680 --> 00:03:37,720

Welcome aboard flight 305, 727 jet service nonstop

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00:03:37,720 --> 00:03:39,480

from Portland to Seattle, Washington.

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00:03:39,480 --> 00:03:41,680

He was the last person to board the plane

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00:03:41,680 --> 00:03:46,880

and took his seat while the 727 began its taxi to the runway.

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00:03:46,900 --> 00:03:50,340

Florence Schaffner was the first crew member to talk to Cooper.

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00:03:50,340 --> 00:03:52,900

You'll need to put this under your front seat, please.

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00:03:52,900 --> 00:03:57,380

He handed me a note, and he kept looking at me.

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00:03:57,380 --> 00:04:00,140

And I just ignored him the first time he looked at me.

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00:04:00,140 --> 00:04:07,460

And then he said, I want you to read the note.

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00:04:07,460 --> 00:04:09,740

It was printed, miss.

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00:04:09,740 --> 00:04:11,900

I have a bomb in my briefcase.

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00:04:11,900 --> 00:04:14,220

I want you to sit beside me.

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00:04:14,220 --> 00:04:15,320

This is no joke.

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00:04:15,320 --> 00:04:17,920

There's a bomb in here.

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00:04:17,920 --> 00:04:21,760

I saw a big battery with six dynamite sticks wrapped

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00:04:21,760 --> 00:04:23,400

around the battery.

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00:04:23,400 --> 00:04:27,040

And he said to me, all I have to do

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00:04:27,040 --> 00:04:33,240

is attach this wire to this gadget here, and we all be dead.

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00:04:33,240 --> 00:04:36,160

She saw the bomb, so we know it's for real.

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00:04:36,160 --> 00:04:36,560

Yeah.

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00:04:36,560 --> 00:04:39,800

Florence went to the cockpit to inform the crew about Cooper

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00:04:39,800 --> 00:04:41,000

and his threat.

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00:04:41,000 --> 00:04:42,400

Can you handle it?

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00:04:42,400 --> 00:04:44,200

Yeah.

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00:04:44,260 --> 00:04:46,060

Tina, he's the guy in the very back.

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00:04:46,060 --> 00:04:47,060

He's all dressed in black.

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00:04:47,060 --> 00:04:49,460

We were very, very scared to death.

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00:04:49,460 --> 00:04:51,140

All of us were.

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00:04:51,140 --> 00:04:53,660

I was thinking about dying.

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00:04:53,660 --> 00:04:55,300

That's all I thought.

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00:04:55,300 --> 00:04:58,100

I was also thinking I'll never see my parents,

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00:04:58,100 --> 00:05:01,500

my brothers and sisters.

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00:05:01,500 --> 00:05:03,300

Scotty, we call headquarters?

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00:05:03,300 --> 00:05:04,180

Yes, ma'am.

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00:05:04,180 --> 00:05:05,100

Go ahead and go ahead.

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00:05:05,100 --> 00:05:06,340

The flight crew immediately notified

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00:05:06,340 --> 00:05:08,500

air traffic control about the hijacking.

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00:05:08,500 --> 00:05:11,700

For you, five, we have a hijack in progress.

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00:05:11,720 --> 00:05:14,480

They, in turn, contacted the FBI.

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00:05:14,480 --> 00:05:16,520

OK, I gave the captain your demands.

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00:05:16,520 --> 00:05:20,320

Did you tell him \$200,000 cash, small bills?

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00:05:20,320 --> 00:05:21,880

Yes, I told him smirking.

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00:05:21,880 --> 00:05:28,720

He wanted \$200,000 in cash in a knapsack and four parachutes.

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00:05:28,720 --> 00:05:32,280

Identified the parachutes as two front-pack parachutes

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00:05:32,280 --> 00:05:34,040

and two backpacks.

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00:05:34,040 --> 00:05:36,280

And he specified that the airliner

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00:05:36,280 --> 00:05:40,920

remained in the air until the money and the parachutes

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00:05:40,940 --> 00:05:43,260

were ready at Seattle.

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00:05:43,260 --> 00:05:47,700

He also specified that the other passengers not be told

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00:05:47,700 --> 00:05:50,220

that the airplane was being hijacked.

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00:05:50,220 --> 00:05:51,620

Can I get you something to drink?

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00:05:51,620 --> 00:05:53,220

The flight crew proceeded as if nothing

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00:05:53,220 --> 00:05:55,420

was out of the ordinary.

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00:05:55,420 --> 00:05:56,780

Drinks were served.

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00:05:56,780 --> 00:05:59,700

Cooper ordered two bourbon and waters.

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00:05:59,700 --> 00:06:03,660

The FBI asked the airline what their approach to the hijacking

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00:06:03,660 --> 00:06:04,460

was going to be.

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00:06:04,460 --> 00:06:07,420

That is, did they wish to pay the ransom?

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00:06:07,420 --> 00:06:09,700

This is an option that the victim of an extortion

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00:06:09,720 --> 00:06:11,880

has rather than law enforcement.

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00:06:11,880 --> 00:06:15,000

And they responded instantly.

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00:06:15,000 --> 00:06:17,240

They wished to pay the ransom.

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00:06:17,240 --> 00:06:21,200

And so the FBI at Seattle set about assisting

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00:06:21,200 --> 00:06:23,520

in obtaining the money.

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00:06:23,520 --> 00:06:27,800

Each bill was photographed, and the serial numbers recorded.

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00:06:27,800 --> 00:06:30,920

Cooper also insisted the plane be immediately refueled

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00:06:30,920 --> 00:06:32,800

upon landing in Seattle.

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00:06:32,800 --> 00:06:36,160

No passengers were to be released until all of his demands

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00:06:36,160 --> 00:06:38,640

were met.

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00:06:38,660 --> 00:06:40,540

Flight 305, Seattle to come up.

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00:06:40,540 --> 00:06:43,700

We've just been informed the money and the shoots have arrived.

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00:06:43,700 --> 00:06:47,100

The hijacker instructed that they land,

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00:06:47,100 --> 00:06:50,540

but that they stay on the runway rather than

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00:06:50,540 --> 00:06:52,140

to taxi up to the terminal.

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00:06:52,140 --> 00:06:54,980

OK, Anisuke, check.

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00:06:54,980 --> 00:06:55,380

Check.

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00:06:55,380 --> 00:06:57,260

Check, gear.

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00:06:57,260 --> 00:07:01,660

At 5.43 PM, flight 305 landed at the Seattle airport.

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00:07:02,560 --> 00:07:08,680

The plane taxied in and parked in a remote area of the field.

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00:07:11,380 --> 00:07:14,640

The money and the parachutes were brought by an FBI agent

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00:07:14,640 --> 00:07:16,440

to the airplane.

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00:07:16,440 --> 00:07:19,560

They were carried on board by the flight attendant.

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00:07:19,560 --> 00:07:24,120

There were \$10,020 bills assembled in straps of 100 bills

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00:07:24,120 --> 00:07:27,160

to a strap, and individual straps held together

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00:07:27,160 --> 00:07:30,480

with rubber bands.

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00:07:30,500 --> 00:07:33,980

The money alone, just the currency, weighed 21 pounds.

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00:07:41,020 --> 00:07:44,140

Four parachutes were delivered, but the authorities

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00:07:44,140 --> 00:07:47,500

and the skyjacker were unaware that one of the parachutes

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00:07:47,500 --> 00:07:48,900

was defective.

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00:07:48,900 --> 00:07:53,340

It would not open under any circumstances.

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00:07:53,340 --> 00:07:54,220

All right, that's two.

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00:07:54,220 --> 00:07:55,700

Where's the other two?

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00:07:55,700 --> 00:07:56,700

They're right out back.

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00:07:56,700 --> 00:07:57,820

Get them up here.

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00:07:57,820 --> 00:07:59,420

Both the flight crew and the FBI

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00:07:59,480 --> 00:08:02,040

were worried that Cooper would use the four parachutes

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00:08:02,040 --> 00:08:04,800

to take hostages along with him.

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00:08:04,800 --> 00:08:07,000

But the passengers on board were oblivious to what

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00:08:07,000 --> 00:08:09,520

was going on.

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00:08:09,520 --> 00:08:12,600

Though annoyed at the delay, they remained calm,

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00:08:12,600 --> 00:08:16,520

unaware of the drama surrounding them.

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00:08:16,520 --> 00:08:20,720

During the time the airliner was on the ground at Seattle,

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00:08:20,720 --> 00:08:24,240

there were FBI agents with scoped rifles

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00:08:24,240 --> 00:08:27,680

who were prepared if any indications were present

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00:08:27,740 --> 00:08:29,500

that required it to pick him off.

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00:08:33,420 --> 00:08:36,940

He was very, very uptight, suspicious.

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00:08:36,940 --> 00:08:40,460

He said to us to pull down the shade.

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00:08:40,460 --> 00:08:44,740

Every shade must be down, so I did, and Tina did.

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00:08:48,740 --> 00:08:50,580

They seemed to be having trouble with getting

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00:08:50,580 --> 00:08:51,980

fuel on the aircraft.

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00:08:51,980 --> 00:08:53,700

And we thought, well, maybe they're delaying it.

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00:08:53,700 --> 00:08:55,540

And we said, we don't want any delay.

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00:08:55,540 --> 00:08:58,280

And at this time, the hijacker seemed

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00:08:58,280 --> 00:09:00,840

to be getting real shook up.

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00:09:00,840 --> 00:09:02,960

So we told them on the ground, if you're

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00:09:02,960 --> 00:09:06,080

trying to delay us with any of these kind of tactics,

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00:09:06,080 --> 00:09:09,080

let's get with it and get the fuel on, which they finally did.

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00:09:11,800 --> 00:09:14,280

Finally, the passengers were allowed to deplane.

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00:09:14,280 --> 00:09:17,040

But Cooper demanded that the flight crew and one flight

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00:09:17,040 --> 00:09:19,880

attendants stay on board.

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00:09:19,880 --> 00:09:25,160

Copilot said, you better get the hell out now.

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00:09:25,180 --> 00:09:27,340

So I left without Tina.

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00:09:27,340 --> 00:09:31,580

And that's when he decided to keep her,

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00:09:31,580 --> 00:09:37,980

because he was getting suspicious at everything.

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00:09:37,980 --> 00:09:40,660

The passengers are met by FBI agents.

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00:09:40,660 --> 00:09:42,940

Only then did they realize that their lives had

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00:09:42,940 --> 00:09:44,860

been in mortal danger.

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00:09:44,860 --> 00:09:47,180

When debriefed, they could remember nothing

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00:09:47,180 --> 00:09:51,940

about the man with the attaché case.

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00:09:51,940 --> 00:09:54,380

All right, listen up, Captain.

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00:09:54,400 --> 00:09:58,320

Cooper ordered the pilot to fly from Seattle to Mexico City

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00:09:58,320 --> 00:10:03,040

at a height of 10,000 feet and a speed of 200 miles per hour.

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00:10:03,040 --> 00:10:05,240

Under these conditions, the 727 would

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00:10:05,240 --> 00:10:08,280

have to refuel along the way.

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00:10:08,280 --> 00:10:11,760

Cooper agreed to stop and refuel in Reno, Nevada.

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00:10:11,760 --> 00:10:14,360

He then made an unusual request.

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00:10:14,360 --> 00:10:16,880

And I want the back stairwell down.

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00:10:16,880 --> 00:10:18,080

We're checking with the company.

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00:10:18,080 --> 00:10:19,880

The pilot explained that he wasn't

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00:10:19,880 --> 00:10:22,600

able to take off with that door open.

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00:10:22,600 --> 00:10:23,900

And they argued back and forth.

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00:10:23,900 --> 00:10:27,260

And finally, the pilot said he just couldn't fly the airplane

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00:10:27,260 --> 00:10:29,140

and wasn't going to try.

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00:10:29,140 --> 00:10:32,180

And the hijacker consented for the door

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00:10:32,180 --> 00:10:36,340

to be closed for takeoff, which it was.

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00:10:36,340 --> 00:10:39,860

At 737 PM, flight 305 took off.

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00:10:42,820 --> 00:10:45,820

The Seattle control tower alerted all other aircraft

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00:10:45,820 --> 00:10:49,060

in the area to remain clear, so the 727

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00:10:49,060 --> 00:10:51,860

had the sky to itself.

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00:10:51,920 --> 00:10:55,040

The weather had deteriorated, with a storm front directly

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00:10:55,040 --> 00:10:56,320

in the plane's flight path.

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00:10:59,480 --> 00:11:01,840

I want you to get up there with your flyboard.

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00:11:01,840 --> 00:11:04,280

He told her to go back into the cockpit

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00:11:04,280 --> 00:11:07,000

and to close the curtain between the coach

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00:11:07,000 --> 00:11:08,560

and the first class cabins.

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00:11:08,560 --> 00:11:10,640

As she turned around to close the curtains,

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00:11:10,640 --> 00:11:14,200

she said she saw him tying something to his waist

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00:11:14,200 --> 00:11:16,720

with what she thought was rope.

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00:11:16,720 --> 00:11:20,400

Later in the cockpit, the light flash

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00:11:20,460 --> 00:11:25,380

indicating that the hijacker was attempting to operate the door.

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00:11:25,380 --> 00:11:32,580

At 812, the pilot told us that they were experiencing

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00:11:32,580 --> 00:11:36,500

a rapid change in the air pressure reflected

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00:11:36,500 --> 00:11:38,500

in a ears popping experience.

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00:11:43,300 --> 00:11:46,660

Somewhere over the forest of southern Washington state,

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00:11:46,680 --> 00:11:48,120

Cooper jumped.

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00:11:48,120 --> 00:11:52,280

He has never been seen since.

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00:11:52,280 --> 00:11:55,320

Since DB Cooper's hijacking, all 727s

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00:11:55,320 --> 00:11:57,580

have been modified so that the rear door cannot be

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00:11:57,580 --> 00:11:59,520

opened during a flight.

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00:11:59,520 --> 00:12:02,880

When we return, we'll reveal an important new clue

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00:12:02,880 --> 00:12:05,040

to the identity of DB Cooper.

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00:12:10,640 --> 00:12:13,880

No one can be certain if DB Cooper survived his jump

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00:12:13,880 --> 00:12:16,120

from 10,000 feet.

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00:12:16,140 --> 00:12:18,980

On the aircraft, he left no identifiable fingerprints,

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00:12:18,980 --> 00:12:22,740

no personal items, no clue to his identity.

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00:12:22,740 --> 00:12:25,740

DB Cooper seems to have vanished from the face of the earth.

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00:12:28,500 --> 00:12:32,300

Upon landing in Reno, Nevada, every inch of the 727

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00:12:32,300 --> 00:12:36,540

was scrutinized for clues as to DB Cooper's real identity.

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00:12:36,540 --> 00:12:39,220

The flight attendants who had seen Cooper up close

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00:12:39,220 --> 00:12:41,540

created a composite drawing of his face.

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00:12:41,540 --> 00:12:49,280

The flight 305 flew along this path on his way to Reno.

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00:12:49,280 --> 00:12:51,200

The crew felt that Cooper had jumped somewhere

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00:12:51,200 --> 00:12:54,560

near the southern tip of Washington state.

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00:12:54,560 --> 00:12:56,640

For that reason, it was believed that Cooper

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00:12:56,640 --> 00:12:59,440

would be found in this area, bordered by Lake Merwin

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00:12:59,440 --> 00:13:04,680

to the north and ending 20 miles north of Portland, Oregon.

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00:13:04,680 --> 00:13:07,160

No matter where Cooper landed, Frank Hile

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00:13:07,160 --> 00:13:10,040

believes he could have survived.

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00:13:10,040 --> 00:13:12,700

Let's say he went down in the water.

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00:13:12,700 --> 00:13:14,340

You've got to know how to manage that parachute.

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00:13:14,340 --> 00:13:16,700

You can use it for some flotation.

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00:13:16,700 --> 00:13:18,380

Now, his life expectancy is not going

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00:13:18,380 --> 00:13:20,540

to be very long in that water.

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00:13:20,540 --> 00:13:21,180

It's cold.

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00:13:21,180 --> 00:13:23,180

You have to think of the time of the year it was in.

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00:13:23,180 --> 00:13:26,900

So he had probably a very, very few minutes to get on shore.

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00:13:26,900 --> 00:13:28,100

But I think he could have done this.

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00:13:32,540 --> 00:13:36,620

A large white object had been reported floating in Lake Merwin.

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00:13:36,620 --> 00:13:39,220

Divers repeatedly explored its depths,

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00:13:39,280 --> 00:13:41,280

but found nothing.

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00:13:41,280 --> 00:13:43,560

My feeling is he would have been hurt

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00:13:43,560 --> 00:13:47,440

regardless of what he landed into.

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00:13:50,640 --> 00:13:53,560

I think that Cooper most likely crawled to a creek.

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00:13:53,560 --> 00:13:55,560

He didn't have any water supplies.

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00:13:55,560 --> 00:13:57,080

Didn't bring any along with him.

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00:13:57,080 --> 00:13:59,960

And he would have had to have water to survive.

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00:13:59,960 --> 00:14:03,920

So I assume he made his way to a little creek and perished there.

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00:14:04,700 --> 00:14:10,220

Some feel that Cooper could not have survived in that rugged

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00:14:10,220 --> 00:14:13,740

terrain, rest only in a business suit.

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00:14:13,740 --> 00:14:16,980

We don't know what he wore under the suit.

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00:14:16,980 --> 00:14:18,780

He could have had a pair of long underwear on,

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00:14:18,780 --> 00:14:20,620

which he certainly should have had.

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00:14:20,620 --> 00:14:23,420

And what he had in his pockets may have been the most important

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00:14:23,420 --> 00:14:26,860

thing, because this would have given him the tools of survival.

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00:14:26,860 --> 00:14:30,500

As long as a man's got a knife, a cigarette lighter,

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00:14:30,520 --> 00:14:33,760

and the clothes on his back, he could have lived indefinitely

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00:14:33,760 --> 00:14:34,440

out there.

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00:14:34,440 --> 00:14:35,320

Could do it.

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00:14:35,320 --> 00:14:35,920

It's possible.

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00:14:39,840 --> 00:14:41,280

I think he buried the shoe.

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00:14:41,280 --> 00:14:43,840

I think he probably buried the briefcase.

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00:14:43,840 --> 00:14:45,280

He got rid of that.

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00:14:45,280 --> 00:14:48,000

I think he probably put the money in his coat.

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00:14:48,000 --> 00:14:49,920

And I think he headed for a big city someplace

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00:14:49,920 --> 00:14:50,800

and lost himself.

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00:14:54,560 --> 00:14:56,720

The search for D.B. Cooper continued,

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00:14:56,720 --> 00:14:59,200

but no new clues were discovered.

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00:14:59,220 --> 00:15:01,100

Seven years passed.

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00:15:01,100 --> 00:15:04,820

Then in November of 1978, a hunter deep in the Washington

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00:15:04,820 --> 00:15:09,340

Forest discovered a plastic placard from a 727.

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00:15:09,340 --> 00:15:12,500

It had been ripped from a lower stairwell of Flight 305.

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00:15:15,980 --> 00:15:19,500

15 months later, an even more dramatic discovery was made.

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00:15:19,500 --> 00:15:22,420

You run up there and just clear a spot off for fire.

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00:15:22,420 --> 00:15:26,100

On February 10, 1980, a family was preparing a barbecue

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00:15:26,120 --> 00:15:28,000

on the shore of the Columbia River,

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00:15:28,000 --> 00:15:32,120

165 miles south of Seattle, and 20 miles southwest

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00:15:32,120 --> 00:15:35,320

of Cooper's supposed jump point.

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00:15:35,320 --> 00:15:37,560

They planned on digging a fire pit,

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00:15:37,560 --> 00:15:38,960

but dug up something else.

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00:15:42,240 --> 00:15:48,640

The bills totaling \$5,880 were waterlogged and deteriorated.

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00:15:48,640 --> 00:15:52,040

There were 294 bills found.

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00:15:52,040 --> 00:15:55,640

And all of those serial numbers are on the ransom list.

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00:15:55,660 --> 00:15:59,580

So that money is definitely positively identified

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00:15:59,580 --> 00:16:05,140

as having come from that particular ransom money.

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00:16:05,140 --> 00:16:06,100

Money was found.

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00:16:06,100 --> 00:16:10,500

If they'd have found \$200,000, I'd have said, hey, it's all

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00:16:10,500 --> 00:16:11,020

over.

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00:16:11,020 --> 00:16:11,740

He's out there.

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00:16:11,740 --> 00:16:12,380

He's dead.

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00:16:12,380 --> 00:16:13,620

Now we've got some real proof.

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00:16:13,620 --> 00:16:17,220

But they did not find \$200,000.

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00:16:17,220 --> 00:16:18,500

Where's the rest of the money?

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00:16:18,500 --> 00:16:21,820

That's what I want to know.

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00:16:21,840 --> 00:16:26,320

He risked his life to hijack the airliner.

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00:16:26,320 --> 00:16:29,080

He didn't get to spend the money.

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00:16:29,080 --> 00:16:30,760

He may have lost his life.

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00:16:30,760 --> 00:16:33,600

Now, I don't know that he lost his life,

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00:16:33,600 --> 00:16:37,040

but I think there's a very good chance that he did.

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00:16:37,040 --> 00:16:40,560

None of the money, not one bill, has ever

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00:16:40,560 --> 00:16:41,800

turned up in circulation.

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00:16:45,320 --> 00:16:49,000

Could D.B. Cooper have struck again only five months

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00:16:49,020 --> 00:16:52,540

after Cooper's flight in April of 1972?

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00:16:52,540 --> 00:16:55,380

A half million dollars was extorted from another airline

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00:16:55,380 --> 00:16:57,420

by another skyjacker.

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00:16:57,420 --> 00:17:00,860

The crime was remarkably similar to the Cooper skyjacking.

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00:17:00,860 --> 00:17:05,260

His name was Richard McCoy, a former Green Beret skydiver.

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00:17:05,260 --> 00:17:08,340

He was sentenced to 45 years for air piracy,

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00:17:08,340 --> 00:17:11,340

but escaped and was tracked down and killed in a gun

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00:17:11,340 --> 00:17:13,860

battle with the FBI.

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00:17:13,860 --> 00:17:16,020

Due to the resemblance between their pictures,

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00:17:16,020 --> 00:17:18,780

some believe that D.B. Cooper and Richard McCoy

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00:17:18,840 --> 00:17:20,640

are the same man.

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00:17:20,640 --> 00:17:22,680

Florence Schaffner, however, believes

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00:17:22,680 --> 00:17:26,800

that composite of Cooper may be inaccurate.

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00:17:26,800 --> 00:17:30,360

The composite never really looked like him.

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00:17:30,360 --> 00:17:32,920

The hair does not look like him.

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00:17:32,920 --> 00:17:36,320

The face does not look like him.

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00:17:36,320 --> 00:17:38,000

OK.

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00:17:38,000 --> 00:17:40,560

I've had it a little bit of eyelid up here.

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00:17:40,560 --> 00:17:42,840

At the request of Unsolved Mysteries,

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00:17:42,840 --> 00:17:45,680

Florence worked with Maylon Coleman, a forensic artist

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00:17:45,680 --> 00:17:48,360

from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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00:17:48,420 --> 00:17:52,420

Together, they created a new portrait of D.B. Cooper.

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00:17:52,420 --> 00:17:54,780

Wide forehead.

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00:17:54,780 --> 00:17:56,300

It's still strong in my mind.

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00:17:56,300 --> 00:17:57,820

OK, narrow face.

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00:17:57,820 --> 00:18:00,980

I remember everything, the color of his eyes,

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00:18:00,980 --> 00:18:05,740

color of his eyebrows, and his features.

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00:18:05,740 --> 00:18:08,220

What do you think of that?

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00:18:08,220 --> 00:18:11,300

Yeah.

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00:18:11,300 --> 00:18:12,300

That's it.

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00:18:12,300 --> 00:18:20,520

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00:18:20,520 --> 00:18:28,020

Last May, we examined the case of Diane Broadbeck,

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00:18:28,020 --> 00:18:30,880

a Pennsylvania housewife and mother of two,

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00:18:30,880 --> 00:18:34,120

whose charity worked letter to exchange letters of friendship

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00:18:34,120 --> 00:18:37,280

with convicted killer John Yount.

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00:18:37,280 --> 00:18:39,720

Yount, a former high school math teacher,

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00:18:39,720 --> 00:18:42,640

was sentenced to life in prison in 1966

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00:18:42,640 --> 00:18:45,660

for the brutal murder of a teenage girl.

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00:18:45,660 --> 00:18:47,680

Broadbeck and Yount's friendship gradually

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00:18:47,680 --> 00:18:50,300

grew into a romance.

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00:18:50,300 --> 00:18:54,700

On April 5, 1986, John Yount escaped from prison.

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00:18:54,700 --> 00:18:59,140

And on the same day, Diane Broadbeck disappeared.

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00:18:59,140 --> 00:19:01,180

I know my daughter.

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00:19:01,180 --> 00:19:05,380

She would not deliberately help a convicted murder

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00:19:05,380 --> 00:19:07,140

escape from prison.

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00:19:07,140 --> 00:19:09,320

Yes, I think that my wife probably

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00:19:09,320 --> 00:19:12,760

did help John Yount get out of jail under pressure,

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00:19:12,760 --> 00:19:16,320

for what reason I don't know.

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00:19:16,320 --> 00:19:17,520

Update.

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00:19:17,520 --> 00:19:21,040

John Yount and Diane Broadbeck have been captured.

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00:19:21,040 --> 00:19:23,320

Two of our viewers in Boise, Idaho

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00:19:23,320 --> 00:19:27,680

recognize Broadbeck as a former coworker, Kathy Kerman.

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00:19:27,680 --> 00:19:30,760

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

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00:19:30,760 --> 00:19:32,560

And once they said she was a bank manager

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00:19:32,560 --> 00:19:35,480

and was from Massachusetts, and they said that John's

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00:19:35,500 --> 00:19:37,140

background was in computers.

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00:19:37,140 --> 00:19:40,180

It was a dead giveaway.

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00:19:40,180 --> 00:19:42,140

The Humphries called the FBI.

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00:19:42,140 --> 00:19:44,460

And after a month-long investigation,

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00:19:44,460 --> 00:19:46,580

the fugitive couple was arrested at their home.

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00:19:46,580 --> 00:20:06,320

In the pre-dawn hours of August 23, 1987,

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00:20:06,320 --> 00:20:09,520

a 75-car, 6,000-ton cargo train made

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00:20:09,520 --> 00:20:14,320

its regular night run to Little Rock, Arkansas.

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00:20:14,380 --> 00:20:17,340

The train was over a mile long and was traveling at a speed

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00:20:17,340 --> 00:20:20,780

of 52 miles per hour.

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00:20:20,780 --> 00:20:23,220

So far, the run had been clear sailing,

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00:20:23,220 --> 00:20:26,220

as engineer Stephen Shroyer approached the small town

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00:20:26,220 --> 00:20:27,500

of Bryant, Arkansas.

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00:20:35,580 --> 00:20:38,540

Suddenly, Shroyer saw something in his path.

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00:20:38,540 --> 00:20:40,540

He couldn't tell what it was.

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00:20:40,540 --> 00:20:43,580

As his train drew closer, he made

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00:20:43,640 --> 00:20:46,520

a horrifying discovery that two boys were lying

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00:20:46,520 --> 00:20:48,680

motionless across the railroad tracks.

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00:20:52,280 --> 00:20:54,720

In the time that we had placed the train

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00:20:54,720 --> 00:21:00,120

into an emergency position and laid down on a horn,

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00:21:00,120 --> 00:21:05,160

I would estimate about three to five seconds to impact.

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00:21:05,160 --> 00:21:09,320

And that may not sound like a very long period of time,

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00:21:09,320 --> 00:21:12,360

but when you're bearing down on a couple of children,

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00:21:12,420 --> 00:21:16,300

it's an eternity, honestly.

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00:21:16,300 --> 00:21:19,620

Despite the engineer's frantic emergency stop,

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00:21:19,620 --> 00:21:21,420

the weight of the heavy cargo train

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00:21:21,420 --> 00:21:24,340

carried it for a full half mile.

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00:21:24,340 --> 00:21:26,260

The boys' bodies were terribly mangled.

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00:21:30,420 --> 00:21:33,580

The two boys were identified as 16-year-old Don Henry

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00:21:33,580 --> 00:21:37,900

and 17-year-old Kevin Ives, best friends and popular seniors

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00:21:37,900 --> 00:21:41,660

at the Bryant, Arkansas High School.

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00:21:41,680 --> 00:21:44,480

It is extraordinary that Kevin and Don

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00:21:44,480 --> 00:21:47,040

lay on the tracks without moving a muscle,

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00:21:47,040 --> 00:21:49,520

while a huge freight train was hurtling towards them,

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00:21:49,520 --> 00:21:52,680

blurring its emergency horn.

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00:21:52,680 --> 00:21:54,720

The state medical examiner said the boys had been

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00:21:54,720 --> 00:21:56,520

under the influence of marijuana,

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00:21:56,520 --> 00:21:59,000

and he ruled the deaths accidental.

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00:21:59,000 --> 00:22:02,040

Don and Kevin's parents could not accept that ruling.

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00:22:02,040 --> 00:22:05,200

They began a crusade to find out what really happened

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00:22:05,200 --> 00:22:07,880

and to salvage the reputation of their sons.

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00:22:07,880 --> 00:22:14,880

Well, I couldn't believe that Kevin was knocked out

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00:22:17,620 --> 00:22:20,980

on marijuana or into any kind of heavy drugs,

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00:22:20,980 --> 00:22:24,340

anything like that, because I was a home lot during the day

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00:22:24,340 --> 00:22:27,460

when Kevin came in from school and Linda was here at nights,

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00:22:27,460 --> 00:22:30,540

and we'd never seen him in a state that he even,

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00:22:30,540 --> 00:22:35,220

act like he was spaced out or however you want to phrase it.

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00:22:35,220 --> 00:22:37,600

I just couldn't see any signs that he was

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00:22:37,600 --> 00:22:43,040

into any kind of heavy drugs or any kind of really drugs at all.

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00:22:43,040 --> 00:22:46,240

Kevin and Don were both typical teenage boys.

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00:22:46,240 --> 00:22:48,000

They loved to work on their cars.

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00:22:48,000 --> 00:22:49,680

They loved to hunt.

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00:22:49,680 --> 00:22:54,240

Don was a natural comedian, and Kevin was his best audience.

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00:22:54,240 --> 00:22:56,760

Most weekends, the two double dated.

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00:22:56,760 --> 00:23:00,560

However, in the night of Saturday, August 22, 1987,

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00:23:00,560 --> 00:23:02,360

Kevin and Don met a group of friends

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00:23:02,360 --> 00:23:05,080

in the outskirts of Little Rock at a favorite gathering

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00:23:05,100 --> 00:23:06,620

place for the local teenagers.

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00:23:12,140 --> 00:23:13,740

The two boys left around midnight

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00:23:13,740 --> 00:23:15,100

to go back to Don's house.

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00:23:18,260 --> 00:23:20,820

Kevin waited on the porch while Don went inside

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00:23:20,820 --> 00:23:22,620

to talk to his father.

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00:23:22,620 --> 00:23:27,180

And he came in approximately 12, 15.

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00:23:27,180 --> 00:23:29,700

Came to the bedroom and told me where he was going

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00:23:29,700 --> 00:23:31,340

and everything.

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00:23:31,340 --> 00:23:32,420

I told him, just be careful.

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00:23:32,420 --> 00:23:35,520

And he took one of my spotlights with him.

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00:23:35,520 --> 00:23:37,520

Took his 22.

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00:23:37,520 --> 00:23:41,400

And we talked for approximately 15 minutes before he left.

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00:23:47,720 --> 00:23:50,040

The two boys set off to go spotlighting,

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00:23:50,040 --> 00:23:53,840

a form of night hunting which is illegal in Arkansas.

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00:23:53,840 --> 00:23:56,520

One of them would shine a light in the animals' eyes,

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00:23:56,520 --> 00:23:59,840

transfixing the prey while the other fired.

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00:23:59,840 --> 00:24:02,200

Spotlighting was a fairly widespread activity

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00:24:02,220 --> 00:24:04,180

among the local boys.

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00:24:04,180 --> 00:24:08,740

So far, Kevin and Don had avoided being caught.

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00:24:08,740 --> 00:24:11,260

That night, the boys chose a usual hunting ground

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00:24:11,260 --> 00:24:14,020

along the railroad tracks that ran behind Don's house.

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00:24:16,900 --> 00:24:19,940

I never was even concerned, worried about him,

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00:24:19,940 --> 00:24:23,220

when he was in the woods, hunting.

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00:24:23,220 --> 00:24:28,700

Because I didn't realize you could get in trouble hunting.

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00:24:28,700 --> 00:24:30,420

It was almost 1 o'clock in the morning.

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00:24:33,200 --> 00:24:36,620

Three hours later, Stephen Shroyer's locomotive

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00:24:36,620 --> 00:24:40,780

came speeding down Bryant Hill.

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00:24:40,780 --> 00:24:42,780

When we were about six poles away from it,

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00:24:42,780 --> 00:24:46,660

my conductor yelled out, big hole.

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00:24:46,660 --> 00:24:49,180

I immediately recognized what we saw.

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00:24:49,180 --> 00:24:50,180

Now, come on, the body.

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00:24:50,180 --> 00:24:51,180

Oh, god.

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00:24:51,180 --> 00:24:52,080

Oh, god.

463

00:25:01,260 --> 00:25:08,240

It looked like a body, morgue.

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00:25:08,240 --> 00:25:09,140

They were just laid out.

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00:25:11,840 --> 00:25:14,920

The boys were lying exactly parallel on the tracks,

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00:25:14,920 --> 00:25:17,800

their arms straight down by their sides.

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00:25:17,820 --> 00:25:21,300

They were partially covered by a light green tarp.

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00:25:21,300 --> 00:25:25,140

Lying parallel to both of them was Don's 22 rifle.

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00:25:25,140 --> 00:25:27,540

Neither boy was moving.

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00:25:27,540 --> 00:25:30,940

I started laying down on the diesel horn.

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00:25:30,940 --> 00:25:34,380

And I got no reaction, none at all.

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00:25:34,380 --> 00:25:37,220

Not so much as a flinch.

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00:25:37,220 --> 00:25:44,940

And the, we just passed over.

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00:25:47,940 --> 00:25:50,820

What had caused the two boys to lie side by side

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00:25:50,820 --> 00:25:52,540

on the railroad tracks?

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00:25:52,540 --> 00:25:54,500

The state medical examiner concluded

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00:25:54,500 --> 00:25:58,660

they had smoked the equivalent of 20 marijuana cigarettes.

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00:25:58,660 --> 00:26:01,540

He determined that Kevin and Don had been in a deep sleep

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00:26:01,540 --> 00:26:06,820

induced by the drug and had never heard the oncoming train.

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00:26:06,820 --> 00:26:09,500

He ruled their death an accident.

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00:26:09,500 --> 00:26:11,260

Don and Kevin's parents would not

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00:26:11,260 --> 00:26:14,580

accept the medical examiner's conclusion.

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00:26:14,580 --> 00:26:16,300

If they were that stoned, how did they

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00:26:16,320 --> 00:26:19,000

lay down in identical positions?

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00:26:19,000 --> 00:26:23,320

That was my immediate reaction to his ruling.

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00:26:23,320 --> 00:26:26,040

We checked the train, and it was 98 decibels, which

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00:26:26,040 --> 00:26:30,080

is equal to a jackhammer and air compressor running.

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00:26:30,080 --> 00:26:35,040

I don't think that no one can sleep through that kind of noise.

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00:26:37,720 --> 00:26:42,920

And another thing too, my son's gun, it was laying on gravel.

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00:26:42,920 --> 00:26:44,320

I know my son too well.

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00:26:44,320 --> 00:26:46,120

He would not lay it on gravel.

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00:26:46,140 --> 00:26:50,140

He wouldn't take a chance on the wood getting scratched.

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00:26:50,140 --> 00:26:52,980

We hired a private investigator to try

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00:26:52,980 --> 00:26:55,020

to find out what happened.

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00:26:55,020 --> 00:26:57,580

Every time he would try to find out something,

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00:26:57,580 --> 00:27:00,220

it seemed like he would meet resistance

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00:27:00,220 --> 00:27:03,060

from different authorities and everything,

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00:27:03,060 --> 00:27:06,100

and we weren't getting anywhere.

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00:27:06,100 --> 00:27:08,420

Five months after their sons were killed,

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00:27:08,420 --> 00:27:11,500

Don and Kevin's parents held a press conference.

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00:27:11,500 --> 00:27:13,140

They hoped to force the authorities

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00:27:13,140 --> 00:27:15,340

to reopen the investigation.

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00:27:15,360 --> 00:27:16,800

Would you like to give up your son,

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00:27:16,800 --> 00:27:20,720

and everybody think they was smoked up and laid down,

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00:27:20,720 --> 00:27:22,160

and passed out?

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00:27:22,160 --> 00:27:24,800

No, I don't think anyone wants to give up their kid,

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00:27:24,800 --> 00:27:28,800

unless that is honestly proved to be the truth,

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00:27:28,800 --> 00:27:30,320

then you have to accept it.

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00:27:30,320 --> 00:27:33,600

At this point, it has not been proved to us.

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00:27:33,600 --> 00:27:35,400

The day after their press conference,

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00:27:35,400 --> 00:27:39,080

the investigation was officially reopened.

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00:27:39,080 --> 00:27:41,280

Newly appointed prosecutor Richard Garrett

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00:27:41,280 --> 00:27:44,040

had the boys' bodies exhumed for a second autopsy

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00:27:44,040 --> 00:27:47,180

to be performed by a noted expert.

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00:27:47,180 --> 00:27:50,660

This doctor concluded that together, the boys had smoked

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00:27:50,660 --> 00:27:55,420

not 20, but between one and three marijuana cigarettes.

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00:27:55,420 --> 00:27:57,180

He also found evidence to indicate

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00:27:57,180 --> 00:28:01,260

that one boy was already dead, and one unconscious

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00:28:01,260 --> 00:28:04,460

when the train hit them.

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00:28:04,460 --> 00:28:08,660

In July of 1988, a grand jury reversed the medical examiner's

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00:28:08,660 --> 00:28:11,300

original finding of accidental death,

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00:28:11,320 --> 00:28:16,240

and officially ruled the boys' deaths probable homicides.

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00:28:16,240 --> 00:28:19,960

Prosecutor Garrett then focused on the green tarp.

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00:28:19,960 --> 00:28:22,240

Neither boy owned such a tarp.

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00:28:22,240 --> 00:28:25,680

Who had covered them with it, and why?

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00:28:25,680 --> 00:28:27,200

All four of the people on the train

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00:28:27,200 --> 00:28:32,640

who were able to observe the scene prior to the accident

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00:28:32,640 --> 00:28:36,040

stated that the boys were partially covered by a green

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00:28:36,040 --> 00:28:36,840

tarp.

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00:28:36,840 --> 00:28:37,880

See what you can find.

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00:28:37,880 --> 00:28:38,760

I'll go ahead and call it in.

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00:28:38,760 --> 00:28:40,200

Police who searched the scene later

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00:28:40,220 --> 00:28:42,100

denied that engineer Shroyer had even

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00:28:42,100 --> 00:28:44,420

told them about the tarp.

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00:28:44,420 --> 00:28:46,500

They even questioned this existence.

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00:28:46,500 --> 00:28:48,100

That, to me, would be like questions

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00:28:48,100 --> 00:28:50,740

of the existence of the boys on the track.

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00:28:50,740 --> 00:28:52,180

They were covered up with a tarp.

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00:28:52,180 --> 00:28:54,740

Because what's real is real, and what's not is not.

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00:28:54,740 --> 00:28:58,820

And that's, you know, it was there as well as the boys.

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00:28:58,820 --> 00:29:01,900

I can understand two people laying down on a railroad track.

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00:29:01,900 --> 00:29:03,700

I can understand two people laying down and covering

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00:29:03,700 --> 00:29:05,340

themselves up with a tarp.

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00:29:05,340 --> 00:29:07,580

Where would the tarp come from?

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00:29:07,580 --> 00:29:11,080

I am convinced that the tarp existed.

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00:29:11,080 --> 00:29:12,520

The tarp however was never found.

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00:29:16,680 --> 00:29:20,640

The ensuing investigation unearthed an intriguing lead.

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00:29:20,640 --> 00:29:22,920

One week before the boys were killed,

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00:29:22,920 --> 00:29:27,000

a man wearing military fatigue had been spotted in the vicinity.

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00:29:27,000 --> 00:29:29,560

His behavior had aroused suspicion.

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00:29:29,560 --> 00:29:32,880

When police officer Danny Allen stopped to question him,

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00:29:32,880 --> 00:29:36,280

the man opened fire.

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00:29:36,280 --> 00:29:39,260

When I got up from the seat, the subject was gone.

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00:29:39,260 --> 00:29:42,380

And five minutes later, Slain County showed up,

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00:29:42,380 --> 00:29:47,380

and we searched the area and never found a subject.

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00:29:47,380 --> 00:29:49,500

On the night Kevin and Don died,

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00:29:49,500 --> 00:29:53,660

witnesses again reported seeing a man in military fatigues.

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00:29:53,660 --> 00:29:57,140

This time he was leaving town, heading down a road less

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00:29:57,140 --> 00:30:00,140

than 200 yards from the spot where the boys' bodies were

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00:30:00,140 --> 00:30:01,500

run over.

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00:30:01,500 --> 00:30:03,700

Police have been unable to locate him.

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00:30:07,260 --> 00:30:10,300

Six weeks after the investigation was reopened,

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00:30:10,300 --> 00:30:13,500

Richard Garrett came up with a strangely similar case.

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00:30:13,500 --> 00:30:17,420

In Hodgan, Oklahoma, just 200 miles west of Little Rock,

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00:30:17,420 --> 00:30:20,780

two young men lying together on the railroad tracks

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00:30:20,780 --> 00:30:24,300

had been run over by a locomotive in 1984.

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00:30:24,300 --> 00:30:26,740

They were lying motions on the tracks

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00:30:26,740 --> 00:30:29,540

in a position nearly identical to Kevin and Don's.

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00:30:36,620 --> 00:30:40,180

I think that someone took these boys' lives.

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00:30:40,180 --> 00:30:42,700

They incapacitated one of the boys,

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00:30:42,700 --> 00:30:46,100

and then felt like they had to do something to the other one.

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00:30:46,100 --> 00:30:48,460

And then to cover their tracks, laid the boys on a railroad

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00:30:48,460 --> 00:30:51,340

track and covered them up with a tartan.

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00:30:51,340 --> 00:30:54,700

The reason why they did that, I'm not sure.

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00:30:54,700 --> 00:30:58,100

What I'm hunting for is the reason why they did it.

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00:30:58,100 --> 00:31:00,540

I've never carried a gun in my life.

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00:31:00,540 --> 00:31:05,860

But since we've started working on this thing,

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00:31:05,920 --> 00:31:08,960

I don't care any gun.

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00:31:08,960 --> 00:31:13,560

Because I do feel like that my life could be in danger

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00:31:13,560 --> 00:31:16,960

at some point in time.

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00:31:16,960 --> 00:31:20,320

Whatever it takes, however long it takes,

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00:31:20,320 --> 00:31:23,560

as long as there is anything to investigate,

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00:31:23,560 --> 00:31:27,880

as long as there is anything to work on, we'll do it.

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00:31:28,380 --> 00:31:34,380

Hundreds of times, I've been out there day and night,

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00:31:34,380 --> 00:31:39,380

just trying to get it in my mind of what could have happened

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00:31:39,380 --> 00:31:41,380

or what did happen.

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00:31:41,380 --> 00:31:44,880

I've been out there at night to see how far you can see the train,

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00:31:44,880 --> 00:31:48,380

how far you can hear the train, how loud is the train.

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00:31:48,380 --> 00:31:54,380

I basically think that they walked up on something,

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00:31:54,880 --> 00:31:57,880

that they were not supposed to see.

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00:31:57,880 --> 00:32:01,880

They're at the wrong place, at the wrong time.

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00:32:01,880 --> 00:32:08,880

I know in my own mind that they was murdered and put there.

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00:32:17,880 --> 00:32:19,380

Since we filmed this story,

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Don Henry's t-shirt has been analyzed by an expert pathologist.

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Tears in the fabric indicate that Don had been stabbed before

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he was run over by the train.

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In light of this new evidence,

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the grand jury changed this ruling from probable homicide

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to definite homicide.

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Next, a curious footnote to the legend of Babe Ruth.

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His uniform, long displayed as a price of sports treasure,

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has been stolen, along with other sports memorabilia worth \$8 million.

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In 1927, legendary Babe Ruth hit 60 homeruns.

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Record has stood for over 30 years.

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Today, his 1927 World Series ring is valued at \$50,000.

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It has disappeared.

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In 1956, Mickey Manley,

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at the most homeruns and the best batting average

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of any place in the world,

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00:33:22,380 --> 00:33:26,380

today Manley's 1956 World Series uniform is valued at \$15,000.

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It has disappeared.

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Pete Rose, a hometown boy from Cincinnati,

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00:33:33,380 --> 00:33:36,380

has more hits than any player in the history of the game.

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00:33:36,380 --> 00:33:40,380

Rose's silver bat is worth \$30,000.

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00:33:40,380 --> 00:33:42,380

It too has disappeared.

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At conventions across the country,

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00:33:47,380 --> 00:33:49,380

millions of people have been killed.

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00:33:49,380 --> 00:33:51,380

At conventions across the country,

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00:33:51,380 --> 00:33:54,380

millions of avid collectors have made baseball memorabilia

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00:33:54,380 --> 00:33:57,380

a multi-million dollar business.

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One of the most ardent of these collectors was Dennis Walker.

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He amassed a trove of sports memorabilia

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valued at nearly \$10 million.

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Today, this irreplaceable collection is missing.

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Among the items in Dennis Walker's collection

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are Babe Ruth's ring, Mickey Manley's uniform,

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Pete Rose's silver bat,

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and hundreds of Prices Sports treasures.

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Number three, the classic New York Yankees pinstripe.

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Sadly, this uniform is only a prop.

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Babe Ruth's real uniform,

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along with most of Walker's collection, is missing.

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America's national pastime has been robbed

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00:34:39,880 --> 00:34:41,880

of a major portion of its history,

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and someone watching tonight may be able to help find it.

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In June of 1980,

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Dennis Walker quit his job teaching political science

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at a small Oregon college

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and set up an investment company

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in his hometown of Medford, Oregon.

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He concocted grandiose investment schemes

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and opened his own bank on the South Pacific Island of Tonga.

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Walker offered an amazing 25% rate of interest,

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and indeed paid off early investors on schedule.

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More than 140 people gave Walker better than \$7 million to invest.

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He had the mightiest touch and word spread,

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because if somebody says,

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give me \$10,000, and I will give you \$12,500 right now,

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that sounds like one whale of an investment.

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The only thing was is that

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he didn't actually give him \$12,500.

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He gave him a piece of paper saying that he owed them \$12,500 one year from now.

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Dennis, I have a few things I'd like you to sign.

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Dennis Walker's employees also invested with him.

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He seemed to be a astute business person,

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seemed to be very intelligent,

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00:35:59,880 --> 00:36:02,880

and seemed to be very fair.

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I was an investor,

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00:36:07,880 --> 00:36:10,880

and I had a considerable amount of money with Dennis.

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We all trusted Dennis.

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I believe that every one of the employees had money invested with Dennis.

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Walker had always been an avid baseball fan.

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How you doing, Scott?

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With his newly accumulated investors' money,

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00:36:26,880 --> 00:36:28,880

he bought rare and expensive sports memorabilia.

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Well, I just came in to see if you had anything new to show me today.

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Oh, yeah, I got some new Mickey Mouse cards.

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It was as if you were acting out a childhood fantasy.

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It's his rookie year, isn't it?

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The first thing that Walker did was he spent a great deal of money on sports memorabilia.

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00:36:43,880 --> 00:36:45,880

\$995.

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00:36:45,880 --> 00:36:46,880

Yeah.

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00:36:46,880 --> 00:36:48,880

What about that Willie Mays?

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00:36:48,880 --> 00:36:49,880

Sure have an eye for him.

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00:36:49,880 --> 00:36:51,880

\$225.

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They are some nice cards.

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Walker had a passion for sports collectibles,

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and he freely indulged it with the investor's money.

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To some degree, I felt that that was somewhat comforting,

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because we had anywhere from five to perhaps \$22 million worth of collectibles.

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Obviously, that's a rather large amount of assets,

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so the investors weren't too concerned.

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Walker soon graduated from \$1,000 baseball cards to the really major collectibles.

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He built one of the most prized collections in the country.

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Major League batting champion, 1981, 370 Irish.

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They're an absolute steal if I'd said to you this whole package at \$12,000.

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\$12,000.

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That's right.

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Walker leased an empty bank building in Medford, Oregon,

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and opened his very own sports hall of fame.

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Pete Rose was Walker's special guest at the grand opening of his hall of fame.

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Walker had bought several pieces of memorabilia from Rose personally.

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He displayed them elaborately among his vast collection,

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00:37:59,880 --> 00:38:03,880

which spanned nine decades of sports history.

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Some of the most prized items were a pristine, uncut sheet of baseball cards

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from the year 1933 worth \$10,000.

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Two Honus Wagner baseball cards from the year 1910

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valued at an incredible \$70,000.

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The diamond studded ring awarded to Pete Rose 1984,

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the year he achieved 4,000 hits, valued at \$30,000.

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And finally, a New York Yankees uniform worn by the great Babe Ruth.

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In 1986, the Medford police obtained a warrant and searched Walker's office.

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The state of Oregon had been watching him for a year,

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and had filed suit, charging him with fraud and racketeering.

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The search yielded enough evidence to prosecute Walker

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for the illegal sale of unregistered securities.

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Here's some monetary amounts.

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Once we had done that, then we ran into a brick wall

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00:39:07,880 --> 00:39:13,880

as far as cooperation from the people who had invested their money.

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The investigation was not a case where an investor did not get money

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00:39:21,880 --> 00:39:24,880

or had complained to the state of Oregon.

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Everybody at that point was getting their principal interest,

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00:39:27,880 --> 00:39:31,880

whatever it was that they required, to my knowledge.

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Walker immediately filed a countersuit against the state, claiming his innocence.

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He received a number of summons, but continually failed to appear in court.

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Anticipating the state of Oregon would confiscate his assets,

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Walker asked Sandy Sanders, an employee, to pack up his prize sports collection.

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Actually, I was all for getting it out of there

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00:39:56,880 --> 00:39:59,880

so that it could be turned into liquid assets

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00:39:59,880 --> 00:40:01,880

and be given back to the investors

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00:40:01,880 --> 00:40:05,880

and to keep the state from getting their cotton-picking hands on it.

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In April 1986, Walker decided to leave Oregon

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and took his entire collection of sports memorabilia with him.

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00:40:14,880 --> 00:40:18,880

Most of Walker's collection would never be seen again.

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Sixteen months later, a man registered under the name of Charles Lee

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was found dead in the Las Vegas motel.

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There was no apparent cause of death and no signs of identification

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except a prescription bottle bearing the name Dennis Walker.

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From reviewing the autopsy photographs and the autopsy records

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and looking at the dental charts and records,

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00:41:01,880 --> 00:41:04,880

there's no doubt in my mind that was Dennis Walker.

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There are a number of theories as to why he died,

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and no one has ever really been able to determine what caused his death.

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That, combined with the missing sports memorabilia,

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leaves many, many more questions open and closed in this case.

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For every mystery, there is someone somewhere who knows the truth.

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Perhaps that someone is watching.

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Perhaps it's you.