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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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In Roanoke, Virginia, 21-year-old Ray Ann Mosser was shot and killed by a single blast

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from a shotgun. The official verdict was suicide, but Ray Ann's grieving parents believed that

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verdict was wrong.

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In New Mexico, Ed Barbera alerted investors to his goldmine with dazzling demonstrations

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and glittering promises, but in reality, Ed Barbera was a con man.

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In tiny Sachsenburg, Pennsylvania, routine traffic stop escalated into a harrowing life

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or death struggle for police chief Greg Adams. His attack was now on the FBI's 10 most

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wanted list. In the 1940s, Georgia Tan was the respected director of a model Tennessee

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organization. Years later, authorities would discover that this idyllic setting was in

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fact a front for a baby happy.

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These intriguing stories all need one final clue, one final piece of information before

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

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Hi, kids. Are you looking for new furniture? Come on down to Furniture USA right now.

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In the San Francisco Bay Area during the early 1980s, Maurice Ed Barbera was an inescapable

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fixture on late night television. The owner of a successful furniture chain, Ed

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Barbera, soon became a local cult hero. Each of his self-starring commercials featured

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the same distinctive tagline. In 1984, Ed Barbera turned from selling furniture to

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prospecting for gold and purchased a mine in New Mexico. The golden gull should never

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produce any gold for its previous owners, but Barbera was confident with the secret

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processing technique he would extract gold from the mine's worthless dirt, \$93 million

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worth in the first year of operation. He claimed he would share this wealth with investors

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in his holding company, DynaPak.

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Ed told me many, many times, you're going to make a lot of money on this stock, you

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have nothing to worry about, and I went along with it, I believed him.

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His company also planned to manufacture automatic sofa beds as well as producing an internationally

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syndicated television series on bingo. One of the major DynaPak shareholders was prominent

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San Francisco attorney, Melvin Belli. Belli signed a glowing testimonial that helped Barbera

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recruit even more investors. Later, Belli was to claim he never read the letter before

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he signed it.

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I called all my friends, told them about Melvin Belli, and they became excited and it convinced

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a lot of people that hadn't gone into it before to go into it, plus ones that were already

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in it to buy more.

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Within months DynaPak's value quadrupled and then quadrupled again. With an estimated 17

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million shares, Barbera was at one time worth over \$136 million.

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Listen Ed, I've been spending a little sleepless night wondering and thinking about selling

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some of my stock to get some of my investment back, Ed, please, what do you think?

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At this time Ruby Gullo wanted to recoup her initial investment by cashing out some of

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her shares.

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\$90, you think that stock actually might hit \$90, Ed?

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You know, he said, Ruby, if anything should happen, I promise you that I will give you

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back every penny of money that you have invested personally. I will do it personally.

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The meteoric rise of DynaPak alerted the Security Exchange Commission. They suspended trading,

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pending an investigation. DynaPak's value immediately plummeted.

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First starts, and of course the conveyor belt comes up, and we separate the big stuff.

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In order to regain his fortune and credibility, Barbera opened up his mind for scrutiny.

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He invited financial analysts to come to New Mexico and promised to show them firsthand

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his mining operation.

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Look at that, huh? That's where the gold really is in there. Can you smell it?

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He would bring investors out to the mine, give them red hard hats with VIP written across

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the front, and he would give them a tour of what, for all appearances, to someone who

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was expecting to see an operating gold mine, looked like just that.

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What we're going to do here is pour some actual gold.

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During his presentation, Barbera relied upon his background as a performer.

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Now, watch yourself. It gets real hot. Step back.

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The pouring of this molten metal created the grand finale of Barbera's production, a pyramid

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made of solid gold.

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99.9% pure gold grown on this property. Come on, come on.

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On March 24th, 1985, the SEC allowed DynaPak back on the stock exchange.

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But Barbera had not convinced everybody that his operation was legitimate.

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The pyramids were said to be worth \$150,000, and investors were almost besides themselves

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holding that much money in their hands.

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As it turns out, the pyramids were about 99.5% copper, and even the copper ore had to be

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trucked in from somewhere else because Barbera's mine didn't even have any copper in it.

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At this time, an investigation by the New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources began

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to turn up irregularities in Barbera's mining practices.

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Based upon all the samples analyzed by the New Mexico Bureau of Mines, and in comparing that

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with the literature put out by DynaPak, we had to conclude that there was a scam in the making here.

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They simply could not produce gold in the amounts that they were claiming.

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In fact, not anywhere close to it.

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In 1986, Ed Barbera hired a geologist named David Fingato.

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Barbera was anxious to have his extravagant production figures confirmed.

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He was confident that Fingato would produce figures that substantiated his glowing projections to investors.

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Barbera was wrong.

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Well, David worked for DynaPak. He found virtually no gold.

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He said that either Ed Barbera was an idiot or he must have been doing something wrong,

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like trying to launder money because he was certain that they were getting almost no gold, negligible amounts of gold

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out of the operation, and he wondered how long Barbera could continue to operate under those circumstances.

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Fingato finally had had enough. He quit, and after an argument with Barbera was thrown off the mines premises.

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Now that's the last I want to hear about this subject.

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As a result of this encounter, Fingato was concerned about both his safety and the safety of his family.

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He moved from the area and contacted the local authorities.

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In light of the fact that the authorities were not responsive to my brother's information,

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David went to national news.

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In this interview, Fingato made it very clear why he quit DynaPak.

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The crookedness, the illegalities that were going on, the lies and falsehoods.

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In the same story, Barbera responded to these reports of fraud.

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I can only tell you that after reading the report,

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that their opinions only use this word loosely, suck.

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Five days after this interview, and two days before the story was to air, David Fingato was dead,

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crushed when his truck ran off a road near his home.

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Though the circumstances of his death were suspicious, the official verdict was that it was an accident.

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I think that when Barbera saw David Fingato on CNN, describing how the gold figures were all bogus,

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and they weren't really producing the gold that Barbera claimed, he realized that the game was over.

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And it was a matter of days before he disappeared.

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I got a call from a broker one day and said, you know what's happening to DynaPak?

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And I said, no, great. He said, going up again?

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And he said, no, I tell you this bad news.

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But he said, this man, Ed, has skipped the country.

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Phone calls to DynaPak and the mind were answered by a reassuring message that business was proceeding normally,

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but in reality, the mind was deserted and Ed Barbera had fled.

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It took them months until after we did our story before they finally moved in and filed a lawsuit.

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And the local sheriff was being bribed by Ed Barbera, so there wasn't really anybody to investigate.

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It's hard to estimate how much money was lost.

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If there were eight million shares out there, that's somewhere between 15 and 20 million dollars

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that was lost by investors on DynaPak stock.

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I had been cleaned out. My life savings were gone.

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He ruined me. What can I say?

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After DynaPak crumbled, Barbera moved to Canada, changed his name and made a living through fraud.

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But nine months later, he was arrested, tried and convicted on 12 felony counts relating to DynaPak.

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But before he could be sentenced, Barbera jumped bail and vanished. He has not been seen since.

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I'll never be able to understand a person that could be so, I call it evil, really evil to do that to people.

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To just go out and just ruin people's lives.

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Several weeks ago, we profiled a shocking case of a baby boy who was abducted from a Sinai hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, just two days after he was born.

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On the morning of September 21st, 1989, a woman disguised as a nurse entered the maternity ward room of Linda Norris.

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The woman instructed Mrs. Norris to hand over her two-day-old son, Avery James, and return to her bed for a physical examination.

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The woman pulled the privacy curtain closed and then disappeared with Avery.

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This has really been, I guess, one of the hardest things I've ever had to face in my life.

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I can't imagine going on from day to day without having him back.

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Tonight, we're happy to report that Avery James Norris is back in the loving arms of his parents, that his alleged abductor is behind bars.

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On November 15th, the Maryland State Division of Vital Records received a call from a woman who claimed that she had given birth to a baby boy at her home two months earlier.

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The caller, 33-year-old Carleen Victoria Wilkinson, said she wished to obtain a birth certificate for her son, Tavon Anthony Wilkinson.

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Authorities immediately became suspicious and began an investigation.

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A DNA test later confirmed that Tavon Anthony Wilkinson was actually Avery James Norris.

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On November 16th, two-month-old Avery James Norris went home with his parents for the first time.

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We're very happy. This is day one. We start our life right from today.

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I'd just like to thank all the people who called and all the people who sent letters and cards and who prayed for us.

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And I thank you from my husband and myself and for our baby.

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On February 4th, 1986, at 7.53 p.m., a quiet neighborhood in Roanoke, Virginia was shattered by a single blast from a shotgun.

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21-year-old Rayanne Mosser was pronounced dead at the scene with a shotgun wound to her chest.

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When officers arrived at 7.57, they did find the body of the young girl lying beside the car.

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They found a shotgun lying on the trunk of the car, pointed in the direction of where the young lady would have been standing.

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In reconstructing what had occurred prior to their arrival, they found that she had dated a young man who lived in that house nearby.

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It was his car that she was lying beside. It was his car where the shotgun was found lying on the trunk. They found no one else in the area.

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Pretty heated argument. She wanted to know why I hadn't been seeing her lately.

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So, as she stormed out, the last thing she said to me was, what do I have to do to prove my love to you?

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Kill myself, and then she ran out the door.

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You didn't come to the door when you heard this shotgun blast?

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No, sir. No, sir. I didn't go outside. I didn't even look outside.

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If there was anybody outside with a shotgun, I was going to stay inside. I feared for my life.

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After questioning Rayanne's ex-boyfriend, the police investigation failed to find any evidence of foul play.

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It was officially ruled that Rayanne Mosser had committed suicide.

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At first glance, the death of Rayanne Mosser appears to follow a tragic but all too common pattern.

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Rejected by her ex-boyfriend, she was overheard by three witnesses threatening to kill herself.

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Yet, in this case, the obvious solution may be too easy, too pat.

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Over the past three years, Rayanne's parents have assembled disquieting and convincing evidence

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that raises serious questions about their daughter's death.

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They believe Rayanne was murdered, and they want her death reclassified as a homicide.

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Most of all, they simply want to have Rayanne's name cleared.

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When our daughter was murdered, she was charged and convicted of a crime she did not do to herself.

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And the power within me and my husband both is to find out why, who, and what happened.

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This is definitely was not a suicide, and I really don't care what anybody thinks.

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Rayanne worked as a waitress and lived at home with her parents.

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She had recently taken a test to enlist in the Navy where she hoped to study radiology.

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Rayanne had a real good personality. She loved life. She loved people. Hard-working type young lady.

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She had too much of my personality. Too much of the temper to commit suicide.

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Examining police reports of the crime scene, Rayanne's parents began to discover evidence

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that cast doubt on suicide as a cause of death.

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Rayanne's car was parked directly across the street from where she died.

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The driver's door was wide open. Music was blurring from her car stereo,

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and her key was still in the ignition. She seemed to have left the car in a hurry.

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Also, the police had found the 12-gauge shotgun lying on the trunk of the car after the shooting.

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Ron and Anne felt if Rayanne really had shot herself, the weapon would have fallen to the ground

beside her body.

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How long was Rayanne's arm? 29 inches.

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Okay, 29 inches right there, and that's on the tip of your finger.

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Finally, Rayanne's arm measured 29 inches, but the distance from the trigger of the shotgun to the muzzle was 36 and a half inches.

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My arm length was right close to my daughter's arm length, so I took a broomstick and measured it out

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to be able to push that trigger with my thumb and to be able to get it in after we'd seen the body diagram.

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I can't even get to the trigger.

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I couldn't reach it?

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There ain't no way that you won't even reach it. There's no way.

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She couldn't have pulled that trigger and shot herself.

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On the night of Rayanne's death, authorities told her parents that not Topsy would be carried out automatically.

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Two weeks later, Ron and Anne discovered that not Topsy had never been performed or even requested.

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When I found out the autopsy was not performed, I was shocked.

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How did she die?

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The Mossers requested that Rayanne's body be exhumed.

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At last, six months after her death, an autopsy was performed by Dr. David Oxley, the original medical examiner.

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In the anterior chest corresponding to the wound seen at the previous examination of 2586.

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According to the autopsy, Rayanne was killed by a contact wound to the chest, meaning the muzzle of the gun was against her skin.

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In addition, powder burns were found on Rayanne's left wrist.

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After the autopsy, the medical examiner declined to change the manner of death. It remained listed as suicide.

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The more that we got into detail of it, there was nothing matching.

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It was still confusion, the things weren't adding up right, so that's where we started back for another opinion.

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The Mossers contacted Dr. John Butts, the chief medical examiner for the state of North Carolina.

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His conclusions differed significantly from the findings of the autopsy.

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It seems that suicide is extremely unlikely.

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I could see that the muzzle of the weapon was several feet from her body at the time it's discharged.

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The appearance of the powder on her hand indicates that that hand was close to the muzzle of the gun that discharged.

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Perhaps grabbing at the gun, perhaps holding the gun.

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Now, whatever was at the other end of that gun, I don't know.

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Based on Dr. Butts' findings, the medical examiner officially changed the manner of death from suicide to pending.

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Still, there was no investigation.

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We knew then, when we read Dr. Butts' statement, it had to go.

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It had to go on until we found out what happened.

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Ladies and gentlemen, this is Mrs. Ann Mosser, who's here this morning to present evidence to this grand jury for the purpose of...

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Ann Mosser now tried another approach.

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She appeared before a grand jury as a public citizen and pleaded with them to order an inquiry into her daughter's death.

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I was nervous when I went into the grand jury. I had never seen a grand jury in my life.

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What is the basis for that? Is this a personal feeling?

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It's to cover up the fact that an autopsy was not done February the 5th.

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They were nice people. I thought it went real well.

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All of those who are in favor of referring this case for reinvestigation indicate by saying, yeah.

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Those opposed to referring this case for reinvestigation indicate by saying, nay.

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Nay.

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Nay.

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Nay.

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Ann was unaware that the grand jury could only change the cause of death to homicide if there clearly was a suspect.

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Since in this case there was no suspect, the grand jury declined Ann's motion.

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I was emotionally drained when I came out of the grand jury room. Defeated. Just defeated, let down.

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Still the Mossers refused to give up and they set out to get a third scientific opinion.

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They contacted Dr. Vincent DeMaio, one of the country's foremost forensic scientists.

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When I received the material that they had, well, I think the case was screwed up.

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The police had a preset notion as to what had happened and they just didn't follow through with an investigation.

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The medical examiner should have performed an autopsy. He should have been suspicious as soon as he saw the pattern of injuries.

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It's not a contact wound. She couldn't have inflicted it.

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With the help of an assistant, Dr. DeMaio demonstrated how the wound in Ray Ann's chest could not have been self-inflicted.

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This is the closest that the muzzle was to the body.

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So if we move it even further away, it should have even greater trouble getting to the trigger.

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If we move it to the closest and then if she tries to reach, look what happens.

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As she reaches, the body rotates and there is no way she can get to the trigger and yet have the gun pointed almost directly at her right chest.

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What this means is that somebody else pulled the trigger.

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It's possible that the reason how left hand was adjacent to the muzzle at the time it was fired was that she had grabbed it and was attempting to push the gun away at the time it was fired.

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The new findings were sent to Donald Caldwell, the Commonwealth attorney for the city of Roanoke.

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Again, the Mossers asked for the investigation to be reopened. Again, the response was negative.

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We was working with the Commonwealth attorney. A diss would not help us. He was just, he was stonewalling us. He just would not do anything.

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He just was setting on his buns and wasn't doing anything, you know.

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The Mossers then contacted RJ Breglio, a forensic ballistics expert.

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He attempted to discover whether Rayanne might have discharged the gun accidentally by dropping it on the ground or striking it against the car in anger.

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The butt test is a test to see if by dropping or slamming the butt against the floor, when it is cocked, if it could fire.

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I performed this test many times with the shotgun and I could not get it to discharge. In my opinion, I don't see how it would have landed neatly on the trunk of that car.

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I think it would have slid off to the ground in whichever way it happened to fall.

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Again, the Mossers sent the new evidence to Donald Caldwell, the Commonwealth attorney, and requested that the case be reopened.

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His only reply was, I am in receipt of your letter of September 22, 1987.

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We'll never forget her. We know Rayanne is gone.

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And we'll continue to remember her. We appreciate it almost as much as we miss her.

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I made a promise to my daughter when I kissed her goodbye before that cask lid was closed.

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I told her I said, Rayanne, if this is not what it looks like, if it takes me the rest of my life, I'll find out what happened to you.

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On November 16, 1988, almost three years after their daughter died, the state medical examiner changed the manner of death to undetermined.

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There is still no investigation and the medical examiner and Commonwealth attorney declined to be interviewed for this program.

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Yet the Mossers haven't lost faith this Sunday. Someone will set the record straight in clear Rayanne's name.

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In a moment the story of Cindy Lupresto, who was stolen from a Memphis park when she was two years old.

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For four decades, Cindy has searched for her birth mother.

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In 1949, the Tennessee Children's Home Society in Memphis was a model orphanage.

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Its director, George Etan, worked diligently to find homes for the children,

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rather than allow them to languish with their teenage years,

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and to find a way to make them feel safe and secure.

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In 1949, the Tennessee Children's Home Society in Memphis was a model orphanage.

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Its director, George Etan, worked diligently to find homes for the children,

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rather than allow them to languish with their teenage years in an orphanage.

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Tan won national praise for her progressive approach,

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and single-handedly placed 5,000 orphans with new families.

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But the Tennessee Children's Home Society was not all that it seemed.

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George Etan and her orphanage had a darker side.

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When I was growing up, I was told that I was adopted from Memphis, Tennessee.

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I asked numerous questions. I never got any answers.

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After my adopted mother passed away, I was packing her things.

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I found correspondence from the Tennessee Children's Home,

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and that's when I started my search.

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Two and a half years later, I found my name.

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Two hours later, I found my mother.

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Cindy La Presto discovered that she was separated from her family in 1947,

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when she was just two years old.

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She had originally been christened Sandra Lee Bridgewater.

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But only when Cindy recently found her birth mother, Evelyn Bridgewater,

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was she able to piece together the sinister events that led up to her adoption.

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I was playing on the playground,

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and George Etan drove up in her proverbial black limousine.

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Oh, pretty girl.

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You do like to ride, you mind me?

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You can ride with me.

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Can you run?

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Oh, what a big girl.

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Oh, yes.

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Yes, you can.

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Okay, George, let's go home now.

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Sandra Lee Bridgewater,

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Tommy McCoy,

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Michael Hawkins.

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Cindy was simply stolen by George Etan.

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She and several other children were then taken to juvenile court in Memphis,

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where she was brought before Judge Camille Kelly.

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Thank you.

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Cindy's fate was now completely in Judge Kelly's hands.

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Good morning, children.

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I've asked you to come here this morning for a very special reason.

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You are going away on a long trip.

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Cindy's mother, Evelyn Bridgewater,

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had no idea that her daughter had been kidnapped

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until she got a call from the juvenile court.

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Incredibly, Evelyn was asked to sign papers

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making Cindy eligible for adoption.

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She refused.

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It is the order of this court

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that these children be released to the custody

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of the Tennessee Children's Home Society.

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Miss Tam?

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Thank you, Judge Kelly.

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Judge Kelly overruled Cindy's mother,

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and Cindy was taken away.

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Judge Kelly was a well-respected citizen of Memphis.

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In 1948, a national poll selected Judge Kelly

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as one of the six most wholesome women in the world,

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along with Queen Elizabeth of England.

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I'm confident that Camille Kelly was involved with George Etan

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in this operation.

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George Etan could not have carried it on without her,

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and Camille Kelly could not have lived in the style she lived

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unless she had outside income.

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For 12 years, George Etan used the Tennessee Children's Home Society

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as a cover for a black market baby ring.

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But in 1950, after a number of doctors resigned in protest

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over health standards at the orphanage,

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Robert Taylor, a Memphis attorney,

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was appointed by Governor Browning of Tennessee

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to investigate George Etan

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and the Tennessee Children's Home Society.

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Now, how many of these little ones do you need for California?

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We need two infant boys, a girl,

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and there's a toddler upstairs getting ready right now.

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Oh, and don't forget, Regina will be going to New York on Thursday

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and we'll need an additional four.

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Almond, you worry about California.

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I'll worry about New York. We have a plane to catch.

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Girls, get the babies ready.

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30 minutes for plane time.

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Yes, Miss Tann.

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Taylor discovered that a large number of the children

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were being sent out of state for adoption,

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even though in Tennessee there were a long list of couples

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waiting to adopt a child.

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Tann was ignoring these local couples.

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Time to go, George.

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In order to find out the reason,

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Taylor followed George's assistant, Alma Rawton,

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on her next trip to Los Angeles.

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It seems to have been the regular practice

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to leave at three o'clock in the morning,

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where there'd be no one at the airport

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and the planes would not be filled up.

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Mr. and Mrs. Miles, say hi to your son, Ashley.

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She would call the adopted parents

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to meet her in the lobby,

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and she would go down into the lobby

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with one baby, and she had some maid there in the hotel,

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staying with the rest of them.

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After talking with them for a few minutes,

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they were anxious to leave, and so was she,

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and she'd go back and get another baby,

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and it went on that way until she got rid of all of them.

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Miss Rawton, do you have the receipts

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for the payments we've already made?

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We'll be sending that along with a decree

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when the adoption becomes final.

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I found that George Tann

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had placed out over 1,200 babies for adoption

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in New York City and Los Angeles alone.

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Taylor also discovered that Tann increased revenues

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by charging childless couples a fee

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to conduct background investigations

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in preparation for adoptions that would never take place.

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Over the 20 years she'd been operating

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as black market and babies,

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George Tann made a fortune.

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In total, she made over \$1 million

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a remarkable sum back in 1950.

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With the real gain profits,

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Tann bought a vast amount of property.

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She developed an awful lot.

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She owned a lot of real estate around Memphis,

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and she owned a big tourist court down in Mississippi.

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She owned a summer home down on the Gulf Coast,

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and over a million dollars passed through her hands.

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On September 12, 1950,

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Robert Taylor presented his report to Governor Browning.

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George Tann had been stricken with cancer

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and died three days later.

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Under pressure from the continuing investigation,

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Judge Camille Kelly resigned on November 11, 1950.

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The Tennessee Children's Home Society was closed.

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I get very angry when I think of George Tann and Camille Kelly,

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because of what they've done to me

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and thousands of other people.

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We're not talking about just a couple of people here,

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we're talking about thousands of children.

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It makes me very angry because of the 32 years

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that we were apart and all that we had missed.

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My mother had missed my growing up,

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and those years can never be replaced.

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We've been robbed.

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Tonight, we are pleased to announce

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that because of our broadcast,

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another orphan from the Tennessee Children's Home Society

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has been reunited with her family.

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Lynn Hines was five years old

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when she was adopted by a wealthy California couple.

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I was adopted into a very, very fine family,

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but there wasn't a lot of love in the family.

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And even though, you know,

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you try to make the adopted child part of the family,

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you're always still just a little bit different.

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And so it meant a great deal to me to find

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that I really had a true family.

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Lynn was born Martha Jean Goukin

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and was placed in Georgia Tans Orphanage in 1949.

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She never saw or heard from her natural family again.

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Then just three weeks after our broadcast,

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Lynn learned that her father and two brothers,

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Paul and Randall, were still living in Tennessee.

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One of the things that I had been fearful of

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is that the family did not want me to find them.

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When I did finally get hold of Randall,

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Randall said, if you don't come here, we're coming there.

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Like, tomorrow, you know, it wasn't soon enough.

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The next day, Lynn flew from her home in Denver, Colorado

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and saw her brothers for the first time in more than 40 years.

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Come on, Steve.

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Get me that one.

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Get me that one.

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Get me that one.

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She walked all the way and I knew she was just like that.

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She's spitting image of her mother, a very spitting image.

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You have to avoid that, uh,

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that it never been filled, but it was.

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That afternoon, Randall and Paul took Lynn

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to meet their 86-year-old father, Rufus Goukin.

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I had pictures of myself

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when I was adopted, that the adopted parents had taken,

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and they had pictures of Randall and I and mother

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before I had been adopted.

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So we naturally had to compare all our pictures

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and all that type of thing,

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and I guess we decided that we really were brothers and sisters.

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It was very exciting, very thrilling.

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As we grew older, while we just always had a...

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the thought there, the love there, but she wasn't.

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Do you want me to take it with me when I leave?

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Just like yesterday, you know,

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somebody done love, be loved by, that you never had before.

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I would have to say that this is like Christmas, New Year's,

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everything rolled up into one.

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When I found the family, I felt like I was queen for a day,

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and so on and so forth.

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In a moment, the story of Donald D. Jean-Royle,

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who's been on the FBI's 10 most haunted list for almost 10 years.

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Perhaps tonight, you can help finally bring him to justice.

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Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, located 60 miles west of Pittsburgh,

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Saxonburg is a community in the true sense of the word.

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Everyone knows everyone else, crime is virtually non-existent.

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Police Chief Greg Adams moved to Saxonburg in 1974.

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After two years on the Washington, D.C. police force,

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Adams appreciated the town's relative peace and quiet.

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I was not worried about him working here in Saxonburg

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because it is a small community, and everyone knew Greg.

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Everyone appreciated Greg.

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They knew where he stood, where they stood with him.

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He was a very conscientious person.

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December 4th, 1980,

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at approximately 2.50 p.m.,

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16-year-old Tiger 4,

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heard gunshots in the sounds of a fierce struggle outside

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near the parking lot of a local feed store.

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Hey, Mom!

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My son was up in his bedroom, and he came down,

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and he said, Mom, I heard someone shooting outside.

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And I said, Tiger, don't say that, because, you know,

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it's hunting season.

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I said, don't joke around about it.

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And he said, no, somebody was fighting and shooting.

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So I went out to the door, and I looked, and I saw

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someone laying in the bushes.

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He's over there. Who is it?

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I didn't know who he was because he was beaten so bad.

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But then I saw the stripe on his leg, and I knew it was Greg.

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And he said, I've been shot. Help me.

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And I said, who did this to you? And he said, he didn't know.

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So then I just happened to look up our driveway.

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And I said, I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

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I just happened to look up our driveway,

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and I saw a white car pull away.

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I didn't see the man that was driving it.

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I just saw a figure.

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And I said, you'll be OK. You know, you'll be fine.

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And he said, no, I think you better pray for me.

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I said, I don't think I'm going to be.

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And I think that he knew he was dying.

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31-year-old Greg Adams left behind a wife,

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two young children, and a grieving community.

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A loss like that is not describable.

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It's devastating.

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That's it. It's just devastating.

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Within hours, the state police had arrived at the murder site,

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the parking lot of the Agway feed store.

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The searchers soon made an important discovery.

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Greg appeared to have been shot in the middle of a routine traffic stop,

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and his assailants driver's license had been left at the scene.

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Stanley J. Portis.

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It's our belief that that came out of Greg's hand when he was shot.

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Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

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The other piece of physical evidence at the scene was the gun

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that was used to shoot Greg, and it was empty,

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and void of any serial numbers.

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It was untraceable.

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We still have yet to trace the gun to see where it came from.

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But that operator's license with the name Stanley John Portis on it

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and the date of birth and an address in New Jersey

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was a piece of physical evidence that, without that,

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we had no idea who shot Greg Adams.

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Police immediately traced Portis' whereabouts to a cemetery

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in Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

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He had been dead for 32 years.

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Stanley Portis, 1892 to 1948.

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I got a couple shots of that one over here.

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We did our background on Stanley John Portis

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and found out that if he had a wife,

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and when we contacted that wife,

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we found out that she was married to a subject named Donald Eugene Webb.

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And Donald Eugene Webb had totally taken on Stanley John Portis' identification.

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The law enforcement officials from Massachusetts to Maine,

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Donald Eugene Webb was already a familiar name.

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Webb was a member of the Fall River Gang,

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a Lucy organized group that robbed stores and homes up and down the eastern seaboard.

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But for the last eight years, this small time-hood has been on the 10 most wanted list.

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He has not been seen since the day Greg Adams was killed.

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Police believe that the day before the shooting,

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Donald Webb and accomplice had visited a Saxonburg jewelry store.

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Hi. Hi. How are you?

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Webb asked to see some rings.

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How are you?

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I'm looking for a lady's ring and a good quality stone.

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Donald Eugene Webb looked the part. He looked like he had money.

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He acted like he had money.

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So a jeweler would be very quick to pull out his best.

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I'll tell you what, I'm just for my wife.

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I'm looking for something in a little finer quality. Larger, maybe?

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I have just a thing for you.

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Okay, great. Thanks.

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They were observing where it was kept, how it was kept,

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whether there were alarm systems, how many employees.

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What do I need to get into this place and get out undetected?

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The next day, Greg Adams was working his final shift

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before taking his annual vacation.

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At approximately 1.45 p.m. Adams left the station

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to begin what would be his last patrol.

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Witnesses tell us the last they saw Greg was on Water Street,

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heading towards the intersection of Butler Street,

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when they as well as Greg observed a white Mercury cougar

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not stop for a posted stop sign.

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This caught Greg's attention immediately.

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He pulled a U-turn on Water Street

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and proceeded after the white cougar.

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Greg losing sight of the vehicle upon coming around the turn,

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probably wondered where the white vehicle went.

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Then at that point, spied the white cougar attempting to turn around

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in the Agway parking lot.

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He then immediately blocked the white cougar in.

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Most police officers are trained to approach a traffic stop from the rear.

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Greg didn't have that kind of an ability on this stop

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because of the positioning of the cars.

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He had to approach that vehicle from the front.

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He was naturally in a bad position.

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Can I have your license and registration, please?

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Sure, hang on.

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Hey, Gil.

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If Greg has the New Jersey driver's license in his hand,

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he's scanning that immediately

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for the vital information, date of birth,

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as it matched the person he has stopped.

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I believe at that point in time, Webb got the drop on him.

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He's hit twice.

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The blood trails on the ground indicated

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there was one heck of a struggle there,

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and Greg actually shoots with his gun.

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And that struggle took them a long way

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through the Agway parking lot back to the mid-friling residence

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where they were found.

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Of course, Greg is a tough little competitor,

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but he loses his gun to Webb.

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And the gun's empty, and Webb just beat him.

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With the gun.

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On December 8, 1980, Greg Adams was laid to rest,

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and a funeral attended by fellow officers from all over the state.

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At least two to three hundred police officers attended in mourning.

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I don't think there was a dry eye in town

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or along Main Street as the hearse,

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and all the police cars went by.

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And it still hurts when you think about it.

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I would like to know how Donald Webb

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could live with himself after all these years.

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How anyone could live with themselves

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after killing another human being.

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The town of Sachsenburg has erected a monument

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to commemorate Greg Adams' life and passing,

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and a scholarship has been established in his name.

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On this monument, a grateful town is inscribed a thank you

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to a man who gave his life and the protection of their community.

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Every day we drive by the Greg Adams Memorial

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that crosses your mind.

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Greg's in his final resting place,

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and Donald Eugene Webb's still out there in the great society,

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functioning as a human being.

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Makes me sick.

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this.

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Next week on Unsolved Mysteries,

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we'll profile the poignant story that began on Christmas Eve

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almost 60 years ago.

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100 yards from a remote road, a couple

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found a seven day old baby in a hat box,

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apparently left abandoned by her parents.

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Her rescue was called a Christmas miracle.

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Now, the baby in the hat box Sharon Elliott

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is searching for the truth and her lost identity.

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Join me next week for another edition of Unsolved Mystery.