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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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17-year-old Tracy Kirkpatrick was an honor student

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with a passion for poetry.

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In 1989, Tracy was stabbed to death

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from a clothing store where she worked.

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Three months later, a man claiming to be the killer

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made this bizarre telephone call.

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I know this is going to sound surprising,

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but three months ago, I stabbed the call to kill him.

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Perhaps you can help catch him.

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Folsom Prison, California.

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For years, it was thought to be virtually escape proof.

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But in 1984, a convicted killer, Steve Wilson,

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pulled off an ingenious jailbreak

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and became a victim of the crime.

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He was charged with an ingenious jailbreak

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and became the first man to escape from Folsom in 15 years.

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In 1943, 22-year-old Frankie Bloomer

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was reported missing in action when the destroyer USS Rowan

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was sunk in battle.

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A few days later, Frankie's picture taken on a hospital ship

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appeared in the newspaper.

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For almost 50 years, his family has been asking,

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what happened to Frankie Bloomer?

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In 1965, 22-year-old Judith Himes vanished

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from Carl Gable's Florida.

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25 years later, in a bizarre turn of events,

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a series of anonymous phone calls

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claim that Judith is still alive.

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Also, we'll bring you an intriguing update

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on our story of Amelia Earhart, the legendary aviator who

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disappeared while flying around the world in 1937.

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Recently, an expedition found a piece of equipment

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which may have been on her plane.

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Join me for this fascinating edition of Unsolved Mystery.

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Tracy Kirkpatrick was an introspective pretty teenager

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from a small town near Frederick, Maryland.

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The third of four children, Tracy,

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was an honor student who loved reading and writing poetry.

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Early 1989, Tracy read her family a haunting poem

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written by Christina Rossetti.

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Tracy seemed to be asking them not to grieve for her

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when she was gone.

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Remember me when I am gone away,

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gone far away into the silent land,

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when you can no more hold me by the hand.

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Her and her boyfriend had just recently broke up,

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and I guess she expressed her feelings through her writing.

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She wrote a lot of lonely poems.

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She's very intelligent.

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She's a hard worker, and she loved people,

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and she loved to be around people,

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and she loved to have a lot of friends and everything.

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Now this is our new spring line. We have it in blue.

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During Tracy's senior year in high school,

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she held down two part-time jobs,

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one of them a sales clerk and a woman's clothing store.

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All over, I just got a new shipment in.

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On the night of March 15, 1989,

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Tracy was assigned to close the store

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and tally up the day's receipts.

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15 minutes before closing time, Tracy was alone.

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It was 8.45 p.m.

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Two hours later, a shopping mall security guard

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noticed that the lights inside the women's clothing store

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were still on.

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The front door was unlocked.

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The guard called out but received no response.

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He walked toward the back of the store.

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In a storage room, he found Tracy Kirkpatrick's

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00:04:40,000 --> 00:04:44,000

lifeless body.

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The guard immediately notified the police.

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You better send someone down right away, all right?

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At almost the same moment, Billy and Diane Kirkpatrick,

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Tracy's parents were en route to the shopping mall.

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It was nearly 11 p.m., more than an hour

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after Tracy usually returned home.

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I'm worried for nothing.

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OK, I know everything's going to be fine.

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What the hell is this?

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Look, there's police cars, Bill.

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Yeah, OK, all right.

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I'm going to the store.

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As soon as I seen it without the store,

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I jumped out of the car and I went up to the door

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and they didn't want to let us in at first

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because they really didn't know who we were.

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I'm going to trace the works here.

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All right, hold on.

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Are you OK?

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00:05:36,000 --> 00:05:38,000

Thank you.

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Is she OK?

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I said, is she all right?

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I see her and when he shook his head, no.

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I just blocked out everything.

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00:05:48,000 --> 00:05:51,000

I didn't want to hear the rest of what was going to be said to me.

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All right.

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Bill?

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00:05:53,000 --> 00:05:56,000

OK, Diane, sit down.

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00:05:56,000 --> 00:05:59,000

What did someone have against her

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00:05:59,000 --> 00:06:02,000

that they would do something like that to her?

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00:06:02,000 --> 00:06:04,000

She never did anything to hurt anybody.

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00:06:08,000 --> 00:06:11,000

Police could find no apparent motive or Tracy Kirkpatrick's

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brutal murder.

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There was no sign of sexual assault.

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The day's cash receipts have been left untouched on the counter.

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Since there were no indications of a struggle,

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police believe the murder must have been someone Tracy knew.

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A thorough analysis of the crime scene turned up

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late in fingerprints but no other physical evidence.

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The case was stalled.

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Then three months later, police got their first real lead

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when a mysterious telephone call was recorded

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by a nationwide confession hotline in Las Vegas.

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This is a tape recording of the actual phone call.

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I know this is going to sound surprising,

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00:06:51,000 --> 00:06:55,000

but three months ago, I stabbed it all to death.

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00:06:55,000 --> 00:06:58,000

And you might think that in making this tape,

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I'm setting myself up to be caught,

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00:07:01,000 --> 00:07:06,000

but there are a lot of guys named John in front of me.

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The hotline immediately notified the Frederick police.

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The sincerity that I heard in that voice

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00:07:15,000 --> 00:07:18,000

and the knowledge that the person was displaying,

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00:07:18,000 --> 00:07:22,000

talking about what he had done,

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at that point, convinced me that I probably was listening to the killer.

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Detective Honer thought the caller's knowledge of the case was convincing.

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He took the tape to his chief.

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Yes, sir.

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Well, let's listen to it then.

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The call I called was working.

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A lady in sportswear store.

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I often teamed by and talked to her when she was working alone.

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And one night, when she was in the store room,

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00:07:52,000 --> 00:07:57,000

and we were talking, our conversation turned into an argument.

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And so I took out a knife that I had with me at all times.

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00:08:01,000 --> 00:08:04,000

And I killed her.

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00:08:04,000 --> 00:08:09,000

And a few days later, I realized that I had created a lot of sadness.

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00:08:09,000 --> 00:08:12,000

And I thought about turning myself into the police.

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But whatever they do to me, that won't bring Tracy back.

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00:08:16,000 --> 00:08:23,000

So I decided that I better be free

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00:08:23,000 --> 00:08:26,000

because we have the testimony in Maryland.

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00:08:26,000 --> 00:08:28,000

Thanks for listening.

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00:08:28,000 --> 00:08:34,000

I'm sorry about what I did, but nothing can change it's life.

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00:08:34,000 --> 00:08:36,000

It just sounds like we have our killer, doesn't it?

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Sounds very authentic.

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They trace the call back to a supermarket in Walkersville, Maryland,

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which is seven or eight miles just north of Frederick City.

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00:08:48,000 --> 00:08:52,000

If it was the killer, he wanted to be caught.

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00:08:52,000 --> 00:08:56,000

And he was seeking help through this hotline.

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And it was a decision made by my chief of police and members of my division

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to compose a letter to this individual

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00:09:06,000 --> 00:09:11,000

and address it to Don and ask Don to please come forward.

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00:09:11,000 --> 00:09:15,000

If he needed someone to talk to, I was available.

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The letter was published in a local newspaper on October 10, 1989.

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Police received no response, but two weeks later,

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another unlikely phone call provided them with a new lead.

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Hello. My name is Sean.

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And I have rather an unusual request.

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How can I help you, Sean?

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On October 24, Martha Woodworth, a Massachusetts woman

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with a reputation as a psychic, began to receive calls from a young man

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00:09:46,000 --> 00:09:48,000

who identified himself as Sean.

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00:09:48,000 --> 00:09:51,000

Well, I don't usually take cases like that.

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Sean seemed obsessed with finding the person who had murdered Tracy Kurt Patrick.

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Martha told Sean she needed more information before she could help.

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Eventually, he agreed to send Martha newspaper clippings.

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And when I received the envelope with his handwriting on the outside,

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I thought this person has a much stronger involvement

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00:10:13,000 --> 00:10:16,000

than just being a friend who's interested.

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I found the handwriting extremely disturbed.

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So I felt it was my responsibility to alert the police that I had a potential suspect for them.

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Martha, do you think you've talked to Sean enough

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00:10:28,000 --> 00:10:31,000

that you could recognize his voice from a tape?

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Yes, I'm pretty sure.

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00:10:34,000 --> 00:10:37,000

Let me play a little of this tape for you on the telephone.

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Chief Ashton played the confession tape for Martha Woodworth.

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She believed the voice was Sean's.

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I knew it was Sean. In fact, my heart dropped.

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It was very chilling to hear the voice of the person

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I'd been speaking to for months, actually confessing to the crime.

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I certainly didn't encourage her to maintain contact with him.

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Because at that time, we thought it was a viable lead,

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and it was the best lead that we had.

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And she was the conduit between Sean Don and the police department.

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What if the killer commits suicide?

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Police checked out the return address on Sean's envelope.

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It was in Walkersville, Maryland, the same town where the call-in confession had been made.

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However, the young man living at the address was not named Sean or Don.

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Good morning. As requested by Frederick said...

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At another dead end, the Frederick police turned to local radio stations for help.

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The caller claims to have killed Tracy Lynn Kirkpatrick,

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00:11:46,000 --> 00:11:50,000

who was brutally murdered in Frederick one year ago today.

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Authorities encourage you to listen carefully.

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There's a chance someone may recognize the caller's voice.

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After the tape aired, three people claimed they thought they recognized the voice.

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Again, the man was not named Sean or Don,

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but he was the young man who lived at the return address on the psychics' letter.

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Police searched his home the next day.

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Our hopes in serving the search in seizure weren't on his person

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obtaining physical evidence from that suspect.

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It was to send that material to our forensic lab and the state lab

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and confirm our suspicions that he was, in fact, the person who committed this crime.

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Unfortunately, the evidence was examined and re-examined

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and we were unable to confirm that he was either at the crime scene that night

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00:12:50,000 --> 00:12:57,000

or had any protector part in this criminal act.

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In the search, police found many newspaper clippings about Tracy's murder

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but could find no evidence that the young man knew Tracy Kirkpatrick personally.

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He plugged the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer any questions.

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There has to be someone to see something, someone coming from that store,

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00:13:18,000 --> 00:13:24,000

running from that store, or leaving that store, or heard something.

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I just can't imagine something happening like that, no one knowing nothing about it.

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The frustrating part is, you know, we obviously know somebody killed her

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00:13:33,000 --> 00:13:38,000

and we've never been able to nail it down to the suspect that definitely did it.

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I mean, that has been our pledge to the community, to the family,

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that we're not going to give up until we do identify that person.

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On March 20, 1989, Tracy Kirkpatrick was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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00:13:54,000 --> 00:14:00,000

The poem she had once recited for her family was inscribed on her tombstone.

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00:14:01,000 --> 00:14:07,000

Remember me when I am gone away, gone far away into the silent land.

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00:14:07,000 --> 00:14:11,000

When you can no more hold me by the hand.

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00:14:11,000 --> 00:14:19,000

Yet if you should forget me for a while and afterward remember, do not grieve.

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00:14:19,000 --> 00:14:25,000

For if the darkness and corruption leave a vestige of the thoughts that once I had,

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00:14:25,000 --> 00:14:33,000

better by far that you should forget and smile than that you should remember and be sad.

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The End

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Six decades ago, famed aviator Amelia Earhart captured the heart and spirit of an entire generation

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with her courageous record-breaking flights.

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But in 1937, Earhart became the subject of one of the most enduring and fascinating unsolved mysteries.

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On May 20, 1937, Amelia and her navigator Fred Muenin began their attempt to circumnavigate the world

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in a twin-engine Lockheed Electron.

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They never returned.

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On July 2nd, they disappeared en route to the small South Pacific island of Howland.

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A massive search turned up no trace of Amelia, Fred or the airplane.

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Years later, rumors surfaced that Earhart and Muenin were taken prisoner by the Japanese

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and held on the island of Saipan.

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This woman was brought ashore by the Japanese.

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Neva Blas has lived on Saipan her entire life.

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She claims that she witnessed Amelia Earhart's execution.

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Amelia Earhart and Fred Muenin were taken prisoner and executed on the island of Saipan

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00:16:08,000 --> 00:16:14,000

or did their plane in fact go down in the past and unforgiving waters of the South Pacific?

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Shortly after our broadcast, we learned of an intriguing discovery that may finally solve

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the mystery of Amelia Earhart's disappearance.

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In October of 1989, a 17-member expedition spent three weeks on a tiny uninhabited island

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called Nicumaroro.

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Nicumaroro is 420 miles from Amelia's destination Howland Island.

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The operation was headed by aviation archaeologist Rick Gillespie.

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No one ever really searched on that island for Amelia Earhart,

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although the U.S. Navy flew over it one week after she disappeared.

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The pilot, in charge of the flight, saw what he later described in his official report

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as clear signs of recent human habitation.

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What he could not have known at that time is there should have been no one on that island,

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no sign of any human activity on that island.

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The expedition found this aluminum aircraft part,

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which may have been installed in the Lockheed Lecter by navigator Fred Muenin.

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The number on the box positively identifies it as a navigator's bookcase.

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We know there was a structure of this box's size and shape installed aboard the Earhart aircraft.

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Tests performed by the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C.

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conclude that the bookcase came from a civilian aircraft

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and was manufactured in the years just prior to Earhart's disappearance.

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What the FBI has told us doesn't constitute proof.

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What it does is constitute sufficient evidence to merit a return to Nico Morro

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to find and photograph the ultimate proof, the airplane itself.

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Rick Gillespie and the archaeological team plan to return to Nico Morro,

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using sonar and computer tracking devices.

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They will try to locate Amelia Earhart's plane in the waters just off the island.

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Perhaps, just perhaps, the mystery of the legendary Amelia Earhart will finally be solved.

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In 1976, a 30-year-old jack-of-all-trades named Steve Wilson

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showed up in Elancho, California.

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He was a licensed pilot and a certified electrician.

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He said he had come from San Diego but never revealed much else about his past.

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With his rugged good looks and smooth-talking charm, Wilson soon made friends with the local residents.

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People liked Steve Wilson.

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He could tell you anything you wanted to hear and make you believe it.

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He was very much involved with the college.

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He liked to lift weights. He liked to weld.

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And when he was around a group of people that he enjoyed,

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he was very friendly and very fun to be around.

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Wilson did occasion-alot jobs on the Cabin Bar Ranch,

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a 900,000-acre spread 100 miles west of Death Valley.

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The ranch was owned by Bill Thornberg, a prominent horseman.

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Twenty-two-year-old Callie Thornberg lived at home and worked right alongside her father.

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When Steve Wilson met Callie, he took an immediate interest in her.

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They courted for nine months, and the Bill Thornberg's blessings ran off to Reno to get married.

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Dad wanted me to get married because he felt that I needed to have something other than him in the ranch.

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As we were driving to Reno or even the day before we left,

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I was wishing there was some way that I could get out of it or not get married,

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but I felt as though I had made that commitment, and there was no way to get out of that.

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The marriage was an immediate disaster. Wilson was abusive and threatened Callie.

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Just two months after the wedding, Callie left her husband and moved back in with her father.

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Wilson was no longer welcomed on the cabin bar ranch.

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How are you, hon?

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A few days later, Callie told her father that Wilson had been making threatening phone calls.

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I didn't realize that guy was so crazy.

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I'm really afraid. I don't know what to do.

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The threats sparked a feud between Bill Thornberg and Steve Wilson.

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Well, I don't like to say this at all, Callie, but I really fear for your life, the guys are nuts.

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Wilson would call on the phone and harass us, and he would say things like,

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I will hurt you worse than you've ever been hurt before.

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I will take everything you love away from you. You will pay. You will learn to love me.

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00:21:14,000 --> 00:21:18,000

You will learn that loving me is easier than being away from me.

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About three weeks after the break-up, Steve Wilson showed up at the ranch to get Callie back.

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Callie!

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Callie, come out here. Callie, I want to talk to you right now. Come out here.

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00:21:31,000 --> 00:21:33,000

What do you want, Wilson?

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I want to talk to Callie.

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She'd want to talk to you.

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Callie, I love you.

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If she don't love you, it's over with.

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00:21:40,000 --> 00:21:41,000

This between me and Callie.

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Get off the ranch.

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Why are you doing this to me? Just go away.

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I love you, Callie.

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Callie, Wilson, get off your ranch. You hear what I'm saying?

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You hear what I'm saying?

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I grabbed my dad and grabbed the gun and said,

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no, don't shoot him. It's not worth it.

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You know, I didn't want my father and Wilson to get into any kind of a confrontation with each other

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00:22:13,000 --> 00:22:16,000

because I was afraid that Wilson would hurt my dad.

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May 29, 1979.

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At 6 a.m., Bill Thornberg left the ranch house to do his morning chores and never returned.

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When I got there, he wasn't there.

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And so I waited for about, oh, 15 to 20 minutes and he never showed.

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00:22:35,000 --> 00:22:39,000

I thought something was wrong because he was always on time.

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00:22:39,000 --> 00:22:40,000

Dad?

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And so I walked out to the water lines and I found his truck with his

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00:22:47,000 --> 00:22:51,000

every morning cup of coffee sitting on the dashboard and it was still hot.

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Dad? Dad?

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00:22:56,000 --> 00:22:59,000

Bill Thornberg was never seen again.

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Steve Wilson had also disappeared.

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Seven months passed.

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Then on Christmas Eve, 1979, a teenager riding his dirt bike through the desert,

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45 miles south of the ranch house, made a grisly discovery.

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A teenage boy on a dirt bike had been over in the sand canyon area

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and had come across the skeletal remains of a body.

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The boy knew his parents wouldn't believe him if he told him,

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so he actually took the head and rode back to his house.

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And at that time, his parents called the sheriff's office and they went out and investigated.

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With the evidence at the scene, the clothing, and different articles,

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it was immediately known that it was Bill Thornberg's body.

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And all the evidence led to Steve Wilson.

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I believe he vented a lot of his rage at Bill up to the point where he took him out and murdered him.

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Another year and a half passed and Steve Wilson was still on the run.

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Then in 1981, he was spotted by a game warden in Kodiak, Alaska

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and was subsequently arrested in Las Vegas.

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He pled guilty to first-degree murder and received a sentence of 25 years to life

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at Folsom Prison in California.

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Folsom Prison is a maximum security facility housing many violent killers.

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When Steve Wilson arrived, there had not been an escape in 15 years.

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Wilson immediately went to work,

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00:24:28,000 --> 00:24:31,000

engratiating himself to the officers and administrators.

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00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:34,000

Mr. Martin, good morning to you, sir.

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00:24:34,000 --> 00:24:36,000

Good morning, Steve.

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00:24:36,000 --> 00:24:39,000

Listen, a little favor I'd like to ask if you could help me out.

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00:24:39,000 --> 00:24:44,000

He joined the in-house work program and used his charm on those who could help him.

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00:24:44,000 --> 00:24:46,000

I could be a big help to you in the office.

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I mean, much more than out here sweeping up and stuff.

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00:24:48,000 --> 00:24:51,000

Steve was a model prisoner.

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00:24:51,000 --> 00:24:54,000

I have 30 years in his career of mine.

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And I wouldn't have to say that this guy is the greatest clerk I've ever had.

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00:24:59,000 --> 00:25:03,000

Before long, Wilson became the clerk in charge of shipping.

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It is one of the most coveted inmate jobs in the prison

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00:25:06,000 --> 00:25:09,000

with a lease supervision and the most freedom of movement.

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00:25:09,000 --> 00:25:10,000

Hey, Larry.

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00:25:10,000 --> 00:25:11,000

Hey, Steve.

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00:25:11,000 --> 00:25:12,000

How you doing?

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00:25:12,000 --> 00:25:14,000

Hey, look, an invoice 1403.

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00:25:14,000 --> 00:25:16,000

The only city clerk I've ever met.

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When he became a clerk in the warehouse

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adjacent to the metal factory and the license plate factory,

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but his job would entail him being in all different areas of the warehouse,

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00:25:27,000 --> 00:25:31,000

picking up inventories, picking up invoices, work orders.

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00:25:31,000 --> 00:25:35,000

So for him to be in a certain area at any time would not be unusual,

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00:25:35,000 --> 00:25:37,000

would not be significant,

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and if he wasn't there, would not be significant either.

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00:25:42,000 --> 00:25:44,000

Two years passed.

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Prison officials had no idea that during that entire time,

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00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:50,000

Wilson was plotting a way out.

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At 8.30 a.m. on August 3rd, 1984,

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while Wilson was working near the loading dock,

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00:25:55,000 --> 00:25:58,000

he put his escape plan into effect.

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Hey!

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00:26:05,000 --> 00:26:06,000

What?

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00:26:06,000 --> 00:26:07,000

It's your problem.

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00:26:07,000 --> 00:26:08,000

He ran into me.

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00:26:08,000 --> 00:26:11,000

Listen, I told you about this safety last week.

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00:26:11,000 --> 00:26:12,000

It was his fault.

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00:26:12,000 --> 00:26:13,000

Watch it!

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00:26:19,000 --> 00:26:22,000

When the truck was fully loaded, the officers sealed the door shut,

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00:26:22,000 --> 00:26:25,000

unaware that Wilson had enlisted other inmates

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00:26:25,000 --> 00:26:28,000

to create a diversion and help him make his escape.

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Wilson's meticulous planning had worked.

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Nobody noticed that he'd left the loading dock.

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It's my opinion that Steve Wilson was looking for the weakest link

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in our security to get out.

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I think he was planning this at least well over a year ahead of time.

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He was an intelligent individual,

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and when you have vehicles going in and out of a secure area,

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00:27:01,000 --> 00:27:03,000

that's your weakest link.

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The escape plan was modeled almost exactly after the last successful escape

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from Folsom in 1969, 15 years earlier.

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Authorities believed that as soon as a truck left the prison grounds,

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Wilson cut a hole in the roof using tin snips

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he had stolen from the prison metal shop.

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Just minutes later, the truck pulled into the local building.

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00:27:35,000 --> 00:27:38,000

When the truck's driver went inside for a cup of coffee,

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00:27:38,000 --> 00:27:42,000

Wilson squeezed through the hole he'd cut and disappeared.

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Having Wilson on the loose is very hard for me

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00:27:47,000 --> 00:27:50,000

because I can never really relax.

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00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:52,000

I don't like being alone,

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00:27:52,000 --> 00:27:55,000

and I'm always looking around all the corners.

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00:27:55,000 --> 00:27:58,000

I'm constantly in fear.

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Before Steve Wilson was sent to Folsom prison,

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he was interviewed on videotape by a psychiatrist.

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I can't say that I was planning to kill him,

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that I wasn't planning to kill him or anything.

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I just turned in and drove straight to the grave.

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Who was driving at that time?

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Next, the poignant mystery of an American sailor

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whose ship was sunk by the Nazis.

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He was later photographed on a hospital ship

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and never seen again.

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Most of us are familiar with the heartbreaking stories

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of American soldiers still missing in action in Vietnam,

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and the anguish and uncertainty their families face.

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It's astonishing to think that there are other families

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who've been carrying that same terrible burden

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ever since World War II.

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Yet along with that burden of despair comes a miracle of hope.

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This is a story of one American sailor's family,

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and their steadfast journey to the end of the war.

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The American soldiers are still missing in Vietnam,

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but this is a story of one American sailor's family,

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and their steadfast dream of reunion.

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Frank Joseph Bloomer was born on October 12, 1921

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in Ziegler, Illinois.

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The younger of two sons, he loved the outdoors,

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especially swimming and fishing.

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When World War II broke out,

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Franky enlisted in the Navy against his parents' wishes.

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Franky Bloomer served as a radio technician

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aboard the USS Rowan,

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a destroyer operating in the Mediterranean Sea.

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On September 11, 1943, just off the coast of Italy,

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a German U-boat targeted the Rowan.

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His torpedo hit home, and the Rowan sank in less than a minute.

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202 American sailors were killed.

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Reported missing in action was 22-year-old

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Radio Man 3rd Class Franky Bloomer.

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His parents heard that the Rowan was sunk on their car radio.

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In a short time, they were notified that it was missing in action.

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Incredibly, less than a week later,

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Mrs. Jane Bloomer saw a newspaper article

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with this photograph of three survivors of the USS Rowan.

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She recognized the man in the middle as her son, Franky.

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I know this is him. Look. Look at that.

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She immediately contacted her other son's wife, Dorothy.

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The two women compared the newspaper photograph

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with pictures of Franky.

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Yes, see? I noticed that too.

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I still don't know what is him.

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When I first saw the newspaper picture of the three survivors,

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I was positive. The one was Franky.

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It had characteristics. It had features.

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And I knew it was Franky.

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Jane Bloomer took the photographs to a local mortician

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who was an expert at photo identification.

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See how he's holding his arm there?

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Did he ever break his arm, maybe as a child?

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Yes, he did.

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I would say that these two men are absolutely the same.

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00:31:33,000 --> 00:31:35,000

Are you sure?

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From my observation of this evidence,

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00:31:38,000 --> 00:31:41,000

I definitely would conclude they're one and the same.

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00:31:41,000 --> 00:31:43,000

Thank you.

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When the mortician told my mother-in-law that he felt this picture was of Franky,

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it gave her a lot more hope.

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She wrote to the American Red Cross to see if they could help her,

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00:31:58,000 --> 00:32:02,000

and they said they got all their information from the war department,

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and that they could not find any information that she did not already have.

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Franky's mother never stopped believing that her son was alive.

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When Mrs. Bloomer died in 1971,

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she passed her hope to a new generation, her granddaughter, Janey.

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As a very small girl, the first time I can remember hearing

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or finding out about my Uncle Franky was at my grandma's house.

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I noticed the picture sitting on the mantle.

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I went over and I asked my grandma, I said, well, who is this?

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00:32:39,000 --> 00:32:41,000

And she said, this is your Uncle Franky.

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Why haven't I ever met him?

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Well, he went into the Navy a long time ago.

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He just hasn't come back yet, and I'm sure he will.

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I would say that my grandmother and grandfather lived with this haunting feeling

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of never knowing if he was alive or dead until the day they died.

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I think my grandparents would commemorate Franky's birthday in different ways

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from year to year.

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It never went forgotten.

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I can recall a time when we were over at my grandmother's house to eat dinner,

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and there happened to be a cake on the table, and I asked why there was a cake there,

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and she told me that it was because it was Franky's birthday.

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Where is he?

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He's away just now.

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When is he going to be back?

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I don't know, Janey. I don't know.

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I'm searching to find the answer, whether he is alive or dead,

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so that I don't end up the same way that my grandparents did,

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because they both died not knowing the real truth of whether he was alive or dead.

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12 years ago, Janey's parents erected a memorial headstone for Franky.

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I do go to the grave occasionally,

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and our family is all buried in the same proximity.

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It's kind of strange, though, when I look at my Uncle Franky's grave marker

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and know that he's not in there,

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and think of the possibility that he could be walking a street somewhere,

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yet there's a marker here with his name on it.

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The End

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A young woman to be pregnant and unmarried

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is nearly always a disturbing and unsettling prospect.

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In 1965, Judith Hayams, a 22-year-old medical technician from Coral Gables, Florida,

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found herself in that difficult predicament.

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With nowhere else to turn, Judith Hayams apparently decided to have an illegal abortion.

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It was a decision that probably led to her disappearance, and quite possibly her death.

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Judith Hayams learned she was pregnant in August of 1965.

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The name she gave her pregnancy test was B. Kenny,

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evidence that she may have been trying to keep her condition a secret.

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Judy never said anything to me about the fact that she might have been pregnant.

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She never even told me that she went to have a test, a pregnancy test.

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She called me, I guess, the day that she was going to have the abortion,

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if that is what happened, to tell me that she was going shopping.

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She was leaving work early and going shopping.

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The day she disappeared, Judith went to her bank and withdrew \$300.

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She told her friends that she was going to buy a watch.

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Police believe that instead, Judith used the money for an illegal abortion.

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We were able to determine that she contacted a close friend of hers

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who helped arrange an abortion through the suspect, Dr. George Haji.

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And through that, a date and time and a price were set for it.

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Judith made the arrangements to get the money,

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and the last time she was seen, we feel that she was on her way to get this abortion.

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Get plenty of rest. You'll be fine in no time, huh?

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George Haji was a Hungarian immigrant who poses as an accredited physician.

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According to police, Haji operated an illegal abortion clinic in Coral Gables.

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Judy?

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Having an abortion, I don't think she really had any other choice

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because nobody in those days had a choice.

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Not in the group that she was friendly with.

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Judy?

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Judy.

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Right through here, huh?

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A lot of people have said that what happened to her

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was that she died having an abortion.

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Judy was a medical organist.

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She was a doctor.

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She was a doctor.

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She was a doctor.

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Judy was a lab technician.

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She had a lot of medical knowledge.

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I find it hard to believe that she could have died having an abortion.

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I mean, surely she would have known she was intelligent enough to know to go for help someplace.

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Judith Hines disappeared on September 14, 1965.

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Three weeks later, a rental car registered in her name

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was found 650 miles away in Atlanta, Georgia.

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On the back seat were traces of blood.

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Unfortunately, the car had sat there for two or three days before it was found.

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And then by the time we were able to conduct any crime scene on it,

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the car had been handled by other people or the police agencies.

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And by the time it got back to Dade County to be processed,

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whatever crime scene existed was totally ruined.

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A local resident had spotted a man in his 30s parking the vehicle.

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He removed what appeared to be a duffel bag from the trunk and then left the area.

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This man has never been identified.

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Three months later, George Haji was arrested for impersonating a physician.

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George Haji? Yes.

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Coral Gibbons, police, are you under arrest?

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He jumped bail and has not been seen since.

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The surgery charges against him are still in the books,

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and police speculate he may know what happened to Judith Himes.

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Shortly after Haji's escape, police ended their investigation into Judith's disappearance.

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The Judith Himes case soon faded from local memory.

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But 25 years later, the investigation would be reopened

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thanks to a bizarre series of events that began with a police narcotics lecture in Nebraska.

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Captain Chuck Shear, the Coral Gables Police Department, was unfamiliar with the Himes case.

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In 1990, Shear had a speaking engagement at the police academy 200 miles west of Omaha, Nebraska.

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The lecture itself was uneventful and Shear returned home.

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It was then that he received a phone call from the past.

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Two days after the Nebraska lecture, Captain Shear received a long-distance phone call

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at his office in Coral Gables.

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Hello?

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Yes, it is. What can I do for you?

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The caller identified himself as Steve Brown, the host of a popular radio talk show in Omaha.

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He said an anonymous caller had given him information on the disappearance of Judith Himes.

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I told Mr. Brown that I wasn't familiar with the case and I'd have to research and get back to him.

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I asked him for his phone number, and if he knew what he was talking about,

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he said he didn't know how to get back to him, and he gave me two phone numbers.

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A day later, Captain Shear called Steve Brown in Nebraska.

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He said, well, regarding your call to me, I have dug up the information that you needed, and I have it for you.

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And I said, excuse me, because this is a call out of the blue.

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I didn't know who the man was or could not imagine what he was talking about.

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He was totally surprised, never heard of me, never knew anything about it,

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and denied adamantly that he was the one that made the phone calls.

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No, no.

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That's right. That's my home number. It's my private, unlisted number. Who gave you that?

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When he gave me my own unlisted home phone number,

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I began to think through the people that come to mind who have that telephone number.

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Thinking they could have called, and no one has yet come to mind who would make such a phone call,

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without telling me about it, claiming to be me.

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Well, now I'm confused. I don't know what to think.

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Why would a 25-year-old case surface all of a sudden out of Omaha, Nebraska,

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when, in fact, I've never been to Omaha, Nebraska in my life prior to this time,

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and had no knowledge or anything about the case.

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I never mentioned the case whatsoever the whole time we were out there,

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for the simple reason I really didn't even know about the case,

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to give anybody any information or anything.

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Good evening. Paul gave us Police Department. Captain Shearer, one moment.

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Two days later, Captain Shearer received another unusual phone call.

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Hello, Captain Shearer.

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Judy Heimes is alive, and she lives in Omaha.

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Who is this, please?

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Judy Heimes is alive.

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Judy Heimes is alive, and she lives in Omaha.

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Who is this?

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Hello, who is this?

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My gut feeling is that something is going on to bring this case back up 25 years later,

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and it very possibly is that Judy is, in fact, living in the Omaha area.

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In the fall of 1989, an article on The Heimes case appeared in a local newspaper.

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Captain Shearer then received yet another anonymous phone call.

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Hello, Captain Shearer.

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The third phone call that I received was from a man that identified himself as an informant for the FBI.

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Would you give me your name, please?

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He refused to give me his name at that time,

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but he said that he had just spent several weeks with Haju over in Budapest, Hungary,

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and he gave me the phone number.

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I contacted Interpol, and Interpol, our Interpol through their Budapest Interpol,

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determined that the phone number that he gave me indeed comes back to the same name of the suspect

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at that time, the doctor, that supposedly performed the abortion.

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Police have yet to locate George Haju in Hungary,

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but they feel it is highly unlikely that he was responsible for the phone calls.

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The only real evidence that Judith is still alive has come from the mysterious phone calls.

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Police have searched the Omaha area, but have found no trace of her whereabouts.

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Who placed the anonymous phone calls?

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If they are telling the truth, where is Judith Himes today?

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Did she have an abortion and die as a result, or did she just disappear?

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The only possible scenario that I could see is that if in fact she is,

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she didn't want the family to know about the supposed abortion at the time,

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and she just disappeared and in fact has been missing for 25 years,

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not wanting her family to know about it.

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I'd like to believe that she's someplace, and that she could be found,

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or that she'd come back, or that we'd know that she's alright.

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I guess my personal theory is it's hard to believe that she would be dead,

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but I can't understand if she's alive, why she wouldn't contact somebody after all this time.

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After all, there's no more stigmas left, why wouldn't she come back?

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In 1980, two women in Texas had a strange encounter with an unidentified object

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on a desolate highway outside of Houston.

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Within hours, it was stricken with mysterious illnesses which continue to plague them today.

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A judge, who was in the hospital, said that the woman was a woman,

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and that she was a woman, and that she was a woman,

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and that she was a woman, and that she was a woman,

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then present with mysterious illnesses which continue to plague them today,

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a genuine UFO, a military operation, or something new and unexplained.

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Join me next time for another edition of Unsolved Mysteries.