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This program is about unsolved mysteries. Whenever possible, the actual family members

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and police officials have participated in recreating the events. What you are about

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries, the story of an undercover cop who allegedly went wrong.

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On the day of his trial, he fled into the Louisiana Swamps and his fellow officers believe

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he is playing a lethal game of hide and seek. According to history and Hollywood legend,

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the notorious outlaw Billy the Kid was gunned down by his friend Sheriff Pat Garrett in 1881.

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Recent evidence suggests that Garrett killed the wrong man. In 1987, Donald Smith, accompanied

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by a mysterious hitchhiker, had a tearful reunion with his long lost daughter. The next day,

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both men vanished. These intriguing stories all need one final clue, one final piece of information

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before they can be solved. Perhaps someone watching tonight can help. Perhaps it's you.

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May the 16th, 1987, Denver, Colorado, at two o'clock in the morning, two vehicles collided

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on a downtown street. One driver fled the scene, abandoning his pickup truck.

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A few minutes later, when police arrived to investigate the scene of the accident,

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they made a thorough search of the abandoned pickup truck.

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Inside, they found a bloody jack handle and a room key from a local motel.

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Police went to the motel and discovered that the driver of the abandoned vehicle

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was registered there under the name of Larry Monroe. In his room, they found a pair of pants

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and a sweatshirt, both covered with blood. Still fresh. Denver police tracked the abandoned pickup

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truck to a white man named Donald Smith from Hemet, California. Yet the driver who ramped

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the collision in Denver was black. Police could get no information at all about the man who'd

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registered at the motel under the name of Larry Monroe, but they were able to check out Don Smith.

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They found the Smith's wife had not heard from him for 12 days ever since he left home to begin a

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cross-country trip. What started out as a simple traffic accident would soon turn into a bizarre

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murder. A murder that police are still trying to solve. Don Smith, the owner of the abandoned

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vehicle, lived with his second wife in Hemet, a small town in Southern California. He'd been

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feeding despondent because he was not well enough to work. So he decided to drive cross-country to

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visit relatives. Smith left Hemet on May the 11th, 1987, driving the pickup truck and towing a trailer.

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He was accompanied only by his two Labrador Retrievers. Don was anxious to visit his daughter

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Brenda in Idaho. Brenda was the only child from Don's first marriage. For most of her life,

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she and her father had been kept apart. My mother kept me away from my father.

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They didn't get along real well after the divorce, and I think I only saw him like once,

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up until the time my mother died, and then I started searching for him. He was searching for me as well.

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When Brenda was 26 years old and herself a divorced mother of two,

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she and her father were finally and joyfully reunited.

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I was in a really good relationship. It was almost like we had always known each other. It was real

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close, I could tell him anything. He was very protective of me, and if anyone ever, if I ever

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had a problem, he said, just let me know, I'll take care of it for you. He was kind of a macho

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man, I guess. Basically, it was a real good relationship. With the exception of my father drank,

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which he didn't do very often. Thank God, he turned into kind of a different person when he was drunk.

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The day after Don Smith left Hammett, he and another man pulled up in front of the hospital

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where Brenda worked as a psychiatric nurse. Smith stayed in the truck, but his companion got out

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and walked into the hospital. Hi, I'm looking for Brenda Walker. She's not working today.

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I'd probably connect you with the supervisor if I can. The receptionist referred the man to

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Brenda's supervisor, John Slane. Yeah, this is John. Well, I'm looking for Brenda Walker.

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She's not here today. Who is this place? A friend of her father's, and I need to get in contact with her.

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I can't give you that information. I'll tell you what, why don't I meet you out in the parking lot?

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Slane went outside to talk to Don Smith. Hi, you're Brenda's dad? Yeah, where's my baby girl, Brenda?

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Yeah, he was obviously been drinking, and he said to, you know, where's Brenda at? And I said,

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well, she's some fishing with her girlfriend. The guy that was driving leaned over, you know,

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to get the directions. Once I explained to him how to get out to the one intersection,

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he seemed to know where that was.

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Just 15 miles away, Brenda and her friends had given up fishing and stopped by a saloon near the lake.

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The three of them were having a drink at the bar.

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We're sitting there at the bar near the window by the front door.

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The door opened, and everyone in the bar turned around. There was a black man that had come in,

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and he closed the door, he had sunglasses on, took the sunglasses off,

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and looked around for a few minutes. I think he was probably allowing his eyes to adjust to the

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darkness. Then he walked into the restroom, and about probably a minute later, this man came in

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with wild hair, and his shirt was untucked. Hi, is there a friend to walk her in here?

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I want a dad, no. It took me a minute to really realize who he was. It was my father.

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Thank you so much. He looked so different from the last time I saw him, and he hugged me and

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sat at the bar with me for a minute, and I realized that he was drunk,

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and I went into the restroom. I was a little upset because he had showed up drunk, and it

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kind of embarrassed me in front of my friends. She's such a sweetheart, I sure missed her.

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I went into the restroom, I came back out. How about you? I want to be with you so much.

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He starts crying immediately, and he's babbling, and he's talking about how he doesn't want to be

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alive anymore, and how he's got cancer, and he was going to be with my mother in heaven, and

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then his companion came out of the restroom. Hey, they don't serve whiskey in here.

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The black man just kept on walking. You know, he kind of looked over at my father,

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and then just kept walking like he didn't really know who he was. Kind of ignored him a little

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bit, and went out and got into the truck, and got into the driver's seat of my father's truck.

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I kept looking out the window at him, you know, and he'd sit there, and he had his, you know,

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his head leaning on the steering wheel staring out at the lake, and I don't know, he looked real

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impatient, looked disgusted with being there. I'm just sorry. I've thought your life up for all these years.

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Yeah, I don't want to hear you cry. I don't want to hear this. Why don't you just go get a motel

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room, silver rat, and then come back and talk to me tomorrow about it.

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Anyone want to fight in here? Let's go. I can flip anyone in here.

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But her father became belligerent. Brenda walked out of the saloon.

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After a few minutes, Brenda's father followed her outside, but she left without speaking to him.

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I wish that I would have had more patience with him. I wish I would have understood

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his situation. I wish I would have, you know, tried to be more compassionate with him.

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It was the last of my son. He opened up the camper and let the dogs out and let them run around,

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and I just drove away.

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Two weeks later, in the high desert outside Twin Falls, Idaho, a couple out for their morning

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walk made a horrible discovery. A lease were called in to remove and

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identify the dead body.

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We observed a body that appeared to have been thrown over the guard rail laying down.

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The body was decaying for approximately two weeks. We could not recognize him at that point.

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There was no identification found around him or on him. At this time, we had no idea who we had.

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We just had another John Doe.

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An autopsy was done and we found bludgeon marks on the back of the head, indicating cause of death

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was by bludgeon. Also outside of the guard rail, where possibly the victim was thrown from,

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we found a sack with a bottle of wine in it. It was just taken as evidence. It wasn't until

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we had the body identified that it all started fitting in to the crime scene.

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The Twin Falls Sheriff's Department had no idea who the body was.

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It was only heard about the two-car collision in Denver, where the driver of the pickup truck

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had fled the scene. The Denver police discovered the abandoned vehicle belonged to Don Smith.

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They issued a possible homicide bulletin. Denver police had sent out a teletype,

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indicating that they had a vehicle involved in an accident that possibly was involved in a homicide.

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So I called the Denver Police Department and they gave me the name of a subject, Donald Smith.

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Fingerprints from the dead man in Twin Falls positively identified the body as Donald Smith.

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Police began to piece together the events that led up to Don Smith's murder.

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On May 11th, the very day Smith left home, he ran into trouble with the trailer he was towing.

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Just outside Las Vegas, he arranged to leave his trailer with a local man.

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One theory is that soon after Smith left Las Vegas, he picked up a hitchhiker.

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At some point along the way, Smith started drinking.

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The day after he saw his daughter, Brenda, Don Smith turned up in Park City, Utah.

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I need to have you send me some money so I can go to Vancouver.

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He called his sister in Vancouver, asking her to wire him money.

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That same day, Smith picked up \$200. He was accompanied by a man who looked exactly like

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the one Brenda had seen with her father in the bar.

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Police theorize that the hitchhiker Smith had picked up murdered him when Smith stopped to

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let his dogs out for a run. The murder weapon was probably a jack handle

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grabbed from the rear of Smith's pickup truck.

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Police suspect that the man dumped Smith's body in the high desert,

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where it was found over two weeks later.

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I want to know why he killed my father. I want to know why he took my

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father away from me and away from my children. My father was the only family I had.

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This composite of Don Smith's mysterious companion was compiled from various eyewitness

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accounts. He is black but with relatively light skin and probably in his 30s.

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He stands around six feet tall and weighs about 180 pounds.

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He may use the name Larry Monroe and may once have lived in the area of Blackfoot, Idaho.

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Next, the story of Billy the Kid, notorious outlaw and a legend of the West.

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Was he really killed by a Sheriff Pat Garrett or did he live to the ripe old age of 91?

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The legendary Billy the Kid, easily the most notorious desperado of the wild wild West.

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He killed 21 men, one for every year of his life.

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The one without the whiskers is Billy the Kid. Billy the Kid.

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In 1941, Buster Crab played the role in one of over 250 movies made about the famous outlaw.

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Hollywood had started legend. Traditional wisdom tells us that Billy the Kid was born William

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Boddy in New York City in 1859. He fought against the rich ranchers in the Lincoln County cattle war

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and was given a death sentence for killing Sheriff William Brady.

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According to history and the movies, in 1881 Billy the Kid was hunted down by Sheriff Pat Garrett

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who tracked him to Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Billy was hiding in the home of a friend Pete Maxwell.

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Unaware of Garrett's arrival, he went out back to wash up.

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Garrett crept into Maxwell's house to ambush Billy. He was eager to collect the \$500 reward

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that had been offered for Billy the Kid's death.

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Who is it?

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Who is it?

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History tells us that Billy was buried the following day in a simple grave, but history may be wrong.

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This whole legend of Billy the Kid was absolutely no truth. 90% of what we've heard and been taught

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as students in schools is not true.

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68 years later, the Hollywood legend was turned upside down.

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When in 1950, a 91-year-old man from Hyko, Texas named Brushy Bill Roberts came out of obscurity

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and alleged that he was Billy the Kid. Despite a massive controversy, his claim still stands.

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There is no doubt whatever in my mind about what Brushy Bill and Billy the Kid was one

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and the same person. Historian Donald Lavash disagrees.

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There is absolutely no comparison whatsoever between Brushy Bill Roberts, known as Oli Partridge

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Roberts, and William Bonney, alias Billy the Kid. While the rest of America believes the

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Hollywood legend of Billy the Kid, in Hyko, Texas, the tiny community of 1300, is absolutely certain

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The famous outlaw was really Brushy Bill Roberts. Many historians cough at Brushy Bill's story,

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but William Tunsel's belief that Brushy Bill really was Billy the Kid cannot be dismissed out of hand.

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There is evidence that supports this claim, and if that claim is true,

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then this chapter in the history of the American West may have to be rewritten.

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In 1948, a Florida attorney, William Morrison, first uncovered evidence that Billy the Kid did not die in 1881.

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A client told him that years ago he had actually fought Billy the Kid in the Lincoln County wars,

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and that the Kid was still alive. As my father was talking to the man, he referred to Lincoln County.

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My father said, oh, he said that's where Billy the Kid, he said he was killed up there at Pete Maxwell's

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house, and the man said, oh, no, no, he wasn't killed, he's still around.

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Fascinated, Morrison crisscrossed the West talking to other old timers about Billy the Kid.

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He discovered that many thought that Billy was indeed still alive, quietly living under the name

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Brushy Bill. Finally in 1949, Morrison made the trip to Hyko, Texas to confront

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Brushy in person and ask him if the rumors were true.

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Brushy Bill here.

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Nice to meet you in person.

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I am Billy the Kid. Come on in, we'll talk about this a little further.

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We must keep in mind that this man did not seek publicity, he did not seek to come out from

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seclusion, he was drawn out. Come on in.

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Brushy Bill wanted Morrison's help in finally getting the pardon that was promised to him in

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1879 by the governor of New Mexico for turning state's evidence.

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I expect a full pardon out of this. So when I die, why, much later it'll be clean.

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Well, I'll help you if I can, but you have to be able to prove to me you are who you say you are.

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I can do that. I still got the scars, and I didn't get these set around in no rocking chair.

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The scars seemed to match the reported wounds received by the Kid during his short-lived

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outlaw career. This one here on my shoulder is from a knife wound down south of the border.

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I'm really not too proud of that. There were 17 points of identification of similarity between

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the two. Both men had small hands and large wrists protruding teeth, protruding ears, blue eyes,

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same head size, same boot size, and the weight. There's no record anywhere where there's anything

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having to do with a boot size of Billy the Kid, a waist size of Billy the Kid, or a hat size of

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Billy the Kid. Nothing, but it does tell us something about his eyes. This reporter states

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unequivocally, without question, that they were clear blue eyes. Brushy Bill had speckled eyes.

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Some of these spots are still fraying. My memory, right over that hill there, we used to camp out.

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In 1950, Brushy Bill took Morrison on a guided tour of the Kid's former Haunson Lincoln County.

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Morrison died in 1976, but he told his daughter about the trip.

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Brushy Bill would give incidents that only someone that was actually involved in the

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Lincoln County War would have known. My father became convinced that this man was.

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Brushy Bill Roberts was actually Billy the Kid. Morrison then contacted five people who had known

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Billy the Kid during the Lincoln County War. Each of them separately met Brushy Bill in person.

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All five witnesses signed sworn affidavits stating that Brushy Bill Roberts was indeed Billy the Kid.

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If Brushy Bill really was Billy the Kid, one nagging question remains. What really happened

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on July 14th, 1881, in Fort Sumner? According to Brushy Bill, on the night of the shooting,

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he was with his girlfriend, Celse, and his partner, Billy Barlow, at Jesus Silva's house.

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These are the precise words Brushy Bill used in his testimony to William Morrison

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to describe the events of that fateful night. Silva said if one of us would go next door and

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get beef, he would cook it for us. I sensed a trap. He started out after I refused to leave the house.

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I thought that Garrett might still be in town and I wanted to meet him in the daytime so I could

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beat him to it. Unknown to the Kid, Garrett and his posse had taken cover across the yard.

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One of their first shots had killed my partner. I ran out into the yard.

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I ran through the gate and started shooting at shadows along the house.

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The first shot struck me in the lower jaw.

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00:22:18,000 --> 00:22:23,280

Another struck me in the shoulder and then another struck me across the top of my head.

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00:22:24,160 --> 00:22:30,560

When I woke up, a Mexican woman was putting beef tallow on my head to stop the blood.

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00:22:30,560 --> 00:22:39,760

I told her to reload my 44. Then Celse came running in and said they'd killed Barlow

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00:22:39,760 --> 00:22:44,640

and were passing off his body, his mind. She begged me to leave town.

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00:22:47,280 --> 00:22:52,800

Rushy claims that the next day, Billy Barlow was buried in his place.

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00:22:55,440 --> 00:23:03,360

In a normal procedure, the sheriff would have brought the corpse to a place for anyone to witness.

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00:23:04,000 --> 00:23:09,280

He would have demonstrated his guns, his clothing, his boots, his rifle.

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00:23:09,840 --> 00:23:20,160

Pat Garrett did not follow that procedure. He took every precaution to conceal the identity of the corpse.

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00:23:21,680 --> 00:23:29,440

He realized he had killed the raw man. Pat Garrett enlisted some 21 people that

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00:23:30,080 --> 00:23:37,120

purportedly knew William Bonney and they assembled, passed by the casket and said yes,

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00:23:37,120 --> 00:23:40,400

that's William Bonney, Billy the kid, in that casket.

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00:23:42,640 --> 00:23:47,520

By 1950, Morrison felt he had gathered enough evidence to request a pardon from Governor

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00:23:47,520 --> 00:23:50,880

Mavery of New Mexico. He agreed to meet them in person.

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00:23:52,400 --> 00:23:54,080

Rushy Bill was very nervous.

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00:23:56,560 --> 00:24:01,680

He saw some deputies standing there and they had guns in their holsters.

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00:24:07,920 --> 00:24:14,960

This is a man 91 years old, did not want to hang and they were all saying if he is

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00:24:14,960 --> 00:24:18,400

Billy the kid, he's an outlaw, he's a criminal, you don't pardon him, you're hanging.

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00:24:20,320 --> 00:24:25,840

The interview turned into a press circus. 90-year-old Brushy was confused and scared by the

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00:24:25,840 --> 00:24:28,880

reporters, historians and even Pat Garrett's relatives.

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00:24:29,600 --> 00:24:32,960

Brushy, who's buried in that grave if Pat Garrett didn't kill Billy the kid?

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00:24:32,960 --> 00:24:35,600

How many aliases have you had all these years?

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00:24:35,680 --> 00:24:38,800

Governor Mavery, do you really intend to give this man a pardon?

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00:24:38,800 --> 00:24:44,320

I am taking no action now or ever on this application for a pardon for Billy the kid

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00:24:44,320 --> 00:24:47,360

because I do not believe this man to be Billy the kid.

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00:24:48,720 --> 00:24:57,040

The governor never even gave him a chance to present the evidence by just flat

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00:24:57,040 --> 00:24:59,440

loud telling him he wasn't even going to consider it.

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00:25:01,360 --> 00:25:04,880

Morrison's legal arguments and affidavits were not even entered into evidence.

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00:25:05,440 --> 00:25:10,640

Brushy Bill felt he had been humiliated, his claims ridiculed, his pardon was not granted.

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00:25:13,760 --> 00:25:18,560

Shortly after the meeting with Governor Mavery, Brushy Bill suffered a heart attack

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00:25:18,560 --> 00:25:20,640

and died on a street in Hyko, Texas.

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00:25:24,560 --> 00:25:30,800

All he wanted was to have his name cleared. That's all he was trying to do, giving back

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00:25:30,800 --> 00:25:38,480

his dignity. I have no doubts in my mind at all and the more, the more I get into my father's

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00:25:38,480 --> 00:25:49,200

papers, the more I get into his records, the more I read, no one would ever convince me the man was

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00:25:49,200 --> 00:25:51,040

not, Brushy Bill was not Billy the kid.

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00:25:55,440 --> 00:26:00,000

Brushy Bill's friends and neighbors have erected a memorial to Brushy Bill Roberts which reads

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00:26:01,200 --> 00:26:05,440

he spent the last days of his life trying to prove to the world his true identity.

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00:26:06,160 --> 00:26:16,720

We believe his story and pray to God for the forgiveness he solemnly asked for.

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00:26:17,600 --> 00:26:33,520

On a previous broadcast, we examine the strange disappearance of Angelo Desideri,

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00:26:33,520 --> 00:26:37,440

a 58-year-old businessman who lived in a suburb of Phoenix, Arizona.

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On the morning of Monday, June 6, 1988, Angelo failed to open his gift shop.

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00:26:44,960 --> 00:26:46,960

Concerned, his friends called the police.

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00:26:49,440 --> 00:26:52,800

They arrived at Angelo's house and discovered it undisturbed.

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00:26:52,800 --> 00:26:56,640

It appeared that Angelo had been interrupted while preparing a mid-afternoon meal.

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A neighbor fueled police suspicion when he said he had seen Angelo's catalac speed off

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00:27:06,720 --> 00:27:12,640

the Sunday he disappeared. It was very difficult to see, of course, I couldn't see any facial

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00:27:12,640 --> 00:27:16,720

characteristics and it just appeared to be a person taller than Angelo.

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00:27:18,080 --> 00:27:21,520

It wasn't like Angelo to pull out without acknowledging me.

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00:27:25,440 --> 00:27:31,920

At 6.32 on Monday evening, 30 hours after Angelo disappeared and 400 miles away from Phoenix,

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00:27:31,920 --> 00:27:36,160

a 1985 catalac was found ablaze in the San Diego parking lot.

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00:27:36,800 --> 00:27:42,320

Gasson had been used to set the fire. Investigators traced the owner of the car.

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00:27:44,000 --> 00:27:46,160

It belonged to Angelo Desideri.

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00:27:47,680 --> 00:27:50,800

We looked in the trunk and found absolutely nothing in that trunk that would have been there

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00:27:50,800 --> 00:27:57,280

other than the jack. No carpet, no padding, no spare tire. Basically, this tells us that there

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00:27:57,280 --> 00:28:01,760

could have been something in the vehicle that was transported in the vehicle and when it was

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taken out, they took the carpet and the padding and wrapped it all in one unit and took everything

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out of the vehicle, including the spare tire. For over eight months, investigators and friends

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00:28:12,240 --> 00:28:20,880

were baffled as to the motive for Angelo's disappearance. Update. On March 16th, Phoenix

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Police charged a local resident, Joe Callow, with conspiracy to commit armed robbery and burglary

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on Angelo Desideri. They learned that Callow was a friend and business associate of Angelo

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and had detailed information concerning his disappearance. Joe Callow told us that all the

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information he had was told to him by James Majors. James Majors had worked with Callow in

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00:28:46,480 --> 00:28:51,440

construction. He is currently in a California jail facing several counts of murder.

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During the interview of Joe Callow, he stated that Majors went to the house,

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got into the house by ringing the doorbell and asking for a glass of water,

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00:29:05,760 --> 00:29:10,720

then took Angelo at gunpoint and robbed the house.

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00:29:13,360 --> 00:29:19,600

He was taken out of the house at that time by Majors and driven out into the desert.

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Callow claims that somewhere between Phoenix and San Diego, Majors murdered Angelo

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00:29:27,440 --> 00:29:31,760

and then placed the body in the trunk of the Cadillac and continued on towards San Diego.

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The following morning, Majors goes to a hardware store. We're not sure where,

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00:29:42,720 --> 00:29:46,160

we believe it's in some small town between here in California,

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00:29:48,160 --> 00:29:50,000

where he purchased a pick and a shovel.

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00:29:50,320 --> 00:29:59,120

Callow claims that after buying the tools, Majors told him that he had driven down a

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00:29:59,120 --> 00:30:05,920

desert back road to an area adjacent to a rundown house. He then buried Angelo near a large tree.

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00:30:08,080 --> 00:30:11,200

According to Callow, Majors did a real unique thing.

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And that is, as he's leaving the gravesite, he stopped and gave the shovel and the pick

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00:30:23,200 --> 00:30:26,320

to the poor people that lived in that shed.

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00:30:28,320 --> 00:30:32,320

And then he exited under the highway and drove into California.

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00:30:36,000 --> 00:30:39,920

Joe Callow also told investigators that Majors had a storage locker.

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00:30:39,920 --> 00:30:43,360

Police searched the locker and recovered property belonging to Angelo.

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00:30:43,920 --> 00:30:47,040

These items were traced back to the desidery home.

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Next, the story of Charles Muley, a model policeman,

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her source partners thought, in reality, Charles Muley is an accused child molester of Waded Fugitive.

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Surrounded by swamps and bayous, Slidell, Louisiana, lies on the outskirts of New Orleans.

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Slidell is a conservative community, an unlikely setting for a shocking series of crimes that

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ended in a local motel room over four years ago. On the evening of March 1st in 1985,

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00:31:42,400 --> 00:31:47,040

36-year-old Charles Muley escorted a 12-year-old girl to his rented room.

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00:31:58,000 --> 00:32:03,920

Moments later, police arrested Muley. They charged him with a sexual molestation of a minor.

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The authorities knew the suspect well. Charles Muley was a fellow police officer.

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In fact, he was a sergeant in charge of sexual offenses at the Slidell Police Department.

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00:32:15,120 --> 00:32:17,680

The young girl was a child he was counseling.

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00:32:19,840 --> 00:32:23,680

One of the most wrenching things that can face law enforcement officers is when one of their

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00:32:23,680 --> 00:32:29,680

own goes bad. Charles Muley's arrest outraged his former partners. They found it hard to believe

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00:32:29,680 --> 00:32:33,280

that one of their own could have betrayed the public trust in such a shocking fashion.

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00:32:34,000 --> 00:32:38,720

But the evidence was all too convincing. Because of the nature of these offenses,

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00:32:38,720 --> 00:32:43,840

we've used actors to portray the 12-year-old victim and her family. We've also changed their names.

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Sergeant Muley was a highly regarded undercover officer at Slidell's Police Department.

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In 1983, he was chosen as Slidell's police officer of the year. Muley was so adept in his

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undercover disguises that he once arrested the same felon three different times without being

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00:33:09,360 --> 00:33:20,160

recognized. After his transfer to the sexual molestation to Taylor in 1981, he was assigned

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00:33:20,160 --> 00:33:24,400

to the case of a 12-year-old girl who had been upset by the advances of an older boy.

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00:33:24,480 --> 00:33:30,880

My daughter and a friend of hers in the neighborhood had come to me complaining about a boy who had

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00:33:30,880 --> 00:33:37,440

been harassing him very badly in the neighborhood. And I talked to the other girl's mother,

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00:33:38,080 --> 00:33:43,600

and we both decided it might be a good idea to call the police station to report this boy.

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00:33:45,120 --> 00:33:49,600

So all you're really going to be doing is talking to Sergeant Muley. He's probably going to ask you

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00:33:49,600 --> 00:33:55,600

a few questions. Now I did appear at the police station. That was the first encounter we had

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00:33:55,600 --> 00:34:01,040

with Sergeant Muley. We're the Josephs. Oh, Sergeant Muley. How are you doing, folks? He must be Claire.

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00:34:01,040 --> 00:34:08,240

Well, come on in. I had no reason not to trust him. I never regarded him as anything but a policeman.

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00:34:08,880 --> 00:34:12,640

Sergeant Muley, a policeman. A few folks on mine. You can sit out here.

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00:34:12,800 --> 00:34:21,360

Muley not only deceived the parents, but his fellow officers had no idea of his activities.

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00:34:23,040 --> 00:34:28,560

In, I worked most of the sex crime cases that were reported to the Slido Police Department at that

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00:34:28,560 --> 00:34:36,800

time, adult and juvenile. We saw each other, of course, every day. We worked cases together.

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00:34:37,360 --> 00:34:43,600

I thought he handled himself very professionally. When I worked with him, I thought Charlie was

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00:34:43,600 --> 00:34:50,320

a pretty good policeman. Well, folks, I think I've got this figured out. And we may have a problem.

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00:34:50,880 --> 00:34:55,040

I don't want you to be too concerned. I'm going to have to interview your daughter. I'm going to have

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00:34:55,040 --> 00:35:01,040

to interview the boy again. Later on, when he would call the house about her, he would say,

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00:35:01,680 --> 00:35:06,240

why don't you bring her down here? And you don't need to wait. It's ridiculous for you to sit there

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00:35:06,240 --> 00:35:14,560

and wait. And I said, OK. No sooner had I turned the block, he was leaving the police station

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00:35:14,560 --> 00:35:20,720

with her walking past other policemen, put her in the car, and they would leave.

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00:35:20,880 --> 00:35:29,920

The police officer took the young girl to a motel room that he had reserved for undercover work.

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00:35:38,080 --> 00:35:45,920

Our daughter, she started changing. I knew that something was bothering my daughter because

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00:35:46,000 --> 00:35:53,040

she would say, daddy, don't look at me. The girl stated that Mule had been seeing her for four months.

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00:35:53,040 --> 00:35:57,840

Finally, she could no longer take the emotional strain. She told her parents what had been occurring.

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00:35:58,880 --> 00:36:03,920

And all I could keep saying was over and over in my mind was, I can't believe that he did this.

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00:36:05,280 --> 00:36:10,640

I remember her telling me how relieved she was to get it all out.

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00:36:11,440 --> 00:36:19,920

In order to gather more incriminating evidence, police in consultation with a reluctant Joseph

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00:36:19,920 --> 00:36:26,160

family asked the 12-year-old girl to make one more rendezvous with Mule. This time,

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00:36:26,160 --> 00:36:33,360

the motel room would be used as a trap with a hidden video camera to secure just enough evidence

for prosecution.

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00:36:34,080 --> 00:36:41,200

Sheriff's office, freeze. You're under arrest.

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00:36:43,680 --> 00:36:50,080

Before the girl could be compromised, Mule was arrested by his fellow officers and booked for child molestation.

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00:37:04,240 --> 00:37:09,840

I received a phone call that Charlie had been arrested and charged with molestation of a juvenile.

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00:37:11,040 --> 00:37:15,200

And I was flabbergasted. I didn't know how to act. I really didn't. I was sick on my stomach.

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00:37:16,400 --> 00:37:21,280

I thought it was somehow a mistake because I'd known him for a long time and this was

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00:37:21,280 --> 00:37:23,120

nothing in his personality that I ever saw.

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00:37:23,920 --> 00:37:34,880

Having to investigate another policeman, especially one that I had been

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00:37:34,880 --> 00:37:36,800

partners with, was the hardest thing I've ever done.

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00:37:44,000 --> 00:37:47,280

I don't know what else to say. It was the hardest thing that I've ever done.

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00:37:48,240 --> 00:37:53,040

I was mad.

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00:37:54,880 --> 00:37:58,000

I was unhappy. I'm mad now.

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00:38:03,760 --> 00:38:08,480

We're going to record our conversation and then I'm going to ask you

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00:38:09,840 --> 00:38:14,720

some questions about Charlie Mule. One of those questions will be how did you come to meet him?

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00:38:18,000 --> 00:38:21,600

My mom and dad brought me to the police station and that's how I met him.

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00:38:21,600 --> 00:38:23,600

He was probably the hardest statement I ever took.

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00:38:25,360 --> 00:38:29,520

It was hard for me to sit there and listen to that child say some of the things she said.

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00:38:30,800 --> 00:38:31,040

Yes.

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00:38:31,760 --> 00:38:33,360

Would he talk to you or to your mom?

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00:38:34,080 --> 00:38:34,480

To me.

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00:38:35,520 --> 00:38:37,200

And what would he say when he called?

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00:38:38,560 --> 00:38:43,840

He would say to make up a story to my mom or dad and then he would meet me somewhere.

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00:38:48,240 --> 00:38:52,320

Officer Porter began to go through Mule's personal files.

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00:38:52,320 --> 00:38:56,720

She was hoping that the alleged molestation of the girl was an isolated incident.

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00:38:56,720 --> 00:38:58,800

Apparently it was not.

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00:39:00,880 --> 00:39:04,880

If you're on a please, considering the serious gravity of these offenses.

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00:39:04,880 --> 00:39:13,840

On September 27th, 1985, Charles Mule was indicted on over 25 counts relating to the molestation and rape of six young girls.

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00:39:13,840 --> 00:39:19,280

The fact that the defendant has no prior record in his service to the community in the past.

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Mule was released on \$150,000 bail. He adamantly denied all of the charges.

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00:39:31,840 --> 00:39:36,480

Eight months later, on May 11th, 1986, Mule was reported missing.

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00:39:36,480 --> 00:39:38,320

It was a morning of his trial.

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00:39:38,720 --> 00:39:45,280

Two days later, his pickup truck was found abandoned on the Pass Manchuk Bridge.

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00:39:46,000 --> 00:39:51,120

The initial assumption was that he had taken his life rather than face the ordeal of a public trial.

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00:39:54,480 --> 00:39:59,040

I was one of the first officers to show up at the scene of when the truck was located.

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00:40:00,000 --> 00:40:05,200

It was my gut feeling at that time that no, he had not jumped, had not committed suicide.

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00:40:05,760 --> 00:40:11,120

Of course, you have to go on more than gut feeling so we had to drag the lake.

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00:40:13,120 --> 00:40:18,800

The Sheriff's Department spent several days searching the Bayou Manchuk Lake in the hopes of finding Mule's body.

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00:40:21,120 --> 00:40:27,600

Tributaries and backwaters were also searched as there was a chance the body might have washed ashore. Nothing was found.

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00:40:27,920 --> 00:40:33,280

Two days later, an anonymous phone call was made to the Sheriff's Department.

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00:40:33,280 --> 00:40:39,440

A person told them that a suicide note signed by Mule had been left in a service station restroom

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00:40:39,440 --> 00:40:42,480

five miles away from where the pickup had been found.

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00:40:44,960 --> 00:40:49,360

The letter read, in part, I was not guilty of any of these charges.

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00:40:49,920 --> 00:40:52,320

They have persecuted me for no reason.

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00:40:52,320 --> 00:40:55,360

Please forgive me for my wrongdoings.

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00:40:55,360 --> 00:40:59,360

There is no way you can convince me that Charlie Mule committed suicide.

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00:41:01,360 --> 00:41:03,360

I do not believe that at all.

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00:41:03,360 --> 00:41:07,360

I did not believe it the day the note was found.

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00:41:07,360 --> 00:41:13,360

I did not believe the note at all.

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00:41:13,360 --> 00:41:19,360

I believe that the note was part of the game that Charlie Mule had been involved in.

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00:41:19,360 --> 00:41:21,360

I do not believe the note at all.

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00:41:21,360 --> 00:41:25,360

I believe that the note was part of the game that Charlie was playing.

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00:41:25,360 --> 00:41:29,360

And that he has been playing since he left here, whatever the rest of it is.

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00:41:33,360 --> 00:41:39,360

The day after the discovery of the suicide note, a fisherman believed he saw Mule emerging from the swamp.

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00:41:39,360 --> 00:41:43,360

This was closely followed by another sighting.

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00:41:43,360 --> 00:41:47,360

In this case, the witness was fired upon by a man dressed in hospital clothes.

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00:41:47,360 --> 00:41:49,360

A favorite outfit of Mule.

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00:41:49,360 --> 00:41:51,360

Hey, how are you doing?

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00:41:55,360 --> 00:42:01,360

Later when he made his report to the police, he picked out Charles Mule as the person who shot him.

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00:42:01,360 --> 00:42:03,360

That's him right there.

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00:42:03,360 --> 00:42:07,360

Number five, we were convinced more than ever that Charles was alive.

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00:42:07,360 --> 00:42:11,360

That he was in this area and he had not moved far from this area.

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00:42:17,360 --> 00:42:27,360

Almost two years after Mule's disappearance, another anonymous tip-budd police to a trailer near a local swamp.

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00:42:27,360 --> 00:42:29,360

They had been told that Mule was inside.

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00:42:33,360 --> 00:42:35,360

Clear. Clear on us in.

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00:42:35,360 --> 00:42:39,360

Okay, he ain't gonna be here. We missed him.

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00:42:39,360 --> 00:42:45,360

Authorities believe that Mule was tipped off by some of his former police associates.

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00:42:45,360 --> 00:42:49,360

I think somebody told him we were coming in the law enforcement community.

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00:42:49,360 --> 00:42:55,360

I think they notified him that we were looking at him, that we were close to him and that he ran.

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00:42:55,360 --> 00:42:57,360

Of course, Charlie was a policeman too.

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00:42:57,360 --> 00:43:05,360

So he is aware of the way policemen handle a case, surveillance and so forth and so on.

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00:43:05,360 --> 00:43:07,360

Charlie did a lot of surveillance.

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00:43:08,360 --> 00:43:17,360

Looking back at it now, I think that he enjoyed working undercover so much that right now he's just playing an undercover game.

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00:43:17,360 --> 00:43:23,360

But now it's real for him before he was playing the police officer working undercover.

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00:43:23,360 --> 00:43:27,360

But now he has to go undercover. So I think he's enjoying it.

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00:43:28,360 --> 00:43:34,360

Almost three years have passed since Mule disappeared.

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00:43:34,360 --> 00:43:41,360

Police believe he may be hiding in the swamp land near Slidel, living a solitary ramble-like existence.

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00:43:44,360 --> 00:43:49,360

I think Charlie enjoys the thrill of the chase. He enjoys the game.

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00:43:49,360 --> 00:43:53,360

And Charlie always needs to win the game.

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00:43:53,360 --> 00:43:59,360

I don't want him to win this time. He doesn't have the right to win this time.

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00:44:02,360 --> 00:44:05,360

Charles Mule has been captured.

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00:44:05,360 --> 00:44:16,360

Within minutes of our July broadcast, the FBI received several calls from viewers who reported that Mule was living in Ocala, Florida, 30 miles south of Gainesville,

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00:44:16,360 --> 00:44:20,360

under the assumed name Joseph John Trancina.

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00:44:20,360 --> 00:44:25,360

Mule had seen our broadcast and left the Ocala area for approximately three weeks.

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00:44:25,360 --> 00:44:32,360

When he returned on August 3rd, he was arrested by FBI agents and Marion County, Florida Sheriff's deputies.

411

00:44:46,360 --> 00:44:55,360

For every mystery there is someone, somewhere who knows the truth. Perhaps that someone is watching. Perhaps it's you.

412

00:45:16,360 --> 00:45:21,360

The FBI is looking for a way to get Mule to escape the crime.

413

00:45:21,360 --> 00:45:26,360

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00:45:26,360 --> 00:45:31,360

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00:45:31,360 --> 00:45:36,360

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00:45:36,360 --> 00:45:41,360

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