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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 the season premiere of Unsolved Mysteries, 25 years ago something odd fell

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from the sky and crashed in the remote woods near Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. The official

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Air Force report states that nothing was found, but eyewitnesses claim a strange cone-shaped

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object was secretly removed. Was it their imagination or a government cover-up?

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In California, an unknown arson set this house on fire, then callously videotaped the blades

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and left the tape near a highway for authorities to find. Last season we interviewed Lavar

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Bates, a co-worker of a suspect captured thanks to one of our viewers. Incredibly, that chance

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interview led to a reunion between Lavar and the daughter he never knew existed.

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Watch closely. You may be able to help solve a mystery.

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Twilight, December 9th, 1965. A brilliant light streaked through the skies over Kevin and

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the northeastern United States. Thousands of eyewitnesses reported seeing its trail,

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which was visible for hundreds of miles of every direction.

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Near the village of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Rob Landy

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and his brother Ray were out riding their bicycles.

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We were riding up the road and we just happened to look up into the sky and we saw this thing

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coming over the top of the trees. It just glided right across the sky like across the

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horizon of the trees. We could see and then disappeared behind the trees. It scared us,

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we didn't know what it was or didn't know what to think about it. Just like dumbfounded

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us. We were just like in awe as we watched it and it disappeared and we ran.

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You knew what an airplane looked like, you knew what a helicopter looked like and that

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didn't look like anything we had ever seen before. Any angle that it was coming in, you

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knew that it had to hit the ground.

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Three miles away, another local boy, Randy Overly, also saw the object.

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I was playing by a crick at the time and heard a deep hissing noise and I looked up

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in the sky and saw an object coming at me from a pretty good distance away. It flew

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right over top of me, no higher in the air than 200 feet and it was going no faster than

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a small airplane would go.

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Nearby, Nevin and Nadine Kalk were playing outside when the object flew overhead and apparently

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crashed in a wooded ravine half a mile away.

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This ball of fire coming through, it's something I've never seen before and never seen since

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and I've seen the smoke then at that time, down in the hollow there.

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For the strange object, that ravine was the end of a long and highly visible trajectory,

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but for the residents of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, the mystery was just beginning.

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For the next 25 years, the townspeople would grapple with a perplexing question. What

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fell from the sky that December night? Dozens of people, most of them still alive today,

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were eyewitnesses. For the first time, 10 of them have agreed to come together, make

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their identities public and tell the story of a night that they will never forget.

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Then my rope, can you turn on the radio please?

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After Nevin and Nadine Kalk returned home, their mother heard an emergency appeal on

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a local radio station.

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OK, we're back. Now this is just in. We've got a report of a downed plane in the Kecksburg

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area. State police have asked anyone with any information.

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The radio said something had been sighted and they were calling all around trying to

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find out if anyone had an airplane or something missing. So I called in and told them it was

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no airplane. It was just a small piece that had fallen off an airplane because smoke had

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came up from the area where it landed and I said it burned up.

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Well, landed right out here near my farm. Yes, it did.

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The radio announcer thanked Francis Kalk for the information. She hung up and put the

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matter out of mind.

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Hello?

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It was in a matter of two or three minutes I got a call from a man from the U.S. Navy

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and he told me that I was to watch the area. Should anything strange develop to call this

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number?

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I said, well, shouldn't I call the fire company? And he said no. You call us, we'll call them.

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So I hung up from talking to him and went to call a girlfriend of mine and I didn't get

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about two sentences out to her when an operator came on and cleared the line with an emergency

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call.

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That turned out to be the state police.

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Pennsylvania state troopers were on the scene within 15 minutes. They were accompanied by

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two men in civilian clothes who never identified themselves.

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It went down over there.

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By now there was no smoke and the fading light made it difficult to pin down the crash site.

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At this point two of the men took a box and went walking towards those trees and I said to

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this state trooper that was there, I said, what are all these people coming for? And he said,

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well, they think they're going to see something. But when this goes out of here, nobody's going

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to see it. And I said, well, maybe it isn't in here. He said, it's here. And I asked him

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how he knew and he said, it's a radiation.

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Located less than a mile from Kecksburg village, the ravine runs east to west for 800 yards

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cutting across several farms. The object appeared to crash here, more than a half mile from the

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calps home. As darkness fell, several other search teams left Kecksburg also tried to

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locate the crash site.

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Just keep going straight and get to that road and make a right.

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Volunteer fireman Jim Mays led one team of state troopers to a promontory overlooking the ravine.

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We went up this road and came to the brow of a hill and stopped and down to the right in a

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hollow were these blue flashing lights.

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You see that light? What is that?

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It wasn't searchers down in the woods. It was flashlights or anything. It was a real bright blue,

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real bright, like an electric welder. The flashes seemed to be timed at what intervals I don't know.

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But it was a timed thing. It wasn't like flash bulbs or anything like that.

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At that point the troopers decided to close the area off, close the roads off.

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So he brought the two of us that was with him back to the fire station.

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Meanwhile a call went out to all the local fire departments. Soon more than 30 volunteer firemen had gathered at the Kecksburg station.

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Okay guys, listen up. There's a plane down over the hill. We're going to split up into departments.

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We'll have teams of three men, alright? Comansky, Bell, you come with me.

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Brezzy, you get your men, get out of here. Tom, take your unit. Now I'm not sure.

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We all gathered at the fire station and the report was we had an aircraft that was down in the Kecksburg area.

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I saw it as I was driving over whatever it is. It's burning.

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And after we got our assignment and everybody knew what they were doing, they took us in pickup trucks up the road up here.

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And they dropped us off at certain points going up the hill.

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I'll be alright as soon as I get on this stand.

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As we were proceeding through our grid, we heard the first team which was down in front of us radio back.

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We found the aircraft. Where is it?

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We're below the...

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This is the army in the army.

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What's the rate on that?

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Well, man, we booked out of ours and down over the fence we went down into the woods.

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And we got there.

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What is that?

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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Here was this humongous metal object half buried in the ground about 6, 7, 8 foot around.

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And it was every bit of 8, 10, 12 foot long.

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And to me the object looked exactly like a fresh acorn that you pick off the tree.

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There was no wings. There was no motors. There was no propellers.

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There was no identification whatsoever that were identified as an aircraft that I would know.

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There was a bumper on the bottom part of it.

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On that bumper there was what I call...

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It looked to me like the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

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It was markings like stars and shapes and figures and circles and lines.

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And what it was I don't know.

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To this day I've never seen anything like it.

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I've studied the ancient Incas, I've studied the ancient Aztec Indians, I've studied the Egyptians.

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I've looked at pictures of Russian writing, I've looked at pictures of Polish writing,

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I've looked at pictures of Hebrew writing.

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Nothing. Nothing that resembles it.

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Chinese writing? No.

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So we're all standing around this thing, looking around, checking and everything.

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Wondering what in the heck it could be.

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And finally here come two men down through the woods.

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Gentlemen, you must leave the area.

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Decide it's quarantine.

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And they took one look at the object and immediately told us to leave.

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They said this area is now quarantined, we are in charge, we're taking command, get out of here.

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So we start walking out of there, down through the woods, here comes military.

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So we left there, and by the time we got back down here to the fire hall,

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I mean this place was wall to wall military.

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Within three hours of the crash, military personnel had set up a command center in the Kecksburg Fire Station.

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They promptly restricted civilian movement in the area.

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We need this building here for a temporary tactical headboard with your permission.

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Of course you have phones here, can we see where they are?

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It seemed like they were on a scene immediately.

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I would imagine there was in a neighborhood of 25, 30 military.

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At the time it seemed like they were really anxious to get into the scene of whatever may have been.

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An hour later, the military authorities also commandeered a farmhouse near the ravine.

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Lillian Hayes and her family had been living in the house for just a month.

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Well the military was coming in and out of my house all evening.

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They were making a lot of phone calls, and they were standing around in groups talking.

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Oh that's a Roger, we've located the ravine, we estimate contact within 10 minutes.

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I have no idea who they telephoned, there was no calls turned up on my bill.

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I don't find NASA put them on standby and let the Pentagon know what's going on.

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The village of Kacksburg with a population of just 250 appeared to have been invaded.

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First from the sky, then by the United States military.

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Soon hundreds of curious spectators gathered on nearby roads to try and get a glimpse of the mysterious object.

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19 year old Bill Weaver was among them.

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I happened to come down through Kacksburg and I heard on the radio that an object had landed.

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Seeing some people and some cars alongside the road, I pulled in.

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There was a pretty good crowd of people gathered in that field and they were looking down into a small ravine, some trees.

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Hey what's going on down there?

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I looked down in there myself, I seen there was something down in there that had bright lights on it.

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But I couldn't see the object itself.

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Some time later I seen a box truck, a van type truck pull up there.

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There were some men come around the side of it.

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They were dressed in moon suits, we called them at the time.

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And they had a light colored box, I'm guessing roughly five foot square.

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They carried it down into the ravine.

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The box Bill Weaver saw seemed too small to hold the object itself.

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Was there someone or something inside the object that the military wanted to remove?

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Please don't be alarmed. Everything is on that road.

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A full-on, an army officer appeared on the scene.

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He ordered the crowd to disperse.

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Thank you but you'll have to leave the area now.

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Hey, hey what's going on down there?

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You'll have to leave the area now.

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They told me unless I moved my car and got out of there that they would confiscate my car.

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Back in Kecksburg Jim Romansky and the other fireman had still not been allowed inside the firehouse.

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The military continued to occupy it as a control center.

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We looked up, here comes this jeep down over the hill with a thread light on.

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Right behind the jeep was a large, large, large fireman.

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He was a fireman.

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We looked up, here comes this jeep down over the hill with a thread light on.

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Right behind the jeep was a large flatbed truck.

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And on the back of the flatbed was this covered object.

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They come down here so fast that I know if you'd have walked out in front of it, they'd have ran you over.

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They'd have never stopped.

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And down the road they went and where they went I have no idea.

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Whatever came down in Kecksburg that night is of high importance to the military agencies.

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The most mysterious thing about the whole case is the fact that after 25 years the government still refuses to give us any actual information on what occurred.

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Stan Gordon is a local researcher who has spent more than 10 years interviewing dozens of Kecksburg eyewitnesses.

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He has explored several theories trying to answer the questions raised on that December night in 1965.

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Astronomers who looked into the case at the time basically felt that the object in question was a ball line,

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which was a very bright fireball type meteor.

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And they in fact eliminated reports that it could have been some type of man-made device that

reentered the Earth's atmosphere.

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But we now know that thing basically was coming down from the tip of Ontario

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and was passing down basically in a northwest to southeast trajectory.

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The object appeared to have made about a 25 degree turn towards the east near Cleveland, Ohio.

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And it came in on a straight path over the Pittsburgh area.

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And the interesting thing is now that the new data suggests the object made a turn towards the south.

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And then the object made another turn towards the village of Kecksburg

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where it was proceeding into there towards the northeast.

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The interesting thing is the fact that within several miles of the crash site multiple witnesses tell us

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that this object was coming in at a very, very slow speed of descent.

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Meteors do not make controlled turns.

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They do not commit at a slow speed like this.

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And they in fact do not glide in, which this thing apparently did.

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My personal opinion of what landed in Kecksburg that night was a capsule of some kind

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from where whether it was one of ours or a foreign, I have no idea.

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The military wouldn't let us get to the scene, so I have no idea, but I know it wasn't a meteor.

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Two, one, zero.

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Another theory is that the object was space debris.

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In 1965 NASA was involved in the Gemini program.

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Then as now it was our government's policy to monitor not only U.S. space activity

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but also launches from the Soviet Union and all other countries.

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Going back into the records we have from NASA and documents we have from other agencies,

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they apparently have no logings for any type of space debris on that date and the time of this observation.

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So we also have to look to the other possibility could this indeed have been an extraterrestrial spacecraft?

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Space debris, a meteor, a fallen satellite, or a genuine extraterrestrial craft?

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The final answer to what was found in the ravine may only be known by the military personnel

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who worked in the Kecksburg recovery operation.

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This is a copy of the official Air Force record of the Kecksburg incident

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which Stan Gordon obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

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The report indicated that there was quite a lot of interest by government agencies as to what the object may have been.

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There were memos there and requests for information from Houston Space Center, from NORAD,

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from the Air Force Command Post, the Pentagon, even the chairman of the Office of Emergency Planning requested information.

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The official Air Force explanation was that it was likely a meteor

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and basically what it goes on to say is the fact that the search was called off around 2 a.m. and that nothing was found.

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But evidence indicates that something indeed was found at the site.

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The military's idea of finding nothing is completely false.

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There was something down in that ravine that night.

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There was something that glowed an awful bright light and they took something out of there that night.

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Another eyewitness reported seeing a military convoy coming out of the ravine.

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At the end of the convoy was a flatbed truck with a large covered object on the back.

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John Hayes was only 10 years old and the truck rumbled by his bedroom window.

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What was on the back of it, I have no idea.

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It was about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle from the distance I was at.

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Gentlemen, you must leave the area. The site is far away.

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According to Stan Gordon, eyewitnesses identified the military unit as the Air Force's 660 Second

Radar Squadron based in Pittsburgh.

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Gordon believes the unit was part of a top secret operation investigating UFOs.

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There is no entry at all for December 9th of 1965 in the December log of activities for that squadron.

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That tells us that somebody apparently wanted to keep all information associated with the unit's involvement in that site away from public information.

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I think that we can very plainly see the fact that the government has not told us everything they know about the Kecksburg case.

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Official reports that the military and the government put out as far as I'm concerned are a bunch of bull.

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If this thing was a meteorite, then why didn't they just bring it out and say, here it is.

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Let the reporters take pictures of it, let the firemen see it, let the people in this area see it.
Why the big mystery?

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I think when we get down to eliminating everything we've known about the object, we have two possibilities we're dealing with here.

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Either one that we're dealing with some highly advanced space probe, probably of a foreign nation, that appears to be very highly technical for what we knew about 1965.

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Or the possibility exists that we may indeed be dealing with an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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What happened when the field's outside of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania on December 9th, 1965, 25 years after the fiery object was seen streaking through the skies,

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the answers to the mystery remain as elusive as the object itself.

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The Air Force has declined our request to comment on this story. Their official report still states that they were investigating a meteorite.

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The report concludes that nothing was found. Some people in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania disagree.

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When we return, last summer one of our updates inadvertently solved a mystery of lost love and helped the daughter meet her father for the very first time.

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Last July we featured an update on the capture of convicted murder at John Loney.

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During the segment we interviewed several of Loney's unsuspecting coworkers, including 53-year-old LeVar Bates.

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What LeVar didn't know at the time was that he was a center of his own unsolved mystery.

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Over the past three years we have featured more than 20 stories of lost love.

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More than half of them resulted in heartwarming reunions.

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Tonight we present an unusual update about lost love and how a chance interview helped a father and his 31-year-old daughter meet for the first time.

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1958, Ike was president, Elvis was king, sock hops and hula hoops were the latest craze.

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That summer in Amarillo, Texas, 22-year-old LeVar Bates fell in love with 18-year-old Peggy Appier.

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We met at a place called the Penn-Henomborn Dance.

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They were playing a dance called the Paul Jones.

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It's where you dance with someone and then they blow a whistle and you change partners.

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Well, when time came for us to change partners and he turned around and grabbed me, I just, I was swept off my feet.

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I just thought he was the most handsome man at that time I'd ever seen.

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LeVar was employed by a construction outfit and was working temporarily in Amarillo.

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Peggy lived in Pampas, Texas, a small town 60 miles away.

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Every weekend, LeVar would make the hour drive to Peggy's home so they could be together.

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The most fun about driving around was being with LeVar and having my arm over him while over his shoulder and listening to the radio.

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Just like all teenagers, you know, just making the drag. We did stuff that was the grandest thing.

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Several months after they first met, Peggy drove to Amarillo and paid a surprise visit to the man of her dreams.

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Hey, baby! Come on inside.

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Honey, let me finish up in the bathroom, okay?

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Okay, sure.

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All right.

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When I went in to see LeVar and his hotel room, he had just gotten out of the shower and was putting his stuff in his pocket as we were fixing to go out.

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I thought maybe then we could go over to Hill's.

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And there was a picture of this girl on his dresser.

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Yeah, I think so.

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And of course, being 18, I just throw to fit.

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It's good to see you.

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Who the hell is Pee-Pee?

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She's just a friend of mine. I made her at the coffee shop the other day.

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She's just a friend.

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Yeah, just a friend of mine. It's nothing.

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He kept telling me that he'd only known her for a couple of times.

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You know, he'd went out with her a couple of times, do anything serious between them.

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Naturally, I didn't believe him.

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Put up with this.

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Listen to me.

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You're two-timing me, LeVar.

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Peggy, I am not two-timing you. Listen to me, okay?

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I'm leaving.

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Listen to me.

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And then I got real mad and left.

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And that was the last time I saw him or heard from him.

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When Peggy's thrown about of LeVar's life, she had no idea that she was pregnant with his child.

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The next day LeVar's company transferred him to Colorado.

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He never saw or heard from Peggy again.

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Eight months later, Peggy gave birth to a daughter whom she named Kimber.

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When she was older, Kimber learned the truth about her father.

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My mother had told me as much as she could about him,

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but she didn't know where he was at or where he'd went to or anything like that.

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I wondered a lot what he'd be like, what he'd look like, or just things like that,

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but I just couldn't imagine, you know, with no information at all,

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I just couldn't imagine what he'd be like.

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LeVar Bates had no way of knowing that he was a father.

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Over the years, Peggy and Kimber often discussed trying to locate LeVar,

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but with so little information to go on, they eventually gave up hope of finding him.

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All that changed on Wednesday night, July the 4th, 1990.

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That evening, Peggy Atwood was watching the rebroadcast of our third anniversary special

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when she suddenly recognized a familiar face.

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Ah, just disbelief. I didn't really believe it, you know.

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He'd be the last one I'd believe was involved in something like that.

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I didn't know what to do. I didn't know whether to try to call him

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and try to find out or to call Kimber and tell her,

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but then I decided not to call her at all until I found out for sure whether he wanted to meet her.

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At Peggy's request, we contacted LeVar, who now lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

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LeVar is married and has two children.

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When the guy from Unsolved Mysteries called me said that Peggy had seen me on television,

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seen the name, and was wondering if I was interested in talking to her about a daughter we had

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that was 31 years old.

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And I sit down and chuck a little and scared me.

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I was so nervous because I was afraid he wouldn't call,

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and I wanted to tell Kimber so bad about her daddy.

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And those four days not being able to pick up the phone and call her and tell her that I had found her daddy,

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you know, it was probably the hardest thing I've ever went through in my life.

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Oh, the day she called and told me that she had found him, it was just, I was excited, I was scared,

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I was all, just all the emotions just went crazy.

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I didn't really know what to do because I was kind of in shock, I think.

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I wanted to see him, I wanted to know him, and I was just hoping that he would want to know me too.

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On August 10th, Unsolved Mysteries flew LeVar to Amarillo to meet his daughter for the first time.

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For Kimber, the chance to meet her father was a dream come true.

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I'm fine, how are you?

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Been a long time, man.

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When I actually seen him for the first time, it was great.

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00:30:58,500 --> 00:30:59,500

You looking good?

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It was exciting and nerve-wracking, but once I actually met him, it was alright.

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Oh, gosh, I don't get it.

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He's the kind of person I really would like to know a lot better,

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and I hope we have time together to get to do that.

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This is David.

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00:31:17,500 --> 00:31:19,500

Glad to meet you.

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Is this your finger?

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Gap of 30 years is a long time when you think about it,

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but we seem to hit it off pretty good, like we've known each other quite a while.

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I don't know why that is, but it just seemed to be real easy.

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To actually find my father, it means to me that now I can get all the questions answered

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that I've wondered about.

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And in the future, I hope more than anything that he stays as part of our family

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and that we can make up for all the years that we did and get to be a family.

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Next, an unsettling look into the mind of a deranged arsonist

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who videotaped the fire he set and filled the tape with his alarming

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and possibly satanic commentary.

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I've never run across anything as eerie as this tape.

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It frightened me.

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As a matter of fact, I thought about it that night when I went to bed.

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Each year in the United States more than 200,000 people become the victims of arsonists.

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Each fire is an individual tragedy.

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In many cases, victims are left not only homeless, but injured or dead.

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You're about to have the rare and disturbing opportunity to go inside the mind of an arsonist,

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an arsonist who police believe made a videotape of the fire he set.

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The story starts with an innocent discovery.

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August 15, 1989.

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Near Stockton, California, a car overheated in the scorching summer temperatures.

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We'll call the car's owner, Joseph Villa.

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Joseph inspected the damage while his wife and son looked on.

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Joseph decided that he and his son should walk to the nearest telephone.

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On the way, the boy noticed a camouflage jacket on the ground.

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Wrapped in the jacket were a videotape with no label and several audio cassettes of heavy metal music.

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They decided to take the videotape home.

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This is the actual videotape found by the Vias,

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and police are convinced that the person holding the camera set the fire himself.

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The Vias family was stunned when they realized what they were watching.

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The disturbing voice on the tape seemed to belong to the arsonist.

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The police have since enhanced the voice for clarity.

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Look at that. Can you see what I could do later?

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Do you see what I don't know?

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Joseph Villa decided to turn the tape over to the authorities.

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I've never run across anything as eerie as this tape.

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It frightened me, as a matter of fact.

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I thought about it that night when I went to bed.

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Unable to pinpoint the location of the fire, investigators began an in-depth study of the videotape itself.

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Look at it, Omar.

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Look at it, Omar.

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He did say the name Omar.

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Look at it, Omar.

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Then he laughs.

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When we listened to the tape, it was hard to understand certain words that this person was saying.

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So we sat down, and we actually went through this tape, I mean, hundreds of times, and came up with a script.

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Look at it, Omar.

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This is what I've been doing on your week's vacation.

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I sat out to it. I sat out to it.

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I sat out to it. I sat out to it.

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Ha ha ha ha. Ha ha ha ha.

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He says, I told you I'd do it, Omar.

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Is Omar the property owner? It's a revenge type burn.

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Is Omar the construction person that maybe hired this person and fired him, and made that a revenge motive for the fire?

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I really don't know. We really don't know who Omar is.

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00:36:06,500 --> 00:36:08,500

OK, is this the jacket?

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00:36:08,500 --> 00:36:09,500

Yes, that's right.

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OK, did you see anything else around here?

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A county arson investigator accompanied Joseph Via's brother to the spot where the tape had been discovered.

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Amazingly, the jacket was still there.

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In it was a wooden pestle, the type sometimes used to grind herbs for satanic rituals.

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Nearby, the two men found a glove that matched the jacket and a ceramic skull.

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The pestle and the skull suggest satanism as the certain portions of the arsonist monologue.

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The hell I call hell.

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00:36:44,500 --> 00:36:51,500

My hell, the whole sky is black with smoke.

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00:36:52,500 --> 00:36:55,500

It's a fire.

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And I will destroy that fire.

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00:37:00,500 --> 00:37:03,500

You're so up.

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00:37:03,500 --> 00:37:07,500

Anxious and artful, oh evil.

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Those are basically the clues all we have on the video.

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And that's why we need to find out where this went down. Where is this home?

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Look at it. The fire department is trying to put it out.

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What a laugh.

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As we viewed the tape, we realized that there was fire suppression equipment that had responded to the incident.

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And we thought if we can enhance the tape, bring those shots in a little bit closer to us,

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we may be able to get a door mark or a house number or maybe even a fire department insignia on the door.

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Despite a frame by frame analysis, the photographic enhancement did not reveal any new details.

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Investigators were still unable to match the tape with any reported fires in the state of California.

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The tape was found by the Villa family here, just a few yards from Interstate 205 near Stockton.

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205 feeds into several major highways, so authorities believe the fire could have happened anywhere in the United States

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and that the arsonist might have been only traveling through California.

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I think the person who made this videotape and is responsible for the fire will, without a doubt in my mind, continue to set fires.

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And the person needs to be apprehended and stopped before his fires become more destructive.

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And there's a few of these type of serial arsonists that will move into another criminal area.

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You may recall the son of Sam Back East, who killed six people with 44 magma.

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He was responsible for about 2,000 fires in the city of New York, and then he stopped setting fires and started killing people.

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00:38:51,500 --> 00:38:56,500

Look at the flurums! Listen to the coyote yell!

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00:38:56,500 --> 00:39:00,500

Ha ha ha ha! Listen to them!

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00:39:00,500 --> 00:39:05,500

Good night, ladies and gentlemen!

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00:39:05,500 --> 00:39:12,500

Ha ha ha ha! Ha ha ha ha!

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The house appears to be a one-story ranch house with two chimneys.

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There is another house on the left side of the picture, partially hidden by a white trailer.

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The trailer may indicate that the burning house was under construction.

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The setting is uncluttered, perhaps rural.

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The arsonist gives the date as 1988, and TV commercials recorded onto another part of the tape verify that date.

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Because fire engines do arrive, it seems fairly certain that somewhere the report of this fire is on fire.

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Update! Redwood City, California, 60 miles west of Stockton.

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Within minutes of our broadcast, several viewers from Redwood City called our telecenter and identified the location of the house seen burning on the videotape.

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As we were sitting here, and we looked at the film on the TV, we realized, with utter shock, that it was the house behind us that was on TV.

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And our family was scared to say the least because we didn't realize that the film even existed.

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And it was those minutes of day come in my mind that all that, that was the house that was behind us by watching the videotape on TV.

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We called in the Sun Solve Ministries and gave all the information.

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The arson occurred on August 15, 1988. The house that was destroyed was under construction at the time.

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Today it has been rebuilt.

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Incredibly, on the night of the blaze, Woodside Fire Captain Don Dellings is also videotaped the fire.

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While I was setting up the command post, directing companies in to extinguish the fire,

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I had set up my video camera to film the fire for training investigation purposes.

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By comparing Captain Dellings' tape with a video shot by the arsonist, investigators were able to confirm, beyond a doubt, the fire's location.

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Some of the calls received led us to a 17-year-old Woodside youth.

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We interviewed that youth. Through that interview, it led us to a 19-year-old Redmond City youth.

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He was arrested and interviewed and subsequently admitted burning the house, taking the video, and was the one who talked on the videotape.

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Our biggest hope was that maybe we would find an area or location of the fire. We never dreamed that we'd get the results that we did.

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The Fire is a Fire in the Fire

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Every October 18th, Francesca and Tomas Santana commemorate their daughter Marlene's birthday.

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But every October 18th is also a time of sorrow for the Santana family, for their daughter has been missing since 1985.

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Three days after Marlene Santana was born, she was kidnapped on a Brooklyn street. No trace of her has ever been found.

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On October 18th, 1985, Francesca gave birth to a little girl. She named her Marlene.

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When my baby was born, she was pretty. She was very beautiful. She was the most beautiful baby in the nursery.

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Three days later, on the 21st of October, Francesca was preparing to take her baby daughter home when she met a woman outside the nursery.

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Is that your baby?

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Yeah.

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00:42:55,500 --> 00:42:57,500

He's so beautiful.

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00:42:58,500 --> 00:43:10,500

When I was looking at my baby in the nursery, I saw a woman in the window that she told me that my baby was the most quiet one, the prettiest one.

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And I was glad that she told me that because I thought she liked my baby.

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A few hours later, Francesca checked out of the hospital. Her two sisters-in-law came to take her home.

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The time was 9 p.m.

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When we were going downstairs, a woman came to me, the same woman that I saw in the nursery.

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Where are you going?

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I've been waiting for you all day.

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She told me that she was waiting for me all day. I'm going home now. Goodbye.

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This isn't a game. I'm not joking around.

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Walk or I'll blow her head off.

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Walk.

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So she told us to go and she told us to walk or she gonna blow up the head.

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And we walk.

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Keep going.

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They walked over six blocks at gunpoint.

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Walk!

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Finally they stopped near a deserted junkyard.

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Stop!

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I said stop!

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At first Francesca thought that they were being robbed.

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Give me the baby.

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Give me the baby.

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I said give me the baby.

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Keep walking.

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Walk!

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The woman got in a car driven by an accomplice, Bill Vaughan.

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No! No!

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When she took the baby, I was in shock.

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I didn't know what to do.

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I was crying.

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I stopped the car there and nobody helped us.

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After Francesca and her companions went to the police,

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the detectives were assigned the case.

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Francesca was able to describe the car that had driven away with her baby.

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It was a white 1976 Chevy Malibu with red lettering on its door.

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At the hospital, police tried to gather descriptions of the mysterious woman.

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Some believed that she was not a professional criminal,

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but rather an emotionally disturbed woman,

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unable to have a child of her own.

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Based on eyewitness descriptions,

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a composite was created showing the abductor.

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She was white with Hispanic features and no accent.

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She had dyed reddish-blond hair and appeared to be in her late 20s.

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Today, three years later, the Santana family still search for their missing child.

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A composite artist sketched Marlene as she might look today.

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She would be three years of age and may celebrate her birthday around Halloween.

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She might have been put up for an illegal adoption in late 1985 or 1986.

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Maybe one day, a person who knows where is my baby,

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they must say something, they must do it.

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I don't think I could have died without seeing my baby again.

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The mysterious powers of the Bermuda Triangle are said to have caused

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hundreds of ships and planes to vanish.

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Now, dramatic new evidence suggests that the legend of the Bermuda Triangle

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is just that, only a legend.

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And in Northern California,

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one woman takes a brave stand against drug dealers in her neighborhood.

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An unexpected barrage of gunfire left her wounded,

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but more determined than ever.

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Her attackers fled and remain unidentified.

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We'll also tell you the poignant story of six brothers and sisters

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who were uprooted from their homes and placed in orphanages.

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Today, five of them are still searching for the missing brother.

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Join me next week for another edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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