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

This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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

officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries, an intriguing new story.

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In 1988, in undercover San Francisco vice cop,

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Lester Garnier, he was found shot to death

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inside his late model Corvette.

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Eyewitnesses saw two unidentified women with Garnier

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00:00:34,800 --> 00:00:36,840

within moments of his death.

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Police are still investigating what connection these women had

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to Garnier and his murder.

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In Phoenix, Arizona, a 58-year-old businessman

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named Angelo Desideri vanished from his home.

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00:00:48,560 --> 00:00:52,240

400 miles away, his car was found ablaze.

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No trace of Angelo Desideri has ever been found.

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In 1934, Bill Purinton was forcibly separated

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from his five brothers and sisters

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by well-meaning social workers.

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50 years later, Bill is still searching for his lost sister

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00:01:07,560 --> 00:01:09,760

Jackie.

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In Las Vegas, 16-year-old Kathy Hobbs disappeared.

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Three months later, police received an anonymous call

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00:01:16,560 --> 00:01:19,120

from a man who may have seen her abduction.

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They need to find this missing witness.

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Tonight's cases feature ordinary people

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00:01:25,480 --> 00:01:29,360

thrust into a vortex of mystery, heartbreak, and intrigue.

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

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so far has no ending.

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Perhaps you can help.

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00:01:36,240 --> 00:01:37,400

Join me.

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00:01:37,400 --> 00:01:39,640

You may be able to help solve a mystery.

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00:02:09,640 --> 00:02:22,640

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00:02:32,640 --> 00:02:35,240

July 11, 1988.

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It was a quiet morning in Walnut Creek, California,

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00:02:38,160 --> 00:02:41,120

an affluent suburb of San Francisco.

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A groundskeeper noticed a corvette sitting

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in a shopping center parking lot.

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00:02:45,600 --> 00:02:48,640

His attention was drawn by the car's driver, apparently

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00:02:48,640 --> 00:02:51,520

napping behind the wheel.

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00:02:51,520 --> 00:02:53,800

The man was not asleep.

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00:02:53,800 --> 00:02:56,640

He was dead.

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00:02:56,640 --> 00:03:01,000

The cause of death was determined to be two bullet wounds.

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This was an extremely cold-blooded, deliberate

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00:03:04,800 --> 00:03:05,760

killing.

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The sort of person that would do something like this

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00:03:10,320 --> 00:03:12,920

is extremely dangerous.

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00:03:12,920 --> 00:03:15,280

The victim was identified as Lester Garnier,

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00:03:15,280 --> 00:03:18,520

an undercover vice cop with the San Francisco Police Department

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00:03:18,520 --> 00:03:19,720

who lived in nearby Concord.

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00:03:24,200 --> 00:03:27,120

After the revelation that Lester was an undercover cop,

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the investigation took on a new dimension.

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For this reason, the search for Lester's killer

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was undertaken by both the Walnut Creek and the San

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Francisco Police Department.

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There was very little evidence left at the crime scene

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that would give us much help in identifying the criminal.

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We do have a few fingerprints that have not been identified,

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but we've been unable to find any motive at all

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for the killing of Lester Garnier.

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Lester Garnier's death touched off a firestorm of controversy

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when the case became enmeshed in a local political scandal.

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But through all of this, Lester Garnier's killer

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00:04:09,880 --> 00:04:11,080

remains at large.

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00:04:14,960 --> 00:04:17,120

To those who knew him best, Lester Garnier

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was a walking contradiction.

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00:04:19,760 --> 00:04:22,240

To his parents, he was a devoted son who lived with him

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00:04:22,240 --> 00:04:24,400

in the home that he provided.

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00:04:24,440 --> 00:04:26,760

To his friends, Lester was a man who lived and loved

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00:04:26,760 --> 00:04:28,640

in the fast lane.

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00:04:28,640 --> 00:04:30,480

But to his partners in the police force,

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Lester Garnier was first and foremost

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00:04:32,400 --> 00:04:36,000

a dedicated cop who went the distance for his job.

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Somewhere between the lines of these contradictions

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00:04:38,440 --> 00:04:43,600

may lie the reason why Lester Garnier was murdered.

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00:04:43,600 --> 00:04:46,080

If you wanted to find Lester Garnier off duty,

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00:04:46,080 --> 00:04:48,680

the chances are he would be behind the wheel of his prized

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00:04:48,680 --> 00:04:51,640

1984 Corvette.

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00:04:51,640 --> 00:04:53,640

Lester enjoyed the good life, but he

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00:04:53,640 --> 00:04:55,480

was not blind to the responsibilities

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00:04:55,480 --> 00:04:58,200

of being a good son.

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00:04:58,200 --> 00:05:01,920

Lester was a wonderful son.

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00:05:01,920 --> 00:05:05,000

He always was there for us.

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00:05:05,000 --> 00:05:12,000

He gave us security, knowing that if anything happens,

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00:05:12,000 --> 00:05:13,680

he's always there for us.

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00:05:18,520 --> 00:05:21,680

But there was another side to Lester Garnier.

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00:05:21,720 --> 00:05:26,240

Off duty, he enjoyed a reputation as a ladies man.

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00:05:26,240 --> 00:05:27,200

Hi.

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00:05:27,200 --> 00:05:29,200

That's a beautiful car.

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00:05:29,200 --> 00:05:33,920

According to friends, this reputation was well deserved.

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00:05:33,920 --> 00:05:36,440

Lester used his charm on the job as well.

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His beat was the Mission District,

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00:05:41,200 --> 00:05:43,680

once a quiet residential neighborhood.

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00:05:43,680 --> 00:05:48,160

Today, a low income area frequented by prostitutes.

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00:05:48,160 --> 00:05:50,440

Lester had worked vice for four and a half years

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00:05:50,480 --> 00:05:53,160

and was at home on the mean streets of the Mission,

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00:05:53,160 --> 00:05:54,880

where he would often do prostitutes

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00:05:54,880 --> 00:05:57,720

by posing as a customer.

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00:05:57,720 --> 00:06:02,160

We found that he had made numerous arrests for prostitution.

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00:06:02,160 --> 00:06:05,880

We certainly examined that aspect of his life,

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00:06:05,880 --> 00:06:09,800

and we weren't able to find any connection with our case.

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00:06:09,800 --> 00:06:12,800

We interviewed several of the prostitutes

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00:06:12,800 --> 00:06:16,800

that Lester had arrested and found that many of them

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00:06:16,800 --> 00:06:21,640

spoke highly of him, even though he had arrested them.

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00:06:21,640 --> 00:06:27,640

He wanted to do a good job, and the type of job that he had,

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00:06:27,640 --> 00:06:32,000

he had to make sure he made all the right moves.

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00:06:32,000 --> 00:06:35,480

He enjoyed his job to a certain degree.

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00:06:35,480 --> 00:06:39,080

It was a challenge for him every day, different people,

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00:06:39,080 --> 00:06:41,360

different situations all the time.

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00:06:41,360 --> 00:06:44,040

Those were the streets that we grew up in,

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00:06:44,040 --> 00:06:48,400

and he felt that he wanted to make the city a better place.

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00:06:48,400 --> 00:06:53,440

And by being a police officer, he was doing that.

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00:06:53,440 --> 00:06:55,200

One of Lester's final assignments

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00:06:55,200 --> 00:06:58,960

would throw the murder investigation into turmoil.

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00:06:58,960 --> 00:07:04,440

In the fall of 1988, Roger Boaz, a local mayoral candidate,

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00:07:04,440 --> 00:07:06,400

pled guilty to charges of having sex

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00:07:06,400 --> 00:07:09,080

with underage prostitutes.

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00:07:09,080 --> 00:07:11,680

Lester had been on stakeout duty at one of the houses

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00:07:11,720 --> 00:07:16,000

in this prostitution ring just prior to his death.

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00:07:16,000 --> 00:07:20,040

The local media attempted to tie the two events together.

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00:07:20,040 --> 00:07:23,240

In addition, there were rumors that some San Francisco police

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00:07:23,240 --> 00:07:25,880

may have been involved in Lester's death.

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00:07:25,880 --> 00:07:29,800

But so far, these rumors are uncorroborated.

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00:07:29,800 --> 00:07:34,080

We did address those issues and did a very thorough investigation,

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00:07:34,080 --> 00:07:36,440

but we found no connection at all

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00:07:36,440 --> 00:07:41,480

between Lester Garnier's death and the Roger Boaz case

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00:07:41,480 --> 00:07:43,880

or any other matter for that matter.

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00:07:48,200 --> 00:07:52,880

July 10, 1988, approximately 12 hours before his body

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00:07:52,880 --> 00:07:55,680

would be discovered, Lester left his Concorde home

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00:07:55,680 --> 00:07:58,680

to meet friends in San Francisco.

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00:07:58,680 --> 00:08:00,400

Less than 20 minutes later, Lester

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00:08:00,400 --> 00:08:04,000

called from his car phone and canceled the evening.

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00:08:04,000 --> 00:08:06,400

He gave no explanation.

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00:08:06,400 --> 00:08:09,080

Yeah, Steve, this is Lester.

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00:08:09,080 --> 00:08:12,080

Listen, I'm not going to be able to make it to the movies tonight.

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00:08:12,080 --> 00:08:14,080

During this conversation, he canceled the meeting

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00:08:14,080 --> 00:08:16,960

with his friends saying it was getting late.

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00:08:16,960 --> 00:08:19,360

After that, we don't know what happened to him

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00:08:19,360 --> 00:08:22,400

until his vehicle showed up in the parking lot

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00:08:22,400 --> 00:08:25,200

shortly before 11, 30 PM.

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00:08:25,200 --> 00:08:29,800

That time period is very critical.

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00:08:29,800 --> 00:08:32,160

As a portion of our investigation, naturally,

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00:08:32,160 --> 00:08:33,760

we searched for witnesses.

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00:08:33,760 --> 00:08:38,080

And we discovered that there was a carpet layer working

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00:08:38,080 --> 00:08:41,560

in one of the stores late that evening.

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00:08:41,560 --> 00:08:45,680

As he went out to his truck, he heard what

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00:08:45,680 --> 00:08:49,880

sounded to him like firecrackers.

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00:08:49,880 --> 00:08:52,880

It was around the 4th of July, so he discounted those sounds

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00:08:52,880 --> 00:08:55,120

as firecrackers.

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00:08:55,120 --> 00:08:58,560

Shortly after, he looked up and saw two women walking

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00:08:58,560 --> 00:09:00,640

across the parking lot.

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00:09:00,640 --> 00:09:06,320

The women entered two different vehicles and left.

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00:09:06,320 --> 00:09:08,080

The workmen described one of the women

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00:09:08,080 --> 00:09:11,760

as being in her late 20s, about 5 feet 6 inches tall,

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00:09:11,760 --> 00:09:15,320

and said that she weighed about 110 pounds.

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00:09:15,320 --> 00:09:17,680

The other was described as being in her mid 30s,

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00:09:17,680 --> 00:09:21,240

tall with a slender build.

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00:09:21,240 --> 00:09:24,160

We also located one witness who was actually

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00:09:24,160 --> 00:09:25,960

driving through the lot.

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00:09:25,960 --> 00:09:28,120

As he drove past the Corvette, he

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00:09:28,120 --> 00:09:32,680

saw a woman open the passenger door and exit the vehicle.

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00:09:32,680 --> 00:09:34,880

He saw her walk around the vehicle

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00:09:34,880 --> 00:09:39,680

and appeared a look in the driver's side of the Corvette.

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00:09:39,680 --> 00:09:44,220

It's possible that these were just two separate sightings

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00:09:44,220 --> 00:09:46,480

not associated with each other.

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00:09:46,480 --> 00:09:51,440

However, it's also possible that they are somehow related.

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

Under hypnosis, the second witness

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00:09:53,360 --> 00:09:56,600

helped police to create a composite drawing of the woman.

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00:09:56,600 --> 00:09:59,040

Her appearance was similar to the other eye witness

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00:09:59,040 --> 00:10:00,680

description.

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00:10:00,680 --> 00:10:02,840

When we showed this to the carpet layer,

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00:10:02,840 --> 00:10:05,800

he felt that this sketch closely resembled

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00:10:05,800 --> 00:10:08,320

the shorter of the two women that he saw walking

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00:10:08,320 --> 00:10:09,320

across the parking lot.

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00:10:13,280 --> 00:10:16,560

Who was the blonde woman seen with Lester that night?

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00:10:16,560 --> 00:10:20,080

Could a casual pickup have turned into something deadly?

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00:10:20,080 --> 00:10:24,560

Or was Lester killed as a result of his undercover life?

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00:10:24,640 --> 00:10:31,100

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00:10:45,200 --> 00:10:47,800

Next, the story of schoolgirl Kathy Hodgs

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00:10:47,800 --> 00:10:50,840

who vanished on her way back from the Las Vegas super market.

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00:10:50,840 --> 00:10:52,800

Anonymous tips too may have seen.

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00:10:52,800 --> 00:10:53,780

Her abductors.

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00:10:53,780 --> 00:10:54,280

kids.

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00:10:57,720 --> 00:11:00,500

And they killed my daughter.

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00:11:00,500 --> 00:11:03,060

And before they could kill someone else's daughter,

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00:11:03,060 --> 00:11:03,860

I want the gun.

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00:11:13,660 --> 00:11:15,340

On a recent broadcast, we examined

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00:11:15,340 --> 00:11:18,540

the case of a Florida widow whom we called Mrs. K.

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00:11:18,540 --> 00:11:21,140

She claims that she was romanced and then swindled

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00:11:21,220 --> 00:11:24,180

by a man named Arthur Frankford.

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00:11:24,180 --> 00:11:26,340

After a four-week whirlwind romance,

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00:11:26,340 --> 00:11:30,140

Arthur Frankford convinced Mrs. K. to let him move in with her.

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00:11:30,140 --> 00:11:32,220

Never once was I suspicious of any move

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00:11:32,220 --> 00:11:35,980

that he made as far as to question his character,

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00:11:35,980 --> 00:11:40,820

who he was, and that he was a liar and a thief.

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00:11:40,820 --> 00:11:44,540

On July 29, 1988, while Mrs. K. was at work,

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00:11:44,540 --> 00:11:47,260

Arthur Frankford disappeared after allegedly stealing

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00:11:47,260 --> 00:11:51,060

jewelry worth over \$4,000, as well as many personal items

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00:11:51,060 --> 00:11:54,380

belonging to Mrs. K's late husband.

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00:11:54,380 --> 00:11:56,500

Arthur Frankford is wanted by Florida police

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00:11:56,500 --> 00:11:59,980

for burglary, grand theft auto, and check forging.

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00:11:59,980 --> 00:12:03,060

Authorities believe that he may have victimized over 40 women

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00:12:03,060 --> 00:12:07,980

by stealing their hearts and then taking their cash.

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00:12:07,980 --> 00:12:10,700

Update, within minutes of our broadcast,

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00:12:10,700 --> 00:12:12,580

two viewers called our 800 number

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00:12:12,580 --> 00:12:16,420

to report that they recognized Arthur Frankford.

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00:12:16,420 --> 00:12:19,740

The individual said, I know where Arthur Frankford is.

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00:12:19,740 --> 00:12:21,780

I'm his ex-brother-in-law.

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00:12:21,780 --> 00:12:24,100

My name's Floyd Meadows.

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00:12:24,100 --> 00:12:27,460

I asked him if he'd ever seen this Arthur Frankford do magic.

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00:12:27,460 --> 00:12:30,620

He said, yes, he did, and he does it very well.

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00:12:30,620 --> 00:12:32,220

This is one of the keys that I never

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00:12:32,220 --> 00:12:35,660

released to the press or any other medium

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00:12:35,660 --> 00:12:38,500

that Arthur Frankford does magic.

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00:12:38,500 --> 00:12:41,180

We received another call about 20 minutes later

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00:12:41,180 --> 00:12:43,940

from a white female, since Arthur Frankford lives

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00:12:43,940 --> 00:12:47,020

next door to me in Whitley, Kentucky.

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00:12:47,020 --> 00:12:50,900

This was the confirmation call that I was looking for.

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00:12:50,900 --> 00:12:53,180

At that time, I knew we had our man.

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00:12:56,500 --> 00:12:59,100

Two hours later, Frankford was arrested at his home

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00:12:59,100 --> 00:13:01,300

in Kentucky by the McCreary County Sheriff

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00:13:01,300 --> 00:13:03,220

and Kentucky State Troopers.

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00:13:03,220 --> 00:13:06,180

He was living under the assumed name James Ferguson,

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00:13:06,180 --> 00:13:08,860

with his new wife of two months.

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00:13:08,860 --> 00:13:10,660

During a search of Frankford's house,

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00:13:10,660 --> 00:13:13,100

police uncovered several identification and credit

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00:13:13,100 --> 00:13:15,220

cards with different aliases.

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00:13:15,220 --> 00:13:17,500

They also found a handgun that may have been stolen

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00:13:17,500 --> 00:13:19,180

from Mrs. Kay's home.

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00:13:19,180 --> 00:13:22,340

We got other calls from women that say, yes,

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00:13:22,340 --> 00:13:23,860

I've been married to this man.

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00:13:23,860 --> 00:13:25,180

I've divorced him.

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00:13:25,180 --> 00:13:27,620

He's left me holding the bag.

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00:13:27,620 --> 00:13:30,940

And what I need is for the people

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00:13:30,940 --> 00:13:36,260

that have been victimized by Arthur Frankford to come forward.

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00:13:36,260 --> 00:13:38,380

It's time for the public to stand up and say,

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00:13:38,380 --> 00:13:41,140

hey, we've had enough of Arthur Frankford.

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00:13:41,140 --> 00:13:43,380

This man has prayed on the public long enough.

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00:13:45,900 --> 00:13:47,400

CBS, Musson Ericsson.

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00:13:49,320 --> 00:13:51,760

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00:13:57,140 --> 00:14:00,320

Las Vegas, a glamorous capital of slot machines,

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00:14:00,320 --> 00:14:03,000

blackjack, and high stakes gambling,

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00:14:03,000 --> 00:14:06,380

an adult amusement park.

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00:14:06,380 --> 00:14:08,140

But just one mile off the Strip

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00:14:08,140 --> 00:14:10,900

is another side of Las Vegas, the real world

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00:14:10,900 --> 00:14:13,660

that tourists never see, an ordinary part

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00:14:13,660 --> 00:14:15,140

of suburban America.

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00:14:15,220 --> 00:14:19,300

On the evening of July 23rd, 1987, 16-year-old Kathy Hobbs

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00:14:19,400 --> 00:14:22,960

was reading a romance novel in her bedroom.

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00:14:23,060 --> 00:14:26,140

At 11 PM, she decided to walk to the local supermarket

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00:14:26,240 --> 00:14:31,640

to buy another book, just one and a half blocks away.

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00:14:31,740 --> 00:14:33,180

She came out to me and she said, Mom,

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00:14:33,280 --> 00:14:35,440

I'm going down to the store and buy a book.

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00:14:35,540 --> 00:14:38,580

And she said, give me a kiss before I go.

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00:14:38,680 --> 00:14:41,020

And I said, well, I'll be up when you get back.

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00:14:41,120 --> 00:14:42,820

And I said, OK, I'll be back.

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00:14:42,820 --> 00:14:45,220

And I said, well, I'll be up when you get back.

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00:14:45,320 --> 00:14:47,320

And she says, well, she says, I probably

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00:14:47,420 --> 00:14:49,260

will stop and talk to the kids.

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00:14:49,360 --> 00:14:51,520

So you might be in bed when I get back.

262

00:14:51,620 --> 00:14:58,040

So I gave her a kiss and that was the last I saw of her.

263

00:14:58,140 --> 00:15:00,980

Kathy had walked to the store late at night many times.

264

00:15:01,080 --> 00:15:02,340

Usually, her friends were gathered

265

00:15:02,440 --> 00:15:05,740

at the apartment complex swimming pool, chatting and gossiping.

266

00:15:05,840 --> 00:15:08,180

So Kathy's mother wasn't concerned for her safety.

267

00:15:08,180 --> 00:15:13,080

One of the kids would walk down to the store with her.

268

00:15:13,180 --> 00:15:16,220

There was no one at the swimming pool that night.

269

00:15:16,320 --> 00:15:19,620

So instead of coming home, she decided

270

00:15:19,720 --> 00:15:21,760

to go on to the store by herself.

271

00:15:26,360 --> 00:15:28,900

Assuming that Kathy would be with her friends,

272

00:15:29,000 --> 00:15:31,200

Vivian went to sleep.

273

00:15:31,300 --> 00:15:34,000

At 3 AM, she awoke from a strange dream

274

00:15:34,100 --> 00:15:36,540

that at the time seemed innocent.

275

00:15:37,160 --> 00:15:40,440

But would later come back to haunt her.

276

00:15:40,540 --> 00:15:43,040

I woke up out of sound sleep.

277

00:15:43,140 --> 00:15:45,940

I felt like I had been hit on the head.

278

00:15:46,040 --> 00:15:49,080

And all of a sudden, I got a very peaceful feeling.

279

00:15:49,180 --> 00:15:52,440

And it was, well, it's over now.

280

00:15:52,540 --> 00:15:55,380

And I fell back to sleep.

281

00:15:55,480 --> 00:15:57,460

The next morning, Vivian discovered

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00:15:57,560 --> 00:15:59,260

that Kathy's bedroom was empty.

283

00:15:59,360 --> 00:16:01,260

She still had not come home.

284

00:16:01,360 --> 00:16:05,460

Well, then the first day, we had tracked down friends,

285

00:16:05,480 --> 00:16:10,280

relatives, and done a very extensive media campaign

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00:16:10,380 --> 00:16:15,320

on the television with Catherine's picture all day long.

287

00:16:15,420 --> 00:16:17,760

At the end of the second day, we were pretty much convinced

288

00:16:17,860 --> 00:16:20,760

that Catherine was probably abducted.

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00:16:20,860 --> 00:16:23,160

Kathy's disappearance was a culmination of years

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00:16:23,260 --> 00:16:25,060

of worry for her family.

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00:16:25,160 --> 00:16:27,400

As a child, Kathy had eerie premonitions

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00:16:27,500 --> 00:16:29,600

that she would die at an early age.

293

00:16:29,700 --> 00:16:32,300

She was an isolated, introverted girl.

294

00:16:32,400 --> 00:16:34,940

When Kathy was eight, she began telling her friends

295

00:16:35,520 --> 00:16:39,420

she would not live to the age of 16.

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00:16:39,520 --> 00:16:42,680

She did not have a happy childhood.

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00:16:42,780 --> 00:16:44,220

Her father and I went through a divorce

298

00:16:44,320 --> 00:16:46,360

when she was eight years old.

299

00:16:46,460 --> 00:16:49,100

She and her father were extremely close.

300

00:16:49,200 --> 00:16:50,960

When she was in the seventh grade,

301

00:16:51,060 --> 00:16:55,040

a very good friend of hers died of a heart disease

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00:16:55,140 --> 00:16:57,800

that affected Kathy very much.

303

00:16:57,900 --> 00:17:00,180

And that's one of the main reasons we moved to Las Vegas

304

00:17:00,280 --> 00:17:03,680

was to give Kathy another chance to get away

305

00:17:03,680 --> 00:17:09,120

from that atmosphere and the environment that she grew up in.

306

00:17:09,220 --> 00:17:11,020

At first, it seemed that the move to Las Vegas

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00:17:11,120 --> 00:17:13,320

had been the right decision.

308

00:17:13,420 --> 00:17:15,100

Even though Kathy remained withdrawn,

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00:17:15,200 --> 00:17:18,500

she did blossom and made some new friends.

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00:17:18,600 --> 00:17:21,300

However, as her 16th birthday drew closer,

311

00:17:21,400 --> 00:17:25,800

Kathy's old fears of dying returned.

312

00:17:25,900 --> 00:17:27,600

About two months before her 16th birthday,

313

00:17:27,700 --> 00:17:30,340

she got very teary eyed one night and told me,

314

00:17:30,440 --> 00:17:32,680

Mom, I don't want to get any older.

315

00:17:32,740 --> 00:17:35,740

I want to be a little girl.

316

00:17:35,840 --> 00:17:38,820

And I told her, I said, Kathy, we all have to grow up.

317

00:17:38,920 --> 00:17:41,520

And you know, it's not the easiest thing in the world to do,

318

00:17:41,620 --> 00:17:43,320

but we all do it.

319

00:17:43,420 --> 00:17:46,160

She told me, I'm not going to.

320

00:17:46,260 --> 00:17:47,920

She didn't think she'd make her 16th birthday.

321

00:17:50,700 --> 00:17:54,900

Just before her 16th birthday, Kathy became despondent again.

322

00:17:55,000 --> 00:17:56,700

She spent all her time in her room

323

00:17:56,800 --> 00:17:58,400

and would not leave the house.

324

00:17:58,500 --> 00:18:00,000

On the morning of her birthday, though,

325

00:18:00,060 --> 00:18:04,300

Kathy was surprised and relieved to find she was still alive.

326

00:18:04,400 --> 00:18:06,660

And she came out of her bedroom.

327

00:18:06,760 --> 00:18:08,060

And she said, Mom, I did it.

328

00:18:08,160 --> 00:18:08,960

I did it.

329

00:18:09,060 --> 00:18:10,100

I made it.

330

00:18:10,200 --> 00:18:11,040

And I said, what?

331

00:18:11,140 --> 00:18:11,740

And she said, I made 16.

332

00:18:11,840 --> 00:18:15,580

I didn't think I'd live to be 16.

333

00:18:15,680 --> 00:18:17,980

Now Kathy had a new enthusiasm for life

334

00:18:18,080 --> 00:18:20,840

and began making plans for her future.

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00:18:20,940 --> 00:18:23,980

She began to go out again, wanted to continue her education,

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00:18:24,080 --> 00:18:26,320

and started to wear makeup.

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00:18:26,420 --> 00:18:28,220

She planned to train as a hairstylist

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00:18:28,720 --> 00:18:30,720

and open her own beauty shop called Katz Kutz.

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00:18:33,880 --> 00:18:34,980

She was ecstatic.

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00:18:35,080 --> 00:18:36,720

She came out and she goes, I made it, Mom.

341

00:18:36,820 --> 00:18:37,460

I made it.

342

00:18:37,560 --> 00:18:39,260

I'm 16.

343

00:18:39,360 --> 00:18:40,320

I did it.

344

00:18:40,420 --> 00:18:41,000

I'm alive.

345

00:18:43,760 --> 00:18:45,740

After Kathy vanished, the authorities

346

00:18:45,840 --> 00:18:47,200

assumed that she had been abducted

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00:18:47,300 --> 00:18:49,440

and issued photos to the entire police department.

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00:18:52,400 --> 00:18:54,380

The local media were encouraged to publicize

349

00:18:54,480 --> 00:18:57,140

Kathy's disappearance, and volunteer organizations

350

00:18:57,160 --> 00:19:01,060

were mobilized to search for the missing girl.

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00:19:01,160 --> 00:19:04,140

Eventually, one crucial clue surfaced.

352

00:19:04,240 --> 00:19:06,640

A clerk remembered seeing Kathy in the supermarket

353

00:19:06,740 --> 00:19:08,280

the night she vanished.

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00:19:08,380 --> 00:19:10,820

Store receipts confirmed that someone did purchase

355

00:19:10,920 --> 00:19:14,540

a paperback novel at 1117 that night.

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00:19:14,640 --> 00:19:17,380

Apparently, Kathy had made it to the store on Desert In Road

357

00:19:17,480 --> 00:19:19,320

in Maryland Parkway.

358

00:19:19,420 --> 00:19:20,660

But she never made it home.

359

00:19:23,600 --> 00:19:26,700

It was late at night, but Las Vegas, as you well know,

360

00:19:26,760 --> 00:19:28,320

is a 24-hour town.

361

00:19:28,420 --> 00:19:30,760

And people are coming and going to work constantly

362

00:19:30,860 --> 00:19:31,760

in this town.

363

00:19:31,860 --> 00:19:36,060

This intersection is a large intersection, widely traveled,

364

00:19:36,160 --> 00:19:39,600

and the store is a 24-hour major store.

365

00:19:39,700 --> 00:19:42,540

And to have people coming and going from the store

366

00:19:42,640 --> 00:19:45,480

and nobody seeing anything was very, very surprising.

367

00:19:50,480 --> 00:19:52,380

Nine days after Kathy vanished,

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00:19:52,480 --> 00:19:55,680

hiker Rick Pakout was searching for unusual rock crystals

369

00:19:55,740 --> 00:20:01,040

out in the desert near Lake Mead, about an hour from Las Vegas.

370

00:20:01,140 --> 00:20:03,440

I was walking back to the car, and was probably

371

00:20:03,540 --> 00:20:06,440

150 feet, 200 feet from the road,

372

00:20:06,540 --> 00:20:10,080

and was stopped by a very strong odor,

373

00:20:10,180 --> 00:20:13,780

decided to see where it was coming from or what it was.

374

00:20:13,880 --> 00:20:16,520

And that's when I found Katherine's body.

375

00:20:19,620 --> 00:20:22,860

It was the most horrible thing I'd ever seen in my life.

376

00:20:22,940 --> 00:20:26,340

I had to sit down and gather my thoughts and make sure

377

00:20:26,440 --> 00:20:28,140

that what I was looking at was real.

378

00:20:31,040 --> 00:20:35,240

When I realized that it was a human body,

379

00:20:35,340 --> 00:20:38,380

went back to the car, back to Calville Bay Ranger Station

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00:20:38,480 --> 00:20:40,820

and got the Rangers and brought them back out to the site.

381

00:20:43,520 --> 00:20:45,560

Within probably 20 minutes of our arrival,

382

00:20:45,660 --> 00:20:47,020

we knew it was Katherine.

383

00:20:47,120 --> 00:20:48,320

There was no doubt in our own minds

384

00:20:48,420 --> 00:20:49,320

that it was going to be Katherine.

385

00:20:50,060 --> 00:20:54,660

And it does get very quiet, and you can't help but look at it

386

00:20:54,760 --> 00:20:57,900

and see your own children and say, for the grace of God,

387

00:20:58,000 --> 00:20:59,200

there goes one of mine.

388

00:21:02,400 --> 00:21:06,400

Your immediate feeling at the time

389

00:21:06,500 --> 00:21:11,140

is to want to run home, grab your daughter by the arm,

390

00:21:11,240 --> 00:21:14,780

and bring her to the scene, and say, this is why I say no,

391

00:21:14,880 --> 00:21:16,940

you can't go out late at night.

392

00:21:17,000 --> 00:21:19,600

Investigators found tire imprints at the scene

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00:21:19,700 --> 00:21:22,340

showing where a vehicle had pulled in, turned around,

394

00:21:22,440 --> 00:21:23,940

and left.

395

00:21:24,040 --> 00:21:26,440

They also found two rocks spattered with blood

396

00:21:26,540 --> 00:21:28,680

near Katherine's body.

397

00:21:28,780 --> 00:21:32,320

Tests established that the stains match Katherine's blood type.

398

00:21:32,420 --> 00:21:35,280

The coroner concluded that Katherine Hobbs had died

399

00:21:35,380 --> 00:21:38,360

from repeated blows to the head.

400

00:21:38,460 --> 00:21:42,660

She was 16 years, three months, and three days old.

401

00:21:42,760 --> 00:21:44,560

I don't know if she's ever been in a car,

402

00:21:44,620 --> 00:21:50,060

but she was 16 months and three days old when she was killed.

403

00:21:50,160 --> 00:21:52,560

So she made it to 16.

404

00:21:52,660 --> 00:21:54,900

But not much after that.

405

00:21:55,000 --> 00:21:56,300

But she was right.

406

00:21:56,400 --> 00:22:01,000

She did have this premonition that she wasn't

407

00:22:01,100 --> 00:22:04,840

going to live to be an adult.

408

00:22:04,940 --> 00:22:07,740

After Katherine's death, letters were found in her room

409

00:22:07,840 --> 00:22:10,280

addressed to each member of the family.

410

00:22:10,380 --> 00:22:14,280

The letters were dated one month before Katherine's 16th birthday.

411

00:22:14,340 --> 00:22:18,500

In event of my death, you shall get this letter.

412

00:22:18,600 --> 00:22:23,040

I hope you live happily, and I don't want you or anyone else

413

00:22:23,140 --> 00:22:25,240

to dwell on my death.

414

00:22:25,340 --> 00:22:28,020

I love you all very dearly.

415

00:22:28,120 --> 00:22:30,320

You are good to me, and nobody else

416

00:22:30,420 --> 00:22:32,720

could have been a better mother.

417

00:22:32,820 --> 00:22:36,420

Keep me alive in your heart, and don't ever forget me.

418

00:22:36,520 --> 00:22:37,720

Love always, Kathy.

419

00:22:41,000 --> 00:22:42,960

And she was a very good friend.

420

00:22:44,340 --> 00:22:47,900

As well as made by daughter.

421

00:22:48,000 --> 00:22:50,180

The most direct route to where she was found

422

00:22:50,280 --> 00:22:53,780

would be straight down Desert Inn.

423

00:22:53,880 --> 00:22:58,020

On October 24, exactly three months after Kathy vanished,

424

00:22:58,120 --> 00:23:00,560

an answering machine at the Las Vegas Police Department

425

00:23:00,660 --> 00:23:03,360

recorded a startling call from a man who may have been

426

00:23:03,460 --> 00:23:05,620

a witness to Kathy's abduction.

427

00:23:05,720 --> 00:23:08,860

Grab this girl in front of the store

428

00:23:08,960 --> 00:23:11,260

on Desert Inn in Maryland.

429

00:23:11,360 --> 00:23:12,600

This is a few months ago.

430

00:23:12,660 --> 00:23:14,020

I've been out of town for a few months,

431

00:23:14,120 --> 00:23:15,720

and I wrote this down because she was screaming

432

00:23:15,820 --> 00:23:17,020

and they pulled her in the car.

433

00:23:17,120 --> 00:23:20,500

She was a very young girl wearing a white jacket

434

00:23:20,600 --> 00:23:21,960

and a pink pants.

435

00:23:22,060 --> 00:23:23,560

And the guy's name, he hollered to him,

436

00:23:23,660 --> 00:23:25,700

pushed her in the car, and his name was Robbie.

437

00:23:29,500 --> 00:23:33,140

The theory that we have is that she was abducted

438

00:23:33,240 --> 00:23:36,080

between the store and her apartment

439

00:23:36,180 --> 00:23:38,540

by one or more suspects.

440

00:23:38,640 --> 00:23:41,980

We think she was driven to the lake that night.

441

00:23:42,060 --> 00:23:45,360

I believe that she was abducted and killed that evening.

442

00:23:48,260 --> 00:23:50,660

The caller reported the license plate number of a car

443

00:23:50,760 --> 00:23:53,260

he saw a girl being forced into, but he did not

444

00:23:53,360 --> 00:23:55,660

leave his name or phone number.

445

00:23:55,760 --> 00:23:57,360

The police checked the license number

446

00:23:57,460 --> 00:23:59,840

and discovered it did not exist.

447

00:23:59,940 --> 00:24:02,740

The crucial tip came over a year ago.

448

00:24:02,840 --> 00:24:05,340

And despite repeated appeals, the witness

449

00:24:05,440 --> 00:24:07,340

still hasn't called back.

450

00:24:07,440 --> 00:24:11,820

And we need to find out if he possesses any more information.

451

00:24:12,760 --> 00:24:14,860

And if he doesn't wish to give a name, that's fine,

452

00:24:14,960 --> 00:24:16,960

but we do need to talk to him.

453

00:24:17,060 --> 00:24:19,500

Someone out there is walking the streets, killing kids.

454

00:24:23,100 --> 00:24:25,740

And they killed my daughter.

455

00:24:25,840 --> 00:24:28,380

And before they could kill someone else's daughter,

456

00:24:28,480 --> 00:24:29,880

I want them caught.

457

00:24:29,880 --> 00:24:45,960

The

458

00:24:46,060 --> 00:24:50,900

Today bill is 62 and has found all but one of his siblings.

459

00:24:51,000 --> 00:24:53,200

Now he wants to find his lost sister Jackie.

460

00:25:00,500 --> 00:25:02,220

Last December, we brought you a story

461

00:25:02,320 --> 00:25:06,020

that began over 40 years ago in war-torn Eastern Europe.

462

00:25:06,120 --> 00:25:09,180

In 1945, as Hitler's Third Reich crumbled,

463

00:25:09,280 --> 00:25:12,320

refugees choked the high roads and rural roads.

464

00:25:12,420 --> 00:25:15,000

Carl Dente and his family fled their home in Budapest,

465

00:25:15,100 --> 00:25:19,200

Hungary, across the border into Austria.

466

00:25:19,300 --> 00:25:21,900

As winter fell and the weather turned bitter cold,

467

00:25:22,000 --> 00:25:24,600

the Dente's were forced to live in a box car.

468

00:25:24,700 --> 00:25:27,740

Life was particularly hard for Carl's five-year-old daughter,

469

00:25:27,840 --> 00:25:29,580

Brigitta.

470

00:25:29,580 --> 00:25:31,540

A few days before Christmas, all that

471

00:25:31,640 --> 00:25:34,820

changed when an American soldier known only as Philip

472

00:25:34,920 --> 00:25:37,480

asked the daddies if he could take Brigitta to a Christmas

473

00:25:37,580 --> 00:25:40,960

party, given for the refugee children by the Americans.

474

00:25:41,060 --> 00:25:41,560

Yes.

475

00:25:41,660 --> 00:25:42,460

Yes.

476

00:25:42,560 --> 00:25:43,360

Yes.

477

00:25:43,460 --> 00:25:44,160

Yes.

478

00:25:44,260 --> 00:25:44,960

Christmas.

479

00:25:45,060 --> 00:25:45,860

Yes.

480

00:25:45,960 --> 00:25:46,960

She'll have fun.

481

00:25:47,060 --> 00:25:47,560

Though over 40 years have passed since that night,

482

00:25:47,660 --> 00:25:51,160

Brigitta remembers it as if it were yesterday.

483

00:25:51,260 --> 00:25:54,340

Philip made me feel very, very special.

484

00:25:54,440 --> 00:25:56,740

Aside of making me feel safe and happy,

485

00:25:56,840 --> 00:25:59,380

he made me feel like a big girl.

486

00:25:59,440 --> 00:26:02,240

Well, I felt like a princess.

487

00:26:02,340 --> 00:26:04,720

It's like someone opened a magic door.

488

00:26:07,920 --> 00:26:10,920

I felt like I was in a dream.

489

00:26:11,020 --> 00:26:12,480

I never wanted the dream to end.

490

00:26:18,420 --> 00:26:21,100

Over the next few months, a deep and caring friendship

491

00:26:21,200 --> 00:26:24,600

grew between Philip and the daddies.

492

00:26:24,700 --> 00:26:27,940

Then one day, Philip came to the camp with bad news.

493

00:26:28,000 --> 00:26:30,640

His unit had been recalled back to the United States,

494

00:26:30,740 --> 00:26:32,700

and would be leaving immediately.

495

00:26:32,800 --> 00:26:36,440

He gave Carl a photograph to remember him by.

496

00:26:36,540 --> 00:26:38,580

Though the daddies never saw Philip again,

497

00:26:38,680 --> 00:26:40,780

they will never forget the warmth and kindness

498

00:26:40,880 --> 00:26:45,480

he brought their family on that Christmas day so long ago.

499

00:26:45,580 --> 00:26:49,420

He brought a big change in our life, a little happiness.

500

00:26:49,520 --> 00:26:55,900

You know, give us a lot of confidence of the human race.

501

00:26:55,960 --> 00:26:58,100

After 11 years of struggle and hardship,

502

00:26:58,200 --> 00:27:01,360

the daddies finally made it to America.

503

00:27:01,460 --> 00:27:05,300

For 30 years, Carl and Brigitta searched for Philip.

504

00:27:05,400 --> 00:27:08,980

Their only clue was the photograph he left them 43 years ago.

505

00:27:15,080 --> 00:27:17,520

Within an hour of our broadcast, Mrs. Pauline Dofty

506

00:27:17,620 --> 00:27:19,620

of Augusta, Maine, called our 800 number

507

00:27:19,720 --> 00:27:22,220

to say that the man named Philip in our story

508

00:27:22,320 --> 00:27:24,420

was her cousin Philip Pelleter.

509

00:27:24,480 --> 00:27:27,580

He's a retired postal worker and lives in Hammond, Indiana.

510

00:27:27,680 --> 00:27:30,180

We immediately called Carl and Brigitta Dentie

511

00:27:30,280 --> 00:27:31,480

and helped to arrange a reunion.

512

00:27:34,520 --> 00:27:39,220

On Wednesday, December 28, 1988, Carl and Brigitta's 30-year search

513

00:27:39,320 --> 00:27:41,400

for Philip came to an emotional end.

514

00:27:41,500 --> 00:27:42,360

Knock, knock, knock.

515

00:27:46,140 --> 00:27:46,940

Bridget?

516

00:27:47,040 --> 00:27:47,900

Yeah, Philip?

517

00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:48,700

Oh, yes.

518

00:27:48,800 --> 00:27:50,100

Oh, hi.

519

00:27:50,200 --> 00:27:51,000

Oh, I can't believe it.

520

00:27:51,100 --> 00:27:51,900

Hi.

521

00:27:52,000 --> 00:27:53,200

Hello, everyone.

522

00:27:53,300 --> 00:27:54,100

Hi.

523

00:27:54,120 --> 00:27:55,320

How are you feeling, Bridget?

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00:27:55,420 --> 00:27:56,360

Just feeling my wife.

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00:27:56,460 --> 00:27:57,560

Yeah, she's like a nobody.

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00:27:57,660 --> 00:27:58,160

Hi.

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00:27:58,260 --> 00:27:59,160

Oh, my god.

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00:27:59,260 --> 00:28:00,160

Nice to see you.

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00:28:00,260 --> 00:28:02,060

Well, it's really pretty hard to tell you

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00:28:02,160 --> 00:28:04,240

just how I feel after all so many years

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00:28:04,340 --> 00:28:07,200

and trying to recollect everything

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00:28:07,300 --> 00:28:09,840

that we went through together.

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00:28:09,940 --> 00:28:12,380

It's very hard.

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00:28:12,480 --> 00:28:14,380

It's very exciting.

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00:28:14,480 --> 00:28:18,580

It's almost unbelievable.

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00:28:18,680 --> 00:28:19,680

Oh, my god.

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00:28:19,780 --> 00:28:20,880

Nice to see you.

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00:28:20,980 --> 00:28:23,520

It's something like a Christmas miracle

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00:28:23,540 --> 00:28:26,140

because when he left, I was thinking about it.

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00:28:26,240 --> 00:28:27,920

I ever see him again.

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00:28:28,020 --> 00:28:29,780

And here we go after 43 years.

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00:28:29,880 --> 00:28:31,620

We back together again.

543

00:28:31,720 --> 00:28:35,480

It's just like a dream came too hard to believe it.

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00:28:35,580 --> 00:28:38,660

Sometimes I had a feeling I was going to wake up.

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00:28:38,760 --> 00:28:42,500

You were five, right, at the time at the Christmas party?

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00:28:42,600 --> 00:28:45,900

The minute that I saw him, I could see the warmth.

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00:28:46,000 --> 00:28:52,700

And the happy look on his face, smiling.

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00:28:52,960 --> 00:28:55,360

Like we really never had lost touch in a way.

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00:28:58,060 --> 00:29:00,460

Carl, Brigida, and Philip spent the afternoon

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00:29:00,560 --> 00:29:02,740

looking through photographs that brought back

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00:29:02,840 --> 00:29:06,780

memories of that special time they spent together.

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00:29:06,880 --> 00:29:08,140

We're going to stay with touch.

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00:29:08,240 --> 00:29:12,380

We're going to try to visit each other as much as possible.

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00:29:12,480 --> 00:29:16,580

We're going to renew the friendship what we had before.

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00:29:16,680 --> 00:29:18,420

You know, it's a friendship forever.

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00:29:23,320 --> 00:29:29,700

Bill Purinton, a 62-year-old retired New Hampshire businessman,

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00:29:29,800 --> 00:29:32,900

was separated from his family in 1934

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00:29:33,000 --> 00:29:34,800

when he was eight years old.

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00:29:34,900 --> 00:29:37,400

Back then, his last name was Harrington,

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00:29:37,500 --> 00:29:40,540

and his family was struggling to survive the depression.

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00:29:40,640 --> 00:29:43,580

Bill was one of six children who stayed at home

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00:29:43,680 --> 00:29:44,880

while his parents were away working.

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00:29:44,940 --> 00:29:48,740

On August the 3rd, 1934, the Harrington children

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00:29:48,840 --> 00:29:51,140

were preparing a birthday party for Bill

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00:29:51,240 --> 00:29:54,540

and his little sister Jackie.

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00:29:54,640 --> 00:29:56,780

The children were unaware that four of them

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00:29:56,880 --> 00:29:59,380

would soon be torn from their family.

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00:29:59,480 --> 00:30:03,120

In the space of a few moments, all of their lives

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00:30:03,220 --> 00:30:04,120

would change forever.

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00:30:08,220 --> 00:30:10,800

The Harrington family lived in the small apartment

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00:30:10,900 --> 00:30:12,260

in the middle of the city.

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00:30:12,760 --> 00:30:15,060

The Harrington family lived in the small upstate town

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00:30:15,160 --> 00:30:18,360

of Hartwick, New York.

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00:30:18,460 --> 00:30:20,560

Their neighbors felt that the four youngest children

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00:30:20,660 --> 00:30:22,800

were being neglected.

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00:30:22,900 --> 00:30:24,900

They reported the Harrington's to the Society

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00:30:25,000 --> 00:30:28,840

for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

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00:30:28,940 --> 00:30:32,380

The Society took action on the very day of Bill and Jackie's

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00:30:32,480 --> 00:30:33,480

birthday celebration.

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00:30:38,080 --> 00:30:40,620

The social workers arrived when both parents are out working.

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00:30:43,260 --> 00:30:45,880

Despite their parents' absence, the Harrington children's

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00:30:45,980 --> 00:30:48,660

modest birthday celebration was already in progress.

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00:30:48,760 --> 00:30:53,720

Happy birthday, dear Bill and Jackie.

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00:30:53,820 --> 00:30:58,000

Happy birthday to you.

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00:30:58,100 --> 00:30:59,000

Blow the candles out.

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00:31:04,600 --> 00:31:06,540

As soon as a party was finished,

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00:31:06,640 --> 00:31:09,240

the social workers took the four youngest children away.

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00:31:13,260 --> 00:31:17,620

Bill, at eight years of age, was the oldest of the four.

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00:31:17,720 --> 00:31:19,720

I didn't know who they were.

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00:31:19,820 --> 00:31:22,820

And they told me that I was going to take a trip.

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00:31:22,920 --> 00:31:25,160

And I was excited.

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00:31:25,260 --> 00:31:26,600

I was going to go on a train.

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00:31:26,700 --> 00:31:29,300

I was going to go in a car.

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00:31:29,400 --> 00:31:31,600

I was going to see things that I hadn't seen before.

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00:31:31,700 --> 00:31:35,840

And it was exciting until I realized that I wasn't going home.

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00:31:35,940 --> 00:31:37,040

Then I became angry.

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00:31:38,000 --> 00:31:39,240

I was upset.

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00:31:39,340 --> 00:31:41,940

And that's when I realized that I was not

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00:31:42,040 --> 00:31:43,440

going to see my family again.

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00:31:58,740 --> 00:32:00,340

Bill and his three younger siblings

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00:32:00,440 --> 00:32:02,040

were put up for adoption.

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00:32:02,140 --> 00:32:03,840

They went to four different families

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00:32:03,940 --> 00:32:05,440

in the state of New York.

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00:32:05,940 --> 00:32:08,940

They would not see one another again for nearly 50 years.

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00:32:12,440 --> 00:32:16,540

In 1948, when Bill was 22 and just out of the army,

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00:32:16,640 --> 00:32:21,140

he began the search for his lost brothers and sisters.

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00:32:21,240 --> 00:32:24,740

He made no headway at all until 1976,

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00:32:24,840 --> 00:32:28,640

when he wrote to the records clerk in Hartwig, New York.

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00:32:28,740 --> 00:32:31,040

Just as the clerk was replying to Bill's letter,

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00:32:31,140 --> 00:32:32,640

a chance visitor dropped by.

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00:32:32,740 --> 00:32:33,640

I know her.

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00:32:33,740 --> 00:32:34,740

I know his mother.

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00:32:35,140 --> 00:32:36,840

She moved out in San Francisco.

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00:32:36,940 --> 00:32:38,640

She's living right near her daughter.

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00:32:38,740 --> 00:32:39,940

Would you have an address for her?

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00:32:40,040 --> 00:32:40,740

I'd do it with mom.

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00:32:40,840 --> 00:32:41,640

You want her?

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00:32:41,740 --> 00:32:42,740

Oh, that would be great.

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00:32:42,840 --> 00:32:44,740

Bill immediately wrote to the San Francisco address

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00:32:44,840 --> 00:32:49,040

and received a cautious reply from Wanda, his older sister.

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00:32:49,140 --> 00:32:53,440

Wanda just said, I'm Wanda Harrington.

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00:32:53,540 --> 00:32:56,640

And if you want any information about the family,

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00:32:56,740 --> 00:32:57,640

just call me.

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00:32:57,740 --> 00:32:59,740

And she gave me a phone number.

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00:32:59,840 --> 00:33:01,340

And I called her.

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00:33:01,440 --> 00:33:03,040

And she answered the phone.

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00:33:03,440 --> 00:33:05,940

And I said, hi, Wanda.

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00:33:06,040 --> 00:33:10,040

And she said, yes, are you Ed or are you Bill?

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00:33:10,140 --> 00:33:11,640

And I said, I'm Bill.

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00:33:11,740 --> 00:33:14,340

And she started to cry.

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00:33:14,440 --> 00:33:19,140

By 1976, Bill had tracked down all of his brothers and sisters

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00:33:19,240 --> 00:33:20,640

except two.

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00:33:20,740 --> 00:33:23,440

Jackie, the sister who had shared his birthday,

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00:33:23,540 --> 00:33:26,440

and Ed, his baby brother.

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00:33:26,540 --> 00:33:30,540

The feeling of knowing that you have a brother or a sister

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00:33:30,540 --> 00:33:35,940

somewhere that you can't locate is the driving force.

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00:33:36,040 --> 00:33:40,040

It just makes you want to keep on looking.

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00:33:40,140 --> 00:33:40,940

You don't give up.

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00:33:44,540 --> 00:33:48,940

In 1980, Bill's search got another unexpected boost.

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00:33:49,040 --> 00:33:52,140

Helen Steinman of the New York Children's Aid Society

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00:33:52,240 --> 00:33:53,940

found a phone number for Ed.

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00:33:54,440 --> 00:33:58,340

On Christmas Eve, Bill spoke to his brother Ed

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00:33:58,440 --> 00:34:00,840

for the first time in 47 years.

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00:34:00,940 --> 00:34:03,140

You sound just like what I thought you would.

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00:34:03,240 --> 00:34:04,840

When I got the call from my brother,

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00:34:04,940 --> 00:34:07,340

I just couldn't believe that it actually happened.

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00:34:07,440 --> 00:34:09,340

And it's just been a great experience

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00:34:09,440 --> 00:34:11,340

to have all of a sudden with one phone call,

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00:34:11,440 --> 00:34:14,340

I have 42 new relatives.

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00:34:14,440 --> 00:34:17,440

And being a Christmas time, I was the greatest Christmas

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00:34:17,540 --> 00:34:18,340

gift I could get.

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00:34:19,340 --> 00:34:23,240

Finally, two months ago, the Harrington family reunited.

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00:34:23,340 --> 00:34:26,040

The first time all five of them had been together

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00:34:26,140 --> 00:34:27,540

for more than 50 years.

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00:34:48,340 --> 00:35:12,140

Ed's wife played photographer, and the brothers and sisters

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00:35:12,240 --> 00:35:14,340

posed for their first family picture since night

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00:35:14,340 --> 00:35:17,340

1933.

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00:35:17,440 --> 00:35:20,640

The Harrington children treasure their reborn family,

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00:35:20,740 --> 00:35:22,240

but their joy is temporary.

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00:35:22,340 --> 00:35:24,240

Their sister Jackie remains missing.

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00:35:26,840 --> 00:35:30,040

When we find Jackie, it'll be a completed circle.

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00:35:30,140 --> 00:35:32,240

Everything will be in its place.

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00:35:32,340 --> 00:35:35,740

Everybody will be where they belong.

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00:35:35,840 --> 00:35:38,740

I've been looking for my sister for the last 40 years,

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00:35:38,840 --> 00:35:39,740

and I intend to find her.

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00:35:39,840 --> 00:35:41,740

I'm not going to stop until I find her.

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00:35:41,740 --> 00:35:44,140

I'm not going to stop until I do.

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00:35:57,140 --> 00:35:59,440

One Sunday afternoon in Phoenix, Arizona,

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00:35:59,540 --> 00:36:03,540

a businessman named Angelo Desideri prepared a solitary lunch.

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00:36:03,640 --> 00:36:06,740

Before he could sit down to enjoy it, he vanished.

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00:36:06,840 --> 00:36:09,740

30 hours later and 400 miles away,

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00:36:10,740 --> 00:36:12,740

his burned-out car was discovered.

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00:36:12,840 --> 00:36:15,740

No other trace of Angelo Desideri has ever been found.

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00:36:24,740 --> 00:36:27,240

On the afternoon of June the 5th, 1988,

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00:36:27,340 --> 00:36:30,240

a prosperous businessman named Angelo Desideri vanished

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00:36:30,340 --> 00:36:32,240

from his Phoenix home.

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00:36:32,340 --> 00:36:35,440

Nobody knows why or to where he disappeared.

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00:36:35,540 --> 00:36:38,340

His friends and family believe he met with foul play.

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00:36:38,340 --> 00:36:41,640

Some investigators think Angelo wanted to disappear.

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00:36:41,740 --> 00:36:44,240

There's no conclusive evidence either way.

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00:36:44,340 --> 00:36:45,740

Only questions.

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00:36:51,740 --> 00:36:54,840

57-year-old Angelo Desideri was a devout Catholic

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00:36:54,940 --> 00:36:56,940

who had once studied for the priesthood.

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00:36:57,040 --> 00:36:58,940

He lived a quiet routine existence

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00:36:59,040 --> 00:37:02,240

with his parents and a Phoenix suburb.

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00:37:02,340 --> 00:37:05,740

Angelo was a very ordered, neat individual.

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00:37:06,240 --> 00:37:11,240

Very, very meticulous and very, very neat individual.

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00:37:11,340 --> 00:37:12,740

A perfectionist.

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00:37:12,840 --> 00:37:15,740

In its true sense of the word, a perfectionist.

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00:37:15,840 --> 00:37:19,740

Angelo built a small fortune out of hard work.

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00:37:19,840 --> 00:37:22,740

He had several close friends but never married.

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00:37:22,840 --> 00:37:25,240

Angelo loved the finer things in life

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00:37:25,340 --> 00:37:27,240

and he supported this affluent lifestyle

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00:37:27,340 --> 00:37:30,240

by owning a shopping center and an import store.

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00:37:32,740 --> 00:37:34,740

On the morning of Monday, June 6th,

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00:37:34,740 --> 00:37:36,340

a neighboring shop owner discovered

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00:37:36,440 --> 00:37:39,540

that Angelo's store was closed and no one was inside.

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00:37:43,440 --> 00:37:45,640

One of Angelo's friends drove out to his home

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00:37:45,740 --> 00:37:47,240

to see if anything was wrong.

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00:37:50,440 --> 00:37:53,540

After seeing certain things that disturbed me

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00:37:53,640 --> 00:37:59,440

like an alarm that was not on and other things of that nature,

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00:37:59,540 --> 00:38:04,240

he went next door and made the decision to phone 911

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00:38:04,240 --> 00:38:06,740

and bring out a police officer as we get out of the house.

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00:38:21,240 --> 00:38:24,840

Inside, Angelo was nowhere to be found.

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00:38:24,940 --> 00:38:28,040

The house was undisturbed.

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00:38:28,140 --> 00:38:30,540

Apparently, he had been interrupted while preparing lunch.

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00:38:35,240 --> 00:38:41,740

On the kitchen table, Angelo had laid out piles of bills

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00:38:41,840 --> 00:38:43,240

as if preparing to pay them.

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00:38:47,240 --> 00:38:49,640

In the living room, two new pairs of pants

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00:38:49,740 --> 00:38:51,640

were found near a shopping bag.

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00:38:51,740 --> 00:38:54,440

A receipt inside the bag showed Angelo had bought the pants

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00:38:54,540 --> 00:38:56,740

at 12.47 the previous afternoon.

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00:39:05,240 --> 00:39:08,240

When my brother disappeared on that Sunday afternoon,

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00:39:08,340 --> 00:39:10,240

he left the house with absolutely nothing.

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00:39:10,340 --> 00:39:13,240

He didn't take a toothbrush, a pair of slippers, nothing,

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00:39:13,340 --> 00:39:14,240

absolutely nothing.

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00:39:14,340 --> 00:39:16,240

The only thing that we discovered that was missing

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00:39:16,340 --> 00:39:18,740

was his attaché case, some jewelry,

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00:39:18,840 --> 00:39:21,240

and money was missing from the home.

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00:39:21,340 --> 00:39:23,240

But as far as any other personal items,

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00:39:23,340 --> 00:39:24,740

everything was left behind.

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00:39:24,840 --> 00:39:27,740

If we could find out why he left in that hurry,

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00:39:27,840 --> 00:39:31,740

it might give us a clue as to where Angelo is.

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00:39:34,740 --> 00:39:38,740

In the garage, investigators discovered a telling clue.

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00:39:38,840 --> 00:39:42,040

Angelo's car cover lay crumpled on the floor.

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00:39:42,140 --> 00:39:45,640

Angelo was compulsively neat and always folded the cover

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00:39:45,740 --> 00:39:48,740

after removing it.

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00:39:48,840 --> 00:39:50,740

A neighbor fueled police suspicion

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00:39:50,840 --> 00:39:53,540

when he said he had seen Angelo's Cadillac speed off

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00:39:53,640 --> 00:39:56,840

the Sunday he disappeared.

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00:39:56,940 --> 00:39:58,840

It was very difficult to see.

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00:39:58,940 --> 00:40:01,240

Of course, I couldn't see any facial characteristics,

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00:40:01,240 --> 00:40:05,740

and it just appeared to be a person taller than Angelo.

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00:40:05,840 --> 00:40:10,740

It wasn't like Angelo to pull out without acknowledging me.

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00:40:10,840 --> 00:40:13,240

He'd returned from out of town just a few days before.

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00:40:13,340 --> 00:40:16,740

I'd given him his mail and we spoke briefly Friday night,

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00:40:16,840 --> 00:40:19,740

which was prior to this was on a Sunday.

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00:40:19,840 --> 00:40:24,040

And it just, all kinds of questions, you wonder why.

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00:40:24,140 --> 00:40:26,540

There's a missing link, and I wish I knew what it was,

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00:40:26,640 --> 00:40:28,740

and I'm sure a lot of other people do too.

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00:40:32,240 --> 00:40:37,240

At 6.32 on Monday evening, only 30 hours after Angelo disappeared,

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00:40:37,340 --> 00:40:41,740

about 400 miles from Phoenix, a 1985 Cadillac was found

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00:40:41,840 --> 00:40:44,240

a blaze in a San Diego parking lot.

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00:40:44,340 --> 00:40:48,240

An accelerant had been used to set the fire.

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00:40:48,340 --> 00:40:50,740

Investigators traced the order.

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00:40:50,840 --> 00:40:53,240

It was registered to Angelo Desideri.

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00:40:56,940 --> 00:41:00,940

When San Diego authorities accused Angelo of stealing

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00:41:00,940 --> 00:41:02,640

the car, the authorities examined the car.

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00:41:02,740 --> 00:41:05,740

There were no personal belongings inside.

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00:41:05,840 --> 00:41:08,740

They found no signs of forcible entry.

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00:41:08,840 --> 00:41:10,740

The ignition was untampered with.

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00:41:10,840 --> 00:41:14,340

There were no signs or indications of any hot wiring of any type.

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00:41:14,440 --> 00:41:16,940

The vehicle was very, very, meticulously cleaned.

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00:41:17,040 --> 00:41:19,640

No bugs, no dirt anywhere on the front of the vehicle

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00:41:19,740 --> 00:41:23,340

as if it had just come from a long journey from another state.

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00:41:23,440 --> 00:41:25,140

Washing a car and then burning it is something

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00:41:25,240 --> 00:41:28,640

that is the first for me in my career.

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00:41:28,640 --> 00:41:31,140

I cannot conceive that he would burn the car.

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00:41:31,240 --> 00:41:35,440

It just seems incredible that this is possible of my brother.

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00:41:35,540 --> 00:41:38,940

He's just, it just doesn't seem possible to me.

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00:41:39,040 --> 00:41:42,040

I just can't, I can't comprehend something like this.

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00:41:42,140 --> 00:41:43,940

We looked into the trunk and found absolutely nothing

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00:41:44,040 --> 00:41:46,740

in that trunk that would have been there other than the jack.

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00:41:46,840 --> 00:41:49,940

No carpet, no padding, no spare tire.

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00:41:50,040 --> 00:41:51,540

We processed that vehicle.

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00:41:51,640 --> 00:41:53,040

There were no fibers or no hairs.

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00:41:53,140 --> 00:41:55,740

There was nothing in that trunk or anything that we could discover

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00:41:55,840 --> 00:41:57,240

that had been in that trunk.

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00:41:57,240 --> 00:41:59,540

Basically this tells us that there could have been something

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00:41:59,640 --> 00:42:02,040

in the vehicle that was transported in the vehicle

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00:42:02,140 --> 00:42:04,940

and when it was taken out they took the carpet and the padding

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00:42:05,040 --> 00:42:07,040

and wrapped it all in one unit and took everything out

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00:42:07,140 --> 00:42:09,140

of the vehicle including the spare tire.

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00:42:11,840 --> 00:42:14,140

Phoenix police retraced the drive to San Diego

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00:42:14,240 --> 00:42:17,140

stopping at gas stations along the way.

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00:42:17,240 --> 00:42:20,140

Nobody matching Angelo's description had been seen.

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00:42:20,240 --> 00:42:22,640

Anonymous credit cards had been used.

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00:42:23,640 --> 00:42:27,040

In San Diego, car washes were checked on the slim chance

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00:42:27,140 --> 00:42:29,540

that someone would remember having seen Angelo.

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00:42:29,640 --> 00:42:30,540

No one had.

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00:42:32,640 --> 00:42:34,940

But authorities did find two witnesses

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00:42:35,040 --> 00:42:38,540

who had seen the car minutes before it was torched.

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00:42:38,640 --> 00:42:42,540

One saw a man resembling Angelo in front of the Cadillac.

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00:42:42,640 --> 00:42:46,540

At the same time a woman passing by also saw the man.

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However, neither witness could conclusively identify him as Angelo.

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We can narrow that down to about five minutes prior to the fire.

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The results of our case rest on who that person was.

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It could possibly close our case if it was Angelo standing by that car.

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In the disappearance of Angelo Desideri,

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00:43:12,540 --> 00:43:14,940

there are still many perplexing questions.

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00:43:15,040 --> 00:43:17,440

Why would Angelo leave his home in such a hurry

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00:43:17,540 --> 00:43:19,440

without a visible struggle?

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00:43:19,440 --> 00:43:22,840

Who was it standing next to Angelo's car in San Diego?

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00:43:22,940 --> 00:43:24,840

And why was it set on fire?

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And perhaps most importantly,

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00:43:26,940 --> 00:43:30,340

what was the motive for his disappearance?

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There is no way, knowing this man like I did,

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00:43:34,440 --> 00:43:41,340

that I can even remotely tie him into any illegal activity

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00:43:41,440 --> 00:43:44,340

with any underworld or anything criminal.

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Any being involved, anything of this nature,

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00:43:47,340 --> 00:43:52,240

they would cause him to have to possibly leave or disappear.

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00:43:52,340 --> 00:43:54,240

There is no way at all.

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00:43:54,340 --> 00:43:59,240

There is another life or there is another dimension to Angelo

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00:43:59,340 --> 00:44:01,240

that we have never been able to find.

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00:44:01,340 --> 00:44:05,240

We have a gentleman who would go out of his way for people,

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00:44:05,340 --> 00:44:08,240

someone who was devoted to his family.

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00:44:08,340 --> 00:44:12,240

And yet we have this whole case

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00:44:12,340 --> 00:44:15,240

and all the pieces that we have.

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00:44:15,240 --> 00:44:20,140

And all the pieces, they just don't fit.

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00:44:20,240 --> 00:44:22,140

There is a piece missing somewhere.

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00:44:22,240 --> 00:44:26,140

And I think that if I could ever find that piece,

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00:44:26,240 --> 00:44:29,140

I'd find Angelo.

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For over eight months, investigators and friends

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00:44:32,240 --> 00:44:36,140

were baffled as to the motive for Angelo's disappearance.

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Update.

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On March 16th, Phoenix police charge a local resident,

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Joe Callow, with conspiracy to commit armed robbery

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on Angelo Desideri.

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They learned that Callow was a friend and business associate

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of Angelo and had detailed information

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00:44:53,240 --> 00:44:56,140

concerning his disappearance.

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Joe Callow told us that all the information he had

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00:45:00,240 --> 00:45:04,140

was told to him by James Majors.

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James Majors had worked with Callow in construction.

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He is currently in a California jail

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facing several counts of murder.

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During the interview of Joe Callow,

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he stated that Majors went to the house,

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got into the house by ringing the doorbell

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and asking for a glass of water.

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Then took Angelo at gunpoint

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and robbed the house.

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He was taken out of the house at that time by Majors

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and driven out into the desert.

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Callow claims that somewhere between Phoenix and San Diego,

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Majors murdered Angelo and then placed the body

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00:45:48,140 --> 00:45:50,040

in the trunk of the Cadillac and continued on

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towards San Diego.

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The following morning, Majors goes to a hardware store.

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We're not sure where.

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We believe it's in some small town

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between here and California,

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where he purchased a pick and a shovel.

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Callow claims that after buying the tools,

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Majors told him that he had driven down a desert back road

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to an area adjacent to a rundown house.

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He then buried Angelo near a large tree.

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According to Callow, Majors did a real unique thing.

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And that is, as he's leaving the gravesite,

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00:46:37,040 --> 00:46:41,940

he stopped and gave the shovel in the pick

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00:46:42,040 --> 00:46:47,940

to the poor people that lived in that shack.

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And then he exited under the highway

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and drove him to California.

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Joe Callow also told investigators

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that Majors had a storage locker.

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Police searched the locker and recovered property

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belonging to Angelo.

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These items were traced back to the Desideri home.

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No account.

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Page 12 features at which the office is located.

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The Cospo Village and also a

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These things signal high-wyge property

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that its building characters their high emissions.

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We want to avoid such protection with just promise inside

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of its home.

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We'll join you in enough information

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00:47:27,920 --> 00:47:33,060

about how we efficiently prevent snow White

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and Gandalf flood in California.

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can help solve a mystery.

