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

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

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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Chicago, 1930s. Notorious mobster Al Capone ruled the city until a young Treasury agent

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named Elliott Ness brought down his empire as a leader of the immortal crime-busting

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unit the Untouchables. But after his success in Chicago, Elliott Ness encountered the one

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criminal he could not bring to justice, a fiendish serial killer who may have claimed

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as many as 30 victims. Join us for this special segment, Elliott Ness' Unsolved Mystery.

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Also the controversial murder case of prison reformer Michael Frankie. Shortly before he

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died, Frankie began to collect information about corruption in the Oregon prison system.

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In 1989, he was found stabbed to death just outside his office. Did someone want Michael

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Frankie silenced? Permanently.

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In September 1989, three-month-old Ryan Stallings was hospitalized in critical condition. The

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apparent victim of poisoning. Three days later, Ryan died. His mother, Patty Stallings, was

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charged with murder and subsequently convicted. Patty and her husband insist that Ryan died

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from a rare genetic disorder which now plagues their second child. The prosecutor, however,

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maintains that she is guilty.

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Join me as we examine this controversial case, the final appeal of Patty Stallings.

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Chicago, 1929. Prohibition was the law of the land. With alcohol illegal, speakeasies sprung

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up on every street corner and in every alleyway. Bootlegging and police corruption were rampant.

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An aggressive 26-year-old treasured agent was hired to smash the ganglin' rackets and

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grip the city. His name, Elliot Ness.

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After crushing component Chicago, Elliot Ness became one of the most respected lawmen in

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the country. When I portrayed Ness on television, I learned that like many well-known figures,

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it was a secret private side to his public persona. Those who knew him agree that his

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iron will quiet countenance cloaked a fearless determination to wipe out corruption. But

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he was also a man who was not above bending the law himself to bring a criminal to justice.

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After the untouchables, Ness went on to encounter the one case he could not crack, a case which

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would haunt him for the rest of his life.

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September, 1934. Elliot Ness came to Cleveland, Ohio, who was public safety director, a position

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comparable to a modern-day police commissioner. When Ness arrived, Cleveland was a known safe

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haven for gangsters and street criminals. Over the next year, arrests went up and crime

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went down. But there was another evil afoot in the city which would soon overshadow Ness's

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primary mandate.

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Two boys playing in Kingsbury Run come across these two bodies, both decapitated.

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On September of 1935, the mutilated bodies of two men were found in Kingsbury Run, a slum

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district swarming with hobos, prostitutes and street tubs. At the time, the case was

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dismissed as a vicious but routine double homicide. By the summer of 1936, three more

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bodies had been found. The discovery of a six victim that fall threw Cleveland into an

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offroader. Mr. Ness, a boy has been found under the bridge. Two kids found it. The corner

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has been here, nothing's been moved. It's been here about five hours.

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When number six turned up, it was like a bombshell going on. The city really exploded. The press

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and the public now had no doubts that there was a serial killer out there, that this individual

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was going to keep killing, and they wanted it stopped.

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The body count in the Kingsbury Run area would eventually reach 12. As many as 18 other murderers

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in Greater Cleveland were thought to be connected to the case. The killer primarily stalked

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society's outcasts and vagrants, men as well as men, and fell prey. Only two of the victims

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were ever positively identified, Edward Andracci, a small-time hood, and Florence Pallillo, a

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41-year-old prostitute. All the victims had been decapitated, in some cases while they

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were still alive. Five were found floating in water, the blood drained completely out

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of their bodies. The tabloids dubbed the killer the Butcher of Kingsbury Run and the torso

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slayer.

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They found the body late this morning. The arms and legs had been cut off, seen of the

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crime, the men are still looking.

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Decapitated?

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Yes, sir.

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It's the same killer.

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We're keeping the crowd back.

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Ness got into the case quite extensively. In fact, he devoted almost full time to it.

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But at the same time, there's also sort of an uneasiness with Ness about this. He didn't

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know quite how to proceed with this case. It wasn't a matter of finding out where the

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brewery was and where the mobsters were hiding and go and smash your way into the place.

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This was a different type of criminal that Elliot Ness was facing.

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The bodies were kept for about, oh, I'd say, six months. We have no idea who they are.

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But it certainly was a skilful dissection. The murderer was probably...

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Elliot had made a profile that he figured the killer might be.

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And he determined that it had to be somebody from the way these bodies were cut up, somebody

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with a certain amount of medical knowledge. Plus, the fact had to be a very strong man

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to carry these bodies all over and dove them where he did.

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So he had this profile. It has to be a big man, strong, an expert with a scalpel.

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Ness had reached an impasse. He was determined to search every dwelling in Kingsbury Run

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but had no legal grounds to square out search warrants. The solution was vintage Elliot Ness.

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Afternoon, man. We're with the Cleveland Fire Department. We're conducting fire safety

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inspections.

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He cleverly squirted the need for warrants by paring detectives with fire officials and

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ordering widespread safety inspections.

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You have a loan?

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There was a thought among Ness and other police officers that they were going to find this

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laboratory that was going to have blood splattered walls and have arms and legs lying over in

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a corner or maybe a catch of heads in another corner. That's what they were looking for.

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Ness's men spent almost a full week searching almost every place, almost every apartment,

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every dwelling they could find in that area and they weren't able to turn up a thing.

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Ness next pinpointed every doctor and hospital worker in Cleveland.

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There he is. Let's go.

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Even the county corner was not above suspicion. Hundreds of people were put under surveillance,

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questioned and detained.

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I fell asleep, caught a few hours.

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What were you doing in Cleveland?

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I'm in town on business.

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What business?

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I'm a salesman. I sell surgical supplies.

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The investigation still led nowhere.

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I come up to three times a month.

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The killer remained at large.

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We're doing a Shinsbury run Wednesday night.

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And the case began to consume Elliot Ness.

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You usually go out and hit a couple of bars, have a drink.

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In August of 1938, victims number 11 and 12 were found.

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The last scattered in a rubbish heap just 200 yards from Elliot Ness's office.

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It was evident after the last two bodies were found that the killer was now becoming more

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daring by where he left the bodies, right really under Elliot Ness's window.

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And it was almost like it was a cat and mouse game and sort of a catch me if you can type thing.

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They were bragging Cleveland was now one of the safest cities in the United States,

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except for the killer, who was still chopping off heads and cutting up bodies and all this kind of stuff.

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And he knew he had to do something desperate.

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Of course the people were clamoring.

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All the people in town were insane about this insanity that was going on.

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And they were frightened. They were scared to death.

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The storm of public criticism drove Ness to take drastic measures.

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Less than 48 hours after the discovery of victims number 11 and 12,

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the police descended upon Kingsbury Run's Hobo jungles.

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They rounded up more than 60 tractions hoping that the killer might be among them.

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This was his old untouchable style of raid where you know where the bad guy is and you go in and get him.

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And he really thought that this might work.

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And at the very least he could remove some of the people that the killer was preying on.

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But it completely backfired for him.

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There was a great wave of public opinion that this was the act of a desperate man

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and that his tactics had been brutal and they didn't really solve anything.

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In a final radical attempt to stop the slaughter, Ness ordered the shanty town burned to the ground.

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Of those arrested that night, none turned out to be the killer.

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After the shanty town was destroyed, a murders in Cleveland mysteriously stopped.

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But the case was not over for Elliot Ness. He remained bitter and dissatisfied.

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According to some experts, he was all the more frustrated by the fact he believed he knew the killer's identity

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but could never come up with enough evidence to make an arrest.

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Ness's suspect belonged to a prominent Cleveland family.

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In 1938, the man had himself committed to a state mental institution.

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Ness believed that he had caught the killer.

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Primarily because after this man committed himself to a mental hospital, the killing stopped.

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And he said, I am certain this is the man, the profile fits the profile.

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And I'm sure that this is the bird who was doing all these killings.

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It's pretty clear that if Ness had accused this man, whose family was socially prominent,

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he could have been libelous and been sued.

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And he was a very cautious guy as far as covering the letter of the law.

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Incredibly, more than ten years later, Elliot Ness received a number of postcards from a patient in a mental institution,

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taunting him with references to the brutal slings.

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The man who was sitting in these postcards might have just been another kook, but he was convinced that he had found a guy.

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Elliot Ness never fully recovered from his disappointment in being unable to close the case.

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He resigned as public safety director in 1942.

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Five years later, he ran for mayor of Cleveland.

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When questioned about the torso slings during the campaign, Ness enigmatically replied,

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that case has been solved.

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Elliot Ness lost the election by a landslide and left Cleveland.

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He never returned to law enforcement.

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Next, a young mother convicted of murder wins her final appeal.

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July 9th, 1989, St. Louis, Missouri.

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A young mother rushed her critically ill son to Cardinal Glenan Hospital.

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The baby was three-month-old Ryan Stallings from nearby Jefferson County.

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Since birth, he had suffered from chronic gastric distress.

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He was not...

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On the day Ryan was brought to the emergency room, his breathing had become extremely labored and he was vomiting uncontrollably.

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Ryan was immediately placed in the pediatric intensive care unit.

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He was hooked up to a respirator and all kinds of tubes going in and out of him, and it was awful.

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It was just a shock to see a little baby incapacitated the way he was.

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It was to the point where they said, well, they don't know how long he's going to be here.

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We don't know what's wrong with him yet, so you might as well just go to the waiting room and stay out there until we can tell you what's wrong.

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Hi, Mr. Stallings.

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Yes, sir.

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I'm Dr. Bailey, Chief of Pediatrics.

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Happy to see you.

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This is Mrs. Juergensen of Family Service.

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David and Patty Stallings rented a room at the hospital to be near their son.

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After three agonizing days, the Stallings learned that Ryan would recover.

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Ryan's fine.

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There are no problems there.

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The diagnosis, however, was stunning.

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That's why his condition was so serious.

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Ryan had apparently been poisoned.

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When the lab test came back, we found a couple of substances.

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Those substances are ethylglycol and acetone.

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Ethylglycol is the substance that you'll find in radiator antifreeze, and acetone is in fingernail polish remover, for example.

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Do you guys have any in the house?

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Patty uses it on her fingernails to remove her old fingernail polish.

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He goes, well, that's got acetone in it.

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I said, OK.

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He said, do you have antifreeze?

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I said, yes, I have antifreeze.

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I just rebuilt a radiator on my vehicle, and I had a partial gallon left in the basement.

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He says, well, that's what we're saying he may have gotten.

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Do you happen to know how he could have gotten it?

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They were very polite yet suspicious.

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They would not allow us to see Ryan alone.

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There would have to be at least two nurses or a doctor present.

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We were never allowed to be on his bedside alone.

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That bothered me, but I still didn't understand, because I wasn't looking at it the way they were, I guess.

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Just have to ask a few questions if you could come in for a moment.

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Sure.

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David, do you have a seat?

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I'll come get you in a minute.

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That same day, the police were brought in to investigate.

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We were split up and talked to by detectives, and that's when I knew, because they immediately started asking me,

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well, is there a problem at home? Are you and David fighting?

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They were saying that they knew that that baby had been poisoned by either me or my husband.

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And it infuriated me, and I was just, I was devastated. I was blown away.

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I just could not believe that they could even think, I mean, Ryan was my world.

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You know, Ryan was so beautiful.

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He was perfect.

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Ryan's condition improved. After 12 days, he was released from the hospital, but not to the custody of his parents.

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A social worker come up to us and told us that they were taking custody of Ryan from us, and at that point, I became very angry.

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Why are you doing this to us is what I told her.

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And she said, well, this is policy. When there's a suspected poisoning, we take children from the parents and put them in foster care.

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Patty and David's contact with Ryan was severely restricted. They were allowed only a one hour visit each week on Thursdays.

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Ryan knew when we met him the first time, he was so happy to see both of us again.

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He just smiled, the biggest smile you could ever possibly see on a baby's face.

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And it was, we were just totally in love with our child. We were so glad that we finally was able to see him again.

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I just could not wait till Thursday. You know, I would just, my whole week, I would tell everybody over and over and over how last Thursday went.

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And that was my life, Thursday, Thursday morning.

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For five weeks, the parental visits continued. During the sixth visit, Patty was left alone with Ryan for a short time.

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Three days later, Ryan would suffer another severe attack of vomiting. Once again, he would be rushed to the hospital.

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Once again, the diagnosis would be poisoning.

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I have a warrant for your arrest.

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We were getting out of the car and they said, stop right there. And you know, I turned around and I was like, well, come on into the house, you know.

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And they said, no, you're not allowed to go into the house. They immediately slapped handcuffs on me and said, you're under arrest for assault.

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Come on, wait, give me five minutes. Come on, you got him.

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At the station, we don't have five.

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Patty Stallings was booked on charges of poisoning her infant son.

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I knew it wasn't true. I didn't care what they thought. I just thought, well, you know, I'll be

home in a couple hours. This will be over with.

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You know, I'll get to go be with Ryan.

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And then the day turned into a night. And then it got really serious. I got really scared.

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While Patty languished in jail, her son was dying.

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Ryan was placed on life support systems. David Stallings found himself trapped in a private hell.

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The doctors come up to me and tell me that they have a feeling that Ryan's not going to make it.

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And that maybe I should get in contact with a minister and have him baptized and that.

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I tried to get Patty up there. And all I got from the judge was no. Absolutely not.

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I'm not going to let a baby killer up there. And I said, this lady did not kill this baby.

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And when they finally come back to me and told me that we need to know if we can turn him off, I told him, go ahead and shut the machine.

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But I wanted to be in there with him. So for three hours, I sat there with him in my arms, knowing that Patty couldn't be there.

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Watching this meter on this machine go down.

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I said, I'm going to get him.

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I said, I'm going to get him.

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I said, I'm going to get him.

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I said, I'm going to get him.

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Watching this meter on this machine go down each time his heart would beat.

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It was hard. It's something I would never ask anybody ever to do.

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Approximately about 6.30 a doctor came in.

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And she shut the machine down so I could not see any more of his heart rate.

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She took him from me and said that it's over with. He's gone.

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They called me back about 9 o'clock that night.

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And I went up to the phone and it was David's voice. And he told me he died.

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And I started begging that he could come up and see me.

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And this deputy on duty said he could.

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So...

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Brian Stallings died on September 7th, 1989. He was not yet 6 months old.

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His mother, Patty, was now charged with first degree murder and held without bail.

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She was not allowed to attend Ryan's funeral.

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A few weeks later, Patty Stallings discovered she was pregnant again.

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For 6 months she remained incarcerated, subject to a battery of mental fitness tests.

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On February 27th, 1990, David Stallings Jr. was born at a Madison County Hospital.

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Even though David Stallings Sr. was not a suspect and had been charged with no crime at all,

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he was not allowed to take David Jr. home with him.

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The baby became a warrant of the state and was placed in foster care.

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Ironically, this devastating blow would turn out to be a stroke of good fortune.

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Without it, Patty and David Stallings might have been accused of poisoning their second son.

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When David Stallings Jr. was 2 weeks old, he began to exhibit symptoms identical to the ones that had plagued his brother, Ryan.

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The St. Louis Children's Hospital diagnosed David's illness as a rare genetic disorder,

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methylmalonic acidemia, or MMA, in which the body produces chemical byproducts

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that may be remarkably similar to the ethylene glycol found in antifreeze.

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Unsolved mysteries contact an independent medical expert about MMA.

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It would be very simple to confuse the diagnosis of MMA with multiple poisonings because the symptoms are very similar.

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But more importantly than that, MMA and other similar disorders are very rare,

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and the majority of doctors either will never have seen a case,

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or if they have seen a case, didn't know that they saw it and actually confused it.

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While prosecutors reevaluated the medical evidence, Patty Stallings was released from jail.

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Pending the outcome of the investigation, Patty was denied visitation rights with David Jr.

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I thought it was over, you know, as far as the nightmare of being accused of hurting Ryan.

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I was positive that, you know, even my lawyer said it was over.

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You know, there was no way that they could not see the truth right in front of their eyes.

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Jefferson County officials continued to pursue the case.

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The prosecution's position was that Ryan Stallings had not died from MMA.

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In the judge's chambers, they cited four expert witnesses.

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But your honor, I did.

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Patty's lawyer presented no expert opinions.

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The judge agreed with the prosecution.

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Neither David Stallings Jr. nor the symptoms he shared with Ryan

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were allowed to be presented as evidence at Patty's trial.

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We were concerned that if it came out that David Jr., or Ryan, for that matter, had this meth-melonic acidosis.

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Unless it could be shown that he actually died of that, or it was some kind of a contributing factor to his death,

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we believe that that would not be relevant and in fact might cause the jury to go off on a wild goose chase

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and make a decision based on something that's really not relevant.

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First cases in the family are often missed and it's only when it reoccurs again

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that the medical practitioners are tipped off to the fact that this may well be a genetic disorder

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and maybe the first child had that as well.

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Without the medical testimony, the case against Patty Stallings seemed virtually airtight.

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The prosecution focused on the events of Thursday, August 31st, 1989.

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Patty and David's sixth parental visit with Ryan.

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On the sixth visit, my parents were invited for the first time.

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Okay, well, thanks for the toy.

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And then about 20 minutes into the visit, my mom and dad decided they were going to go ahead and leave.

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And Patty and I had the rest of the time with him.

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We'll be right back, man.

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So I escorted my mom and dad out of the room, walked down the hall.

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I was out of the room no more than 45 seconds at the most.

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On one visit, Patricia was left alone with the child anywhere from about three minutes to about eight minutes.

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And during that time did actually feed the child a bottle.

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The child again got the same symptoms had before, came back into the hospital,

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was diagnosed with ethylene glycol poisoning.

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At that time, a number of bottles were also examined for possible traces.

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And while there were negative effects in all the bottles, but one,

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one bottle which was identified as the bottle she had fed the baby with

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actually contained traces of ethylene glycol.

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That bottle had actually been prepared by the foster mother and retrieved from the baby bag during the visit.

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But the state believes and certainly circumstantial evidence suggests that she slipped ethylene glycol or antifreeze into the bottle during that feeding.

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What they were trying to say was she started feeding him before anybody got in there.

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And that's wrong. That's incorrect.

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What happened was I walked back to the cubby hole where Patty was with Ryan.

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He just started getting a little cranky and so I reached into the bag and took the baby bottle out

and started feeding him.

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I saw the bottle. I did not smell. I did not see any discoloration in the bottle whatsoever.

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There was nothing done to that bottle. Absolutely nothing.

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According to Patty's lawyers, Ryan's symptoms did not appear until three and a half days after the visit.

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I would be amazed if something as volatile and as easily diffusable as ethylene glycol would require 80 hours in order to cause symptoms in a young child.

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I believe it would have to happen a lot faster than that.

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And therefore it seems much less probable that this was a poisoning.

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Ryan was taken from the visit by the DFS worker to the foster parents home.

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But later that day or actually early the next morning was taken to what we call respite home, a temporary foster parents who kept them just for the weekend.

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The second set of foster parents not knowing what the child was like may well have overlooked symptoms that the first set would have seen.

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Defendant will rise and face the court.

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On count one, assault with a deadly weapon, the court finds you guilty as charged.

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On count two, murder in the first degree, the court finds you guilty as charged.

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On March 4, 1991, Patty Stallings was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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Her son, David Jr., is now one year old.

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Patty has seen him only three times, twice just after his birth, the third time when he was a week old.

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Each visit was limited to one hour.

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David's stalling senior is allowed to see his son once a week.

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I cannot see how they can live with themselves knowing that they sent an innocent woman to jail the rest of her life for something that she didn't do.

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If Ryan would have been correctly diagnosed with MMA, none of this would have happened.

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None of the series of events in the last two years would have happened.

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It all depended on whether he was correctly diagnosed, which he was not.

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I truly do believe in the system and I think that when 12 people heard the evidence and they returned the verdict that they did, that it's the right verdict.

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If it's not the right verdict, they already started the ball rolling in appellate procedures.

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And if there is a problem or if new evidence does come up which could link Ryan's death to MMA, well, certainly it will and should be retried.

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But in the meantime, I'm comfortable with it.

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I've lost one child to MMA.

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My second child is stricken with MMA.

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He may not live.

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He's a year old though.

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They're still not sure how to treat him.

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I lost my freedom.

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I've lost everything.

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On the night this story aired, calls from physicians familiar with MMA poured into our telecenter.

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Patty Stallings' new attorneys petitioned the court to grant her another trial based on the fact that she had previously received ineffectual counsel.

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On July 30, 1991, Patty Stallings was granted a new trial and released from prison.

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After the unsolved mysteries aired, people were writing and calling and just wanting to know how can we help.

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And I can't thank those people enough because, I mean, through all of that, wheels started turning and everything just started pushing forward really fast.

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Along with Ryan's remaining serum samples.

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On September 20, 1991, a press conference was held in St. Louis.

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Dr. Pierre Ronaldo of Yale University revealed that independent serum tests showed Ryan Stallings had definitely died of MMA.

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Consequently, the prosecuting attorney dropped all charges against Patty Stallings.

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Unfortunately, we can't undo the suffering that the Stallings have endured during this entire ordeal.

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And I apologize to them both personally and for the state of Missouri.

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During the press conference, Patty and David heard for the first time that custody of their son, DJ, had been returned to them.

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In October of 1991, just over two years after his brother's death, DJ came home for the first time.

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I just want to make up for the year and a half that we didn't have him.

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It's hard to make up that much time, but I'm doing the best I can.

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His condition is very scary, but we've tackled so many hard things that we've just kind of said, we'll beat this too.

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And with that attitude, I know that DJ will do alright and that we'll do okay.

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He is a miracle child and we're lucky to have DJ and we have our whole life back.

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It's like we're starting over.

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It's indescribably wonderful.

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When we return, a prison reformer is murdered outside his office in Salem, Oregon.

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His family believes he may have been assassinated to keep him quiet.

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In February 1980, the New Mexico State Penitentiary in Santa Fe was rocked by a violent uprising.

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By the time order was restored, 33 prisoners had died at the hands of fellow inmates.

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New Mexico's Scandal Plague Penal System became punk page news across America.

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State Deputy Attorney General Michael Frankie was brought in to investigate the riots and revamp the prison system.

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You develop a calcified resistance to change among your prisoners.

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Frankie, a former college football star and ex-Navy commander, achieved dramatic results.

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In New Mexico, he was a man of the hour and his reforms gained national recognition.

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Michael was very much his own man, not a follower in any sense of the word.

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He loved making decisions. He liked tackling difficult problems. He had a very quick mind.

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Michael Frankie's growing reputation soon brought him a new challenge.

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In 1987, the governor of Oregon asked Frankie to take over his state's troubled prison system.

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Michael Frankie was the best selection that the governor made in all of his new appointments.

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And I think we all felt that there was going to be some very, very good things happening in corrections.

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We were all excited about him. And I really can't tell you just how much of a shock it was when he was murdered.

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Tragically on January 17, 1989, Michael Frankie's distinguished career came to an abrupt, violent end.

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He was found stabbed just outside his office building in Salem, Oregon.

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Before he died, Michael Frankie told his family that he was in the midst of a top-secret investigation

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with detailed corruption in the Oregon prison system, particularly drug trafficking.

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He apparently planned to name names and implicate several highly-placed government officials.

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The District Attorney believes Michael Frankie fell victim to a robbery gone wrong.

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But Frankie's family is convinced he was assassinated.

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They think someone wanted Michael Frankie silenced and his findings on the Oregon prison system suppressed forever.

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The three main criminal activities that I observed working in corrections

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was the introduction of drugs into the institution, falsifying of records and thefts of state property.

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Basically, anything that was not nailed down was subject to be stolen.

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There was a constant flow of drugs being brought into the institutions.

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One of the most common ways was staff bringing them in in their own lunch buckets

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because there was no searches being conducted on staff as they entered or left the facility.

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I was told by my superiors to keep my mouth shut and mind my own business or I'd be looking for a job.

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When Mike came in, he's got a good old boy system to contend with.

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A lot of these guys have been here for 20 or 30 years.

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The system has run the way they wanted to run for that.

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So here comes some guy from out of state who has all these high-minded ideas about what he's going to do

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and it just rubbed a lot of them the wrong way.

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Michael Franke gathered with some belief was concrete evidence confirming that the state prison system contained corrupt elements reaching all the way to the top.

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By the end of 1988, he was conducting an intense personal investigation.

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Michael Franke knew he was juggling political dynamite that could blow up in his face at any moment.

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He had uncovered a lot of organized crime and I said, you mean like the mafia?

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He said no, an organized criminal element in the system and that he was going to do a thorough house cleaning immediately after the first of the year

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and that his quote was a lot of heads were going to roll and he said it may cost him his job.

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Hello.

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Hi, Mike.

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Who's this?

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This is Katie. How are you?

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Katie, how you doing?

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On January 13th, I called Michael and he said that he was going to go before the legislature and clean house the following Wednesday.

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Well, you did that in New Mexico. You cleaned house before.

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Yeah, I know Katie, but this is different. Seems I really ruffled some feathers.

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He was very, very concerned and I think he had uncovered something far bigger than he expected.

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Four days later, Michael Franke was found murdered on a side porch of his office building.

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Police quickly began to piece together the last hours of his life.

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At 6.50 p.m. after the regular Tuesday staff meeting, Franke spoke briefly with one of his subordinates.

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30 minutes later, two other corrections employees noticed that the light in Michael Franke's car was on and the driver's door was standing wide open.

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Michael.

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It was 7.20 p.m.

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Michael.

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Well, his phone's in here.

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Well, this is kind of weird. He never leaves his car like this with the door open.

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Right.

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Listen, um,

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The two women could not find Franke, nor could they reach him on his pager, which he carried with him at all times.

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They called their superiors.

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Two officials arrived at 8.30 p.m. and conducted in their words a meticulous search of the building.

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Franke was nowhere to be found.

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Anything up there?

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The two men did not call the police and left around 9.30 p.m.

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At 12.45 a.m., a security guard found Michael Franke's body on the side porch of the building that had been so thoroughly searched just four hours earlier.

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A pane of glass in the side door was shattered.

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No one knows whether or not Franke was carrying documents concerning his prison investigation.

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However, his briefcase appeared to be missing.

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I found a body here. I think it's Franke.

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Police theorize that Franke had been murdered by someone who was trying to rob him.

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They interrogated a number of known drug dealers and street criminals.

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I need to know where you were that night.

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You told me earlier you were there at 9.30.

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And then you come back and you tell me.

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The man claimed that he witnessed the murder and fingered an admitted drug dealer named Frank Gable.

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According to this witness, Gable was in the act of burglarizing Michael Franke's car when Franke came out of the office building around 7 p.m.

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What's going on?

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Nothing's going on. Just give me your briefcase.

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There's nothing in here you're going to get. I want to know what you're doing with my car.

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I want to know what you're doing with my car. Just give me your briefcase.

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Okay, punk. I'm taking you inside.

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Gable allegedly stabbed Franke, mortally wounding him.

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Some believe Gable also stole Franke's briefcase before fleeing.

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Michael Franke apparently staggered up the stairs of a side entrance to the building.

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He broke the glass door in a desperate attempt to get back to his office.

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Frank Gable was charged with a murder of Michael Franke,

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but for many people the evidence simply did not add up.

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Bruises, abrasions and other wounds on Franke's body seem to indicate a struggle with more than one man.

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I think Frank Gable has escaped because I think it goes much higher up in the Oregon government.

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And he's just being used to take the fall.

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From the onset of the Franke investigation, it appeared that the police put the blinders on as far as what they were most inclined to believe.

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It seems as though there has been some reluctance to really, really just scorch the earth to find out what happened.

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Michael Franke's family and supporters found what they felt were other disturbing discrepancies in the official explanation of Michael's death.

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Michael had a state-of-the-art car alarm system.

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If the killer had broken into the car, why was the alarm not set off?

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And why were there no signs of forced entry?

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Hey, what's going on?

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Nothing's going on. Let's go over to the senior briefcase.

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If the killer had stabbed Michael at the car, puncturing his heart and lungs,

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why was there no trace of blood within 100 feet of the car?

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And finally, if Michael Franke was killed at 7 p.m. as police estimate,

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why was neither his body nor the broken glass noticed when the building was meticulously searched between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m.?

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Lookin' on the offices.

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Nothing down here either.

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A number of people in Oregon believe that Michael Franke was a victim of a premeditated murder carried out by several men

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and possibly instigated by high-ranking officials who feared they would be named in Franke's investigation.

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An eyewitness at the scene appeared to corroborate this theory.

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At 10.15, 10.20 on January 17th, a young man riding in a car looked over at the scene of the crime,

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and saw five to six men running toward a Volkswagen van.

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If Michael Franke had been abducted and then brought back to the building where he was killed,

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this would fit in with the abduction theory.

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The abduction theory holds it on the night of his death.

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Michael Franke unlocked his own car, deactivating the alarm.

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Simultaneously, a group of men approached him.

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Franke did not keep regular office hours except for Tuesday staff meetings.

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It would seem that the perpetrators were familiar with his schedule.

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The abduction theory would have that Michael Franke was later brought back, perhaps going to his office

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to find whatever paperwork or computer files or any sort of things in his office.

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All right, let's go up to the office.

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What for?

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Computer tapes.

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I don't have any.

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Once there, he gets out of the car, perhaps sees his only chance for getting away,

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tries to make a break for it, perhaps receives one or more of his wounds at that time,

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goes to the North porch where he is finished off.

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Unfortunately, the impression has been given that there is, that things are being held back,

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that many things are being stonewalled.

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It is given the impression, again, not saying it's the fact, but it's given the impression that things are being held back,

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that many things are being stonewalled.

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It is given the impression, again, not saying it's the fact, but it's given the impression that there is some type of a cover-up.

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On the night of the murder, several people reported seeing a man in a pinstripe suit working in the corrections building after hours.

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He was olive-complected, 5 feet 10 inches tall, and weighed approximately 180 pounds.

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A composite drawing based on witness descriptions was made, but the DA's office did not release the drawing for five months.

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They claimed the quality was not good enough for publication, even though the composite had been drawn by a top police artist.

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One other disturbing fact added to the speculation about a cover-up.

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No paper detailing Michael Frankie's investigation into the Oregon prison system has ever been found.

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Shortly after Michael Frankie's death, some people, some employees, some inmates,

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spotted approximately 23 bags of shredded papers coming out of Michael Frankie's office and surrounding offices.

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That's something you have to wonder about, who authorized shredding of documents from a murder scene.

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The officials investigating Mike's murder don't want it solved because it goes much higher in the Oregon government.

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My family is dedicated to bringing this to a successful conclusion.

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We're going to find out what the hell happened, and we're going to see that the people who are involved receive their full punishment.

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Next, a mother in new England needs your help to find her autistic son.

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When he was eight years old, Oded Gordon was diagnosed with a minor learning disability.

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At age 12, he began to withdraw from his friends.

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By the time he was 18, Oded was totally withdrawn, unwilling to communicate with anyone.

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Oded was afraid of the responsibility of growing up because he didn't have the emotional wherewithal.

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He was too anxious, he was too afraid, he couldn't do things on his own.

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A year later, Oded was diagnosed as having autism, a neurological disorder that affects physical, social and language skills.

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There is no known cure for the affliction, and doctors had little hope that Oded would ever return from his dark and silent world.

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Oded's mother enrolled him in a facility in Greenfield, New Hampshire, where young people with mental and emotional disabilities participate in work therapy and receive counseling.

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Oded seemed to respond to his new environment, and even began communicating with one staff worker.

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When Oded came, he spoke very little, but then we would hear him speak occasionally, and he could say things when prompted.

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Approximately six weeks after he arrived at the farm, Oded and several other residents were doing their afternoon chores.

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Somehow, Oded managed to wander away from the group. An hour later, he was nowhere to be found.

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The dogs were brought in, and originated the search over by the Brook area, over to the lower left field.

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The search dogs followed Oded's scent for approximately three miles. Along the stretch of Highway 31, the scent abruptly vanished.

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Authorities believe that Oded may have been picked up by a passing motorist.

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My feeling is that he will be found. He's out there. He's out there among the population, wherever it may be, but he's out there.

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There have been several reported sightings of Oded. The most recent last January.

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Oded's mother believes her son is still alive and hopes that wherever he is, he will hear her appeal.

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Oded, I really would like to hear from you. If you can, I hope that you'll call.

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Call me, or call your grandmother or your uncles. You don't have to tell us where you are. We just want to know that you're okay.

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Oded Gordon is five feet eight inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, and has black hair and brown eyes.

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At the time of his disappearance, Oded was 21 years old.

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Authorities speculate that he may have hitchhiked out of the area and could be anywhere in the United States.

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