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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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Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

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These outlaw legends were immortalized

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by the movie starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford.

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According to history, Butch and Sundance

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were gunned down by soldiers in Bolivia.

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But some experts now believe one of the famous bandits

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escaped to the United States and lived out

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his life as a prosperous Seattle businessman.

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For nearly seven years, Cindy James

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was a victim of more than 100 separate incidents

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of harassment, including five violent physical attacks.

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Police suspected that Cindy staged the incidents herself.

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Then in 1989, Cindy was found dead.

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Her hands and feet bound behind her back.

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On a desolate highway in Texas, two women and a young boy

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had a bizarre encounter with an unidentified object.

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Today, all three are plagued by mysterious illnesses,

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whose symptoms began to appear that very night.

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For every mystery, there is someone,

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somewhere who knows the truth.

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Perhaps that someone is watching.

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Perhaps it's you.

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Join me.

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The Body of the Blonde Woman was clothed in brown slacks of pink

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blouse and shoes.

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June 8, 1989, Richmond, a suburb of Vancouver, British

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Columbia.

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The evening news carries a report

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that has become all too common, the discovery of a dead body,

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in this case lying in the yard of an abandoned house.

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The hands were behind her back, a strapped her feet,

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tied to her feet with a rope or a cord.

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The dead woman was 44-year-old pediatric nurse Cindy James.

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She lived less than two miles from the spot

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where her body was found.

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For seven years, Cindy had been reporting

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that she was a victim of more than 100 separate incidents

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of harassment, five of them violent physical attacks.

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The police first believed and disbelieved Cindy's stories.

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However, Cindy's parents are convinced

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that their daughter was murdered.

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Cindy James graduated from nursing school in 1966.

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Within a few years, she was named administrator

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of a preschool for children with behavioral

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and emotional disorders.

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Cindy was married but never had children of her own.

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In July of 1982, Cindy and her husband separated.

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Four months later, the phone calls began.

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Hello?

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Who is this?

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She said it was just a voice.

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Sometimes it would change the sound,

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and sometimes it was just whispering.

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Sometimes it was just nothing, just silence.

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As far as we know, she did not recognize the voice.

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Of course, she did not recognize the voice.

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She was a victim of a murder.

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00:04:03,640 --> 00:04:06,640

As far as we know, she did not recognize the voice.

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Of course, I think we should add a qualifier there

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that she was very, very reluctant to talk about this

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right to the end.

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And our feeling was that she was withholding something

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extremely vital.

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Cindy reported the threatening calls

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to Vancouver police who began an investigation.

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Over the next three months, she said

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that the harassment escalated.

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At night, she heard prowlers.

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Her porch lights were smashed.

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Her phone lines severed.

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Bizarre cut and paced notes began to appear on her doorstep.

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She told me many times that he wanted to scare her to death.

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She said he doesn't want to kill me.

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He wants to scare me to death.

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On January 27, 1983, Agnes Woodcock

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dropped by Cindy's house for a visit.

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Cindy?

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I went up and knocked on the door.

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There was no answer.

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I assumed she was having her bath.

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She did every night.

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And I thought I heard something.

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I wasn't sure what it was.

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Cindy, what happened?

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I found her crunched down.

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I thought she was going to be fine.

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I thought she was going to be fine.

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I found her crunched down with a nylon tied tightly around her.

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Oh, are you all right?

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Cindy said she'd gone out to the garage to get a box.

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And just as she got to the garage,

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she turned and someone grabbed her from behind.

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She said, and all she saw was white sneakers.

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Cindy was thoroughly frightened.

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She moved to a new house.

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Later, she painted her car and eventually

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changed her last name.

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The police continued their investigation

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and questioned Cindy several times.

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She wouldn't tell them the entire story.

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She would be evasive.

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She would withhold information.

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And she simply would not act as a normal victim would act.

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And I can see where a police officer would

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have a tremendous amount of problem in believing her story.

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Do you live in the city of Vancouver?

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Yes.

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Cindy was asked to take a lie detector test.

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The results were inconclusive.

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Both times, the polygraph indicated

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that she was withholding information.

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On January 27, 1983, were you physically assaulted

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outside your home?

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Yes.

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Cindy told me that after she was attacked,

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the knife was held at her throat.

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And she was told that if you talk,

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your sister will be next and then your mother.

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So just keep quiet.

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Don't tell anything.

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On January 30, 1984, Ozzie Caban,

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a private investigator hired by Cindy,

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heard strange sounds coming over a two-way radio he had given her.

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He went straight to Cindy's house.

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I went around the house and the house was locked.

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I was able to look into the house through a window,

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and I found Cindy lying there.

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101 to base, get me the police.

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Cindy, Cindy, can you hear me?

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I took a look at her and I thought she was dead.

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There was a note that was pinned with a paring knife through her hand.

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I went to the telephone, called 911.

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I went in about two minutes, the medical people arrived,

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and she revived briefly, and then they took her to the hospital.

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When I interviewed Cindy, she told me that she noticed

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a man coming through the gate.

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The next thing she remembers is being hit on the side of head

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with a piece of wood or something of that nature.

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She then remembered being held down on the floor,

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and she remembered a needle going into her arm.

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Neil Hall of the Vancouver Sun has covered Cindy's case for two years.

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One and a half million dollars that's been estimated,

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police spent investigating Cindy James' complaints,

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more than a hundred incidents, and they could never find a suspect.

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They could never find a...

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There was no sighting of a suspect,

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there was never a fingerprint from a suspect,

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there was no independent cooperation.

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Cindy saw this person, or sometimes she said there was two,

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sometimes three people going on year after year after year.

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After one attack,

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police tape recorded their questioning of Cindy.

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This is an actual excerpt from that interview.

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All the time we had, I don't know where he came from.

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I don't know what I thought I was going to do,

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but I was trying to push his knife over here something.

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I don't think I would remember anything else.

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There were times I would talk with her and I would say,

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Cindy, please tell me what's going on.

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And she'd say, I can't, mother, I can't.

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I'd say, why not?

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Because she says I'm afraid for you.

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PHONE RINGS

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Hello?

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The threatening phone calls continued,

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but were too short to trace.

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Why are you doing this to me?

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Police began to formulate a disturbing theory,

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and they believed Cindy might have been staging

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the entire harassment campaign against herself.

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They had 24-hour surveillance in our house for days on end,

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with up to 14 officers.

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But never, when surveillance was on our house,

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never any event would happen.

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As soon as surveillance was taken off,

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of course then she'd get another incident that happened.

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When the police were watching the house,

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we would say to them, well, you know,

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if it's somebody doing that, sure as heck he knows you're there.

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And of course, nobody will do anything

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while you're sitting there and watching.

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On December 11th, 1985, Cindy was found

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dazed and semi-conscious, lying in this ditch,

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six miles from her home.

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She was wearing a man's work boot and glove,

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and suffering from hypothermia.

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Cuts and abrasions covered her body.

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Once again, a black nylon stocking had been tied

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tightly around her neck.

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Once again, Cindy said she had no memory of what happened.

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The police became more and more convinced

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that Cindy was somehow attacking herself.

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The police did not investigate the possibility of homicide,

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of somebody murdering her,

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but zeroed in on trying to prove that she committed suicide.

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And I'm very angry with the ineptitude,

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the bungling by those who are responsible

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to protect our citizens

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and to do something about, first of all,

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preventing a death like this,

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and secondly, when it does occur,

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not investigating it properly.

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Knock, knock, knock.

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Agnes, wake up.

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Several times, Cindy asked Agnes Woodcock

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and her husband, Tom, to spend the night with her.

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On one occasion, Cindy woke them well after midnight.

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Cindy came running to the door and said,

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Tom, I heard a noise downstairs, and Tom,

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00:12:10,640 --> 00:12:12,640

he said, I heard it too.

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It was like a loud thump.

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Agnes and Tom went downstairs with Cindy.

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The basement was in flames.

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Cindy asked me to call the fire departments.

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I ran to the phone, and the phone was dead.

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So Tom went outside and called the neighbor

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and asked if he would call the fire department.

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And when he went out, there was a man standing on the curb,

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and Tom asked him, and he ran away down the street.

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The police suspected once again

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that Cindy had staged the incident.

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Further questions. Thank you.

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There was no duster fingerprints

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disturbed on the outside of the window sill,

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but somebody set the fires from inside the home,

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and it had declined through that window.

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Now, that should have been one sign

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that people should have realized.

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Also, she said she was out walking her dog

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late at night that night.

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Now, if somebody was attacked,

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why would they go out alone walking their dog

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at 3 o'clock in the morning? Does that make sense?

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Finally, Cindy's doctor committed her

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to a local psychiatric ward.

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He fully believes Cindy's accounts of harassment,

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but feared she was becoming suicidal.

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I think one of the things that she found most difficult

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was that people didn't believe her.

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She was always doubted.

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She knew she was doubted,

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and that was what slowly drove her crazy,

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the fact that she wasn't believed.

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Ten weeks later, Cindy left the hospital.

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She finally admitted to her family and friends

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that she had been withholding information.

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She told me for the first time

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she was convinced who the perpetrator was,

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and in her own words,

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if the police can't solve this, I'll solve it for them.

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00:13:58,640 --> 00:14:00,640

She said, when it's all over,

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I'll explain everything to you, but I can't tell you no.

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On May 25th, 1989,

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six years and seven months after the first threatening phone call,

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Cindy James disappeared.

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That same day, her car was found

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in a neighborhood parking lot.

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Inside were groceries and a wrap gift.

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There was blood on the driver's side door

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00:14:23,640 --> 00:14:26,640

and items from Cindy's wallet were under the car.

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Two weeks later, Cindy's body was found at the abandoned house.

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Cindy James' death had all the earmarks

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of a sadistic murder.

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Her hands and feet were bound together behind her back.

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A black nylon stocking was tied tightly around her neck.

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Yet an autopsy would reveal that Cindy had died

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from an overdose of morphine and other drugs.

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Police believed Cindy had committed an elaborate suicide.

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There is no way that she could have been able,

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after ingesting that amount of drugs,

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to tie herself up.

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There was absolutely nothing at the crime scene

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to indicate that she had used any form of syringe

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or she had used any drinking device

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or anything of that nature.

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Morphine wouldn't have taken effect for, say, 15 minutes, half an hour.

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The knot specialist who came in

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and recreated the same type of knots

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in the way she was tied up, it took them three minutes.

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So basically, if she took the drugs at the same time,

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she would have had about 15 minutes in order to tie herself up.

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Cindy was the type of person, was a very proud person.

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If she wanted to commit suicide, she would take her dog,

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dress herself up properly, lay on the bed,

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and that's how she would commit suicide.

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Not the way she was found in that horrible place.

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At the coroner's inquest, the theory was raised

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that Cindy suffered from multiple personality disorder,

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and that one of her personalities was trying to destroy the other.

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There was no indication in all of the time that I saw her,

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and I saw her not just in conversational states,

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I saw her in deep hypnotic states as well.

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There was never any evidence that there was another,

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there are other personalities there,

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so the psychiatrist that were speculating about that

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were looking for an explanation for things that can't be explained

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and who can argue against multiple personality disorder.

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There was never any evidence whatsoever in our relations

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with our daughter that there was anything but the personality that we knew,

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and we saw her under many circumstances, many different times.

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There's just no question that she was not mentally ill.

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I think one of the defense mechanisms that people have is denial,

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and I think it must be very hard for them to believe

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that they were taken into the, drawn into this whole thing year after year after year,

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and that it was all delusional.

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And you can feel sympathy for the family and friends,

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and colleagues were all close to her and trying to help her and protect her,

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and they went through hell themselves.

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If we could only find out what really happened,

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I think it would be easier on us.

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Right now we just wonder, what happened, what happened?

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I can see her in front of me.

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I hear her laughter, the fun we had.

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I, you know, I still find it hard to believe she's not there.

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Is it possible that Cindy James had descended so far into mental illness

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that she could inflict terrible pain on herself,

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up to and including the point of death?

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Cindy's friends and family are convinced it is not possible.

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They believe there is someone in Vancouver, Canada,

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who is getting away with murder.

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December 29th, 1980.

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State Road, 1485 on the outskirts of Houston, Texas.

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At around 9 p.m., Betty Cash, Bickey Lambroum,

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and Bickey's 7-year-old grandson, Colby, were returning home after dinner.

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Mama, what's that light?

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What is that light?

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I don't know, it's off a bright, is that an airframe?

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We were just driving along, talking, and all of a sudden we seen this bright light.

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We didn't know what it was,

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but we knew that there was something that was lighting up the sky.

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It seems to be moving closer.

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I think you're right, Bickey, here.

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You could see it through the trees, you know, you'd lose it, and then you'd see it.

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You'd lose it and you'd see it.

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And we traveled about close to a mile, I guess,

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when it was, got, started to get real close.

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Then I knew it wasn't a plane.

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Mama, what are you doing?

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I don't know, I don't know, but I can promise you the truth.

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We had began to feel the heat, and all of a sudden, Bickey screamed for me to stop.

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And when I stopped, she went forward, and her handprint was embedded into the dash of the car.

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And I thought, well, I've got to see what this is.

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So I walked toward the front of the automobile, and I stood there looking up to try to figure out what this object was.

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It was a diamond shaped object, four points, but the one at the top was rounded, and so were the sides.

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Then at the bottom, flames were shooting out.

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The heat was tremendous.

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It just felt like I was burning from the inside out.

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Betty, let's get out of here!

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I was horrified.

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I was actually afraid, really, to move.

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When I reached for the door handle, the door handle was so hot, I couldn't even begin to hold on to it.

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I was more than scared.

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It's moving away!

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The only thing I was thinking was, are we going to get out of here alive?

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Just moments later, a large squadron of helicopters descended on the air.

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I counted twenty-two, and Kobe said there's another one, and I said that makes twenty-three.

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They were the kind of helicopters that you just don't see, because I didn't know what kind they were.

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I knew I had to belong to the army.

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Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum had no idea that the events of that night would plague them the rest of their lives.

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Given the evidence, it seems little doubt that something incredible happened to Betty, Vicki and Kobe.

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Something that no one has been able to explain.

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For more than ten years, they've been embroiled in both a legal battle with the United States government,

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and a desperate fight against mysterious illnesses, whose symptoms began to appear just six hours after the bizarre encounter.

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Mama, I need a drink of water!

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Mama!

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Kobe?

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Mama, I'm sick.

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At one o'clock, Kobe woke me up crying, and he was begging me for water.

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Honey, you're burning up.

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He had a fever, and he had vomited all over the bed.

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I need some more water.

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I'll get you some right away.

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While I was saying to him, I got sick.

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Finally though, I got him back to sleep, and I went to sleep, and the next morning,

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I didn't dream that we had been hurt.

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When I got up, him and me both was yet sick.

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The next morning, Vicki and Kobe were still suffering from nausea, and what appeared to be severe cases of sunburn.

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Betty?

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Betty, it's Vicki!

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Concerned, Vicki went to Betty's house to check on her well-being.

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Betty?

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Vicki was shocked by Betty's condition.

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Her temperature was dangerously high, and large red welts had appeared on her face and hands.

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Oh, what you want? You want some water?

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I was so sick.

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All I wanted was water.

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My head was killing me.

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I could not get rid of the headache.

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I had an upset stomach.

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Just...

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I was just sick.

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I mean, completely.

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Hi, Betty.

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Over the next four days, Betty's condition grew more serious.

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How long has she been this way?

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Vicki finally convinced her to see a doctor in Houston.

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He immediately admitted Betty to Parkway Hospital.

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No.

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Records show that three weeks later, she underwent treatment for acute radiation poisoning.

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What I'd like to do is admit her to the hospital and run some more tests.

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During a six-week hospitalization, Betty lost more than 50% of her hair and patches of skin on her face.

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There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that Betty was exposed to high doses of radiation.

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As to what the source was, I can't exactly say.

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Dr. Brian McClelland has been Betty's physician since 1985.

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All I know is that she received high doses of radiation.

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After her release, Betty continued to suffer side effects.

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Extreme swelling of her face and arms, painful headaches and a dramatic loss of appetite.

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Vicki and Colby had similar symptoms. However, their conditions were less severe than Betty's.

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Betty Cash called me approximately six weeks after she got out of the hospital.

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Her case was very unusual. It was intriguing.

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It had situations involved that I hadn't heard about in the Texas area before, so I naturally became involved.

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John Schusler is an executive for a major aeronautics engineering firm and is a deputy director of the Mutual UFO Network.

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We had done several interviews with Betty and Vicki, and then we went out to the location of where this happened.

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They were very, very clear on where it happened and how it happened.

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Yes, sir. Came right over those trees, right there, sir.

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They were able to tell us exactly where along the road that they stopped because there were certain markers that identified the spot.

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They were able to point out exactly what they saw, the object coming down out of the sky over the road and hovering there.

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They were able to point out a spot on the road that indicated that it had been heated to an extreme level of heating.

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It was burned and it was very clear to the naked eye.

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Several weeks after we went to the spot and saw this burned area, someone came along, dug up the road and hauled it away and replaced it with new asphalt.

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Some of the witnesses that watched this happen said that people brought in unmarked trucks, dug up the road, put the material on the trucks, covered it with a tarpaulin and drove away.

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And what did it do when it hovered over the trees?

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In addition to taking Betty and Vicki's testimony, we went to every individual living within five miles of this area.

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At least ten other people had seen the object and seven or eight other people had seen the helicopters.

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And the descriptions were all very similar to what Betty and Vicki described.

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One eyewitness was Dayton, Texas police officer L. L. Walker.

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Walker was in the area on the night that Betty and Vicki encountered the object.

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A wife, Marie and I, was returning back from our mother and dads.

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And as we was coming out of some tree lines, I saw a helicopter.

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It was shining the spotlight at the ground.

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And then I heard other noise of other helicopters behind it.

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And about that time a helicopter started side slipping towards us with a beam hitting me in the eyes.

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And I stopped the car because I didn't know what was going on.

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The helicopters were military.

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They was all flying fairly low to the ground.

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And all of them had search beams on.

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I thought maybe there was an airplane down, but they didn't hesitate.

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They just kept on in the same direction they was going, which would probably intersect the area where Vicki said that her encounter was.

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They was headed in that general direction.

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Convinced that the military was somehow involved, Betty and Vicki wrote to Texas Senators John Tower and Lloyd Benson.

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Senator Lloyd Benson and Senator Tower had sent us the reply back that Berkstrom Air Force Base had been notified.

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And that they had been made well aware of what had happened to us.

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That they would be more than glad to help us in any way.

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On August 21st, 1981, Betty, Vicki and Colby arrived at Berkstrom, expecting to receive medical help they brought overnight bags.

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Colby, honey, come on.

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As they entered the room, Vicki noticed a large map.

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The exact spot where the encounter had occurred was clearly marked.

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I understand you hear about an incident that occurred on 29 December 1980.

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Can you tell us what happened?

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Well, so we were coming home from dinner and as we were going down this road, we saw this large object.

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According to Betty and Vicki, they were questioned for more than two hours.

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The interview was recorded by a military stenographer.

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It was as big as a water tower and it was kind of diamond shaped.

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What did you do after you spot these?

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It was a deposition they were taking from each one of us.

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Just general of everything that had happened to us.

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And we were still blistered and had blisters on us.

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And at the time I was wearing a wig because my hair had already gone.

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They wanted me to take my wig off so they could see my head.

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About how long a period of time was this?

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10 or 12 minutes.

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Then what happened?

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Well, as I got in the car, then the helicopter started approaching.

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What helicopters?

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The military helicopters.

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You say military?

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Yes.

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How do you know they were military?

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The two interviewers denied that any military or government operation was conducted on December 29, 1980.

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Ladies, what would you like for us to do?

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We want help. We're sick.

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What do you want the Air Force to do?

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I feel you're partly responsible and I would like some help.

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None of the information that I have here indicates that the Air Force nor the government is responsible for any of the claims that you've made.

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The women were told that they were entitled to file a claim that the Air Force would review the case.

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Get them to your lawyers and get them back to us.

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Four weeks later, Betty and Vicki's claim for medical damages was denied.

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Come on, Colby.

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In 1982, Betty and Vicki filed a lawsuit against the United States government.

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The case was dismissed by a federal judge for lack of evidence.

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I thought there was no justice left in the United States at all.

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And to think that we had a federal judge that would not even give us a chance to speak up or to be heard.

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What did Betty Cash, Vicki Lambroum and Colby Lambroum see in the Texas sky on that winter night over ten years ago?

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There are two possible explanations in this case.

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One is that with experimental crafts of some kind by probably our government.

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The other, it was an unidentified flying object, possibly extraterrestrial.

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I don't believe in the little green man.

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And it had to be an object that could have been a spacecraft that the government was carrying, but our government was carrying it.

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Today, Betty Cash, Vicki Lambroum and Colby Lambroum continue to battle illnesses which they believe are a result of massive radiation exposure.

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Betty has been diagnosed with several types of cancer.

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She, Vicki and Colby all have far below normal white blood cell counts.

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Their immune systems now have difficulty fighting off even minor infections.

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The child especially, he's going to have to make decisions about having children, about what he's going to do with his life and how long is he going to live, what's going to happen to him.

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For Betty, she's just entering into the risk period for other cancers or other problems and Vicki is too.

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Vicki's having visual problems and there are lots of suggestions that that may be related to radiation as well, but depends on the kind of exposure.

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And someone needs to tell us what the exposure was so we can figure it out.

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If it's a top secret object that's protecting the United States, then I could say I could forgive them for that.

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But at least they owe us to tell us exactly why we were burned and what type of radiation that we were exposed to and how much.

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The United States Air Force declined our invitation to be interviewed for this story.

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Their official position is that no military or government operation occurred near Dayton, Texas on December 29th, 1980.

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Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum disagree.

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They believe that the military knows exactly what happened that night and hope that someone will come forward with information.

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When we return, a legend of Wild West Outlaws butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, did they really die in a shootout in South America?

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Meet Robert Leroy Parker and Harry Alonzo Longabao.

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In the late 1800s, these two men became outlaw legends as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

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Decades later, they were immortalized in a movie about their lives starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford.

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In 1969, fact-based film chronicles the adventurous final days of the famed outlaw.

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The movie like history has Butch and Sundance meeting their demise in a fiery gun battle in South America.

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But some experts believe that Hollywood and history may be wrong.

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Some say that Jesse James sang at his own funeral and fled to South America.

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The Billy the Kid was not gunned down by Pat Garrett and lived to the ripe old age of 92.

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The folklore of the American West is full of stories of famous outlaws who somehow outlived their own deaths.

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But in the case of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, there is compelling evidence that at least one of the infamous criminals returned to the United States and died of natural causes.

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Spokane, Washington, 1910. Two years after Butch and Sundance were reportedly gunned down, a mysterious man named William Thaddeus Phillips arrived in Spokane.

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Phillips eventually opened a machine shop which became a success, earning him the reputation as a prominent businessman.

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But oddly, William Phillips was a man without a past.

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The first definitive record of William Phillips was his marriage certificate dated May 14, 1908.

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There is no other previous record of William Phillips.

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In the 1920s, about 1922, the first reports began circulating in the West that Butch Cassidy had returned.

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People began to say that Butch Cassidy was William Phillips.

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There does indeed seem to be an eerie resemblance between William Thaddeus Phillips and George Butch Cassidy.

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But if Phillips was Cassidy, then how did the outlaws escape from Bolivia?

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According to some historians, the story of Butch and Sundance's demise in Bolivia has been attributed to one man, Percy Sebert.

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Sebert had worked with the outlaws at a tin mine in Bolivia and had become friends with them.

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He allegedly identified them as the two men killed in the shootout.

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I believe that Percy told the story of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance kids' death in Bolivia to pay back what he felt was a debt of loyalty and friendship.

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To allow these outlaws to begin a life under amnesty without a past.

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To bury the legend of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance kid forever.

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Larry Pointer is convinced that Butch Cassidy assumed the identity of William Phillips, and that as Phillips he even returned to the mountains of Wyoming,

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the same territory that Butch Cassidy and his outlaw gang had once roamed.

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We know the man who went with Phillips to Wyoming in 1933.

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This man died recently, but we have interviewed him.

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He was there all summer with Phillips, and he met all the old timers that Phillips met.

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And in almost every case, these old timers accepted Phillips as Cassidy.

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Well, old timer stories are always the most interesting and the least reliable.

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Author Dan Buck has researched the life and death of Butch Cassidy.

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He is convinced that William Phillips was merely an imposter.

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The William Phillips story is chock full of old timer tales.

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People had claimed they were good friends with Cassidy and knew Phillips was Cassidy.

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And usually it's when asked by someone, when prompted by someone,

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well, you were a good friend of Butch Cassidy's, weren't you?

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And of course the answer is yes. Who wants to say no?

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In Wyoming, Phillips arranged to meet a woman named Mary Boyd Rhodes.

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In 1934, Mary and her 16-year-old granddaughter, Ion,

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rode out to Phillips campsite in the Wind River Mountains.

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The man that my grandmother met that day was going by the name of William Phillips.

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And she knew him by the name of Lee Roy George Parker,

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who is known as Butch Cassidy.

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Mary Boyd.

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He recognized Kerry immediately and she recognized him.

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George Parker.

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I sensed that they had a relationship that I had never known much about.

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So my grandmother had finally told me that he was her childhood sweetheart.

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I don't see Mary before. She married them.

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Three years after his meeting with Mary Boyd Rhodes in Wyoming,

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William Phillips died of cancer.

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But shortly before his death, Phillips mailed this ring to Mary.

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It was engraved, George C. Mary B.

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I believe William Phillips pretended to be Butch Cassidy because he was having fun.

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He traveled out to the west. He met some people.

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He probably got some free beers. He certainly got a lot of adventures out of it.

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He definitely looked like Butch Cassidy.

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But some people have recently done some photo comparisons of the two and established that they have different heads and different faces.

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Cassidy basically had small features on a big head with a lantern jaw.

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And Phillips had more normal features with a more or less pointed chin.

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And his head was basically an inch or more lower than Butch Cassidy's.

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Several other clues, however, suggest that Butch and Phillips were one and the same man.

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William Phillips wrote an unpublished manuscript entitled The Bandit Invincible,

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the story of Butch Cassidy.

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It contains specific details about Cassidy's outlaw adventures.

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Well, there's material in that manuscript that no one else knew that had never been published.

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Either the man who wrote it had to have intimate knowledge of Cassidy, or he was Cassidy.

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Phillips owned a six-shot cointre revolver, carved into the pistol's grip as a unique brand.

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That brand was the Reverse E-Box E. To most people in Spokane, that would be meaningless.

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But to a researcher from Wyoming, that was exciting because that was Butch Cassidy's brand in the 1890s.

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Another piece of evidence that seems to connect the two men is their handwriting.

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Unsolved mysteries contacted certified graphologists Sheila Lowe, who has been used as an expert witness by the California Judicial Court System.

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Sheila compared five handwritten letters, four penned by Butch Cassidy, the other written by

William Phillips.

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She concluded that all five letters were written by the same man.

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I found that some of the letter forms were identical, and especially when I laid one transparency over the other,

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they were, it was as if they were written at the same moment. They were so similar.

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I believe that without doubt, the man known to Wyoming residents in the 1890s as George Butch Cassidy was William T. Phillips, who died in Spokane in 1937.

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Was William Phillips indeed Butch Cassidy? If so, then what became of his fame partner, the Sundance Kid?

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There are some who believe that he too returned to the U.S. and died of old age.

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There is perhaps little chance that this mystery will ever be solved, but one thing is certain. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid were legends.

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Destin and Liv long passed their own deaths, regardless of when or where that may have been.

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Next, a woman's heart-wombing search for the brothers and sisters she hasn't seen in more than 20 years.

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Lakewood, Colorado, 1960.

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Another day begins for the Smith family. Once again, five-year-old Alitha is left alone to care for her younger brothers and sister.

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Wake up, Alitha. We're hungry. Is mommy and daddy home? Nope.

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We'd wake up in the morning and be alone. And Richard and I would go in and get Marty and Noreen out of bed.

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Richard was four. Marty was around three, and Noreen was just about two.

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Sometimes she'd halfway fall, but we got her out.

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Go in the kitchen, get the bread out, and put it in the toaster. Put peanut butter on it. Oh, that was breakfast.

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Marty, stop sucking his thumb.

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I remember giving Noreen bottles. I remember asking Marty to stop sucking his thumb. It was empty.

We were afraid. I know I was.

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Alitha's Smith parents were married as teenagers, still unprepared for the challenges of raising a family.

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Sadly, both were often absent from the home. Five-year-old Alitha assumed the role of mother, father, and protector for her brothers Richard and Marty and her sister Noreen.

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When their parents separated, the children were placed in the state's foster care system.

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July 1960. The Smith children went to live with foster parents, Frank and Mary Ann Wiley. For the first time, they knew the comfort and security of a stable home.

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Hi, guys.

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This is Noreen and Alitha.

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They were cute little kids. A little Noreen, you know, just a baby. Marty was a mild-mannered. Richard was a little more of a free spirit.

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And Alitha was just a sweet little girl. They were nice little kids to have.

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Let's go. We got a food.

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The Wiley's small farm opened up a whole new world for the children, particularly Alitha, who got her first real taste of childhood.

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We played a lot outdoors. They had farm animals. You'd feed them or gather eggs.

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Good job.

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Living at the Wiley's was warm and caring. She took care of the males in the clothes. And that felt good and secure.

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Right up there?

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Right up here?

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Hello.

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In December 1962, the dream ended.

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Alitha's father had arranged to take the children back for Christmas.

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I really don't think this is a very good time for the kids to have to go with you.

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I told them, or that I felt that they should be able to have their Christmas where they had it planned.

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That disrupting them at that point was going to be difficult for them.

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And so they did agree to let us have our Christmas morning and our Christmas dinner, and then they would come after that and take the children over there, which they did.

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Regrettably, the children found life with their father unchanged. Alitha was once again left to care for her brothers and sister.

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But the situation did not go unnoticed.

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Hi, honey.

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Hi.

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Is your mommy home?

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How about your daddy?

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Concerned neighbors had alerted the police to the dilemma of the Smith children.

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They were once again taken from their home and returned to the foster care system.

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Eventually, the children were placed with separate families and lost touch with one another.

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Alitha was shuttled from foster home to foster home.

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Until four years later, she was sent back to live with the Wiley.

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I remember it, like it was yesterday.

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I received a phone call from social services and she asked me if I remembered Alitha Smith.

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And I said, I sure do.

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And she said, how would you like to have her back?

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And I said, yes.

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In a matter of 40 minutes, she was walking in the front door.

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But it took her a while to loosen up and it was, you know, I think I expected her to be all warm and wonderful.

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And she had had a lot of bad times and it was going to take a while.

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Alitha's years in foster care had left her a bitter, temperamental adolescent.

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She'd longed to find her natural parents and eventually ran away from the Wiley.

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I had saved my allowances and I got, I believe it's \$21.

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My plan was to go to Oklahoma.

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I was going to go to the Wiley.

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I had a plan for \$21.

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My plan was to go to Oklahoma, San Springs, Oklahoma, to find my parents.

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I had an idea that my grandmother would live there.

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With my allowance money, I bought my ticket for the bus trip to Oklahoma.

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I remember while I was riding along, flashing back on memories of when I was little.

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And that's all I thought about was getting there.

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Alitha journeyed more than 600 miles to San Springs, Oklahoma.

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Alone, with nowhere else to turn, she sought refuge in a local church.

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I went to a church and talked to a minister.

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He agreed to take me around and we drive to try to find this farm that I remembered.

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Do you remember what the house looked like?

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I think it was white or gray.

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White or gray. Anything else?

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Alitha and the minister spent several hours searching for her grandmother's farm.

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To no avail.

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Late that afternoon, he dropped Alitha off at the local police station.

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They identified her as a runaway and returned her to the foster care system once again.

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It would be years before Alitha was reunited with her natural parents.

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She never did find her brothers, Richard and Marty, or her sister Nori.

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It's like reading a good book.

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And you get a phone call, you have to rush off to work.

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You have to put that book down.

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Most people know they can come back to that book.

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I've never gone back. Now I want to know.

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I want to know.

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On the next Unsolved Mysteries, in 1987 Michael Frankie was hired to reform the prison system in Oregon.

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Two years later, he was found stabbed to death just outside his office.

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His family believes he was assassinated.

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Chicago, the 1930s.

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Elliott Ness, a 26-year-old treasury agent, organized the immortal crime-busting unit The Untouchables

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and helped bring down the empire of Al Capone.

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Later in Cleveland, Ohio, Elliott Ness finally encountered the one criminal he could not bring to justice.

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A serial killer who may have left behind more than 30 victims.

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Join me next time for the special segment as we illuminate a side of Elliott Ness few people have ever known.

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The Untouchables

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