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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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January 27, 1973. The signing of the Paris Peace Accords marked the end of American involvement

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in Vietnam. Just one week later, an Air Force spy plane monitoring North Vietnamese tank

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movements encountered heavy ground fire and crashed in the jungle with all hands on board.

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Today the families of two crewmen believe their sons did not die and at the end of the

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story has not yet been written.

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Paul Stamper was an energetic, successful young businessman. But when his wife walked

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out on him, Stamper targeted her in a vengeful campaign of abuse and violence.

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Meet Josephine White, a human chameleon, a charming con artist, a master of the pigeon

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grub. For years she has preyed on elderly victims to the tune of more than one million

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dollars.

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I'll also bring you the touching update of a woman who spent more than 40 years searching

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for her long lost twin sister. Join me for another edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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18 years ago.

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Families across the country were rejoicing as their husbands and sons began coming home

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from the distant jungles of Southeast Asia. On January 27, 1973, the Paris Peace Accords

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had been formally ratified. There would be no more American involvement in Vietnam.

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But for some families, the war wouldn't ever end.

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When other soldiers still stationed overseas were writing joyful letters to their wives

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and girlfriends back home, Air Force Sergeant Peter Kressman was writing to his congressman.

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Dear sir, on January 27th I read the headlines which hailed the Peace With Honor Agreement,

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only to wake the next morning to find my situation the same as the day before, as though nothing

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had changed in Southeast Asia. Feeling that I must have missed some of the small print

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to the agreement, I again read it and found that I had not overlooked anything that was

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on the printed page. It was then that I realized that I and others in my unit were in violation

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of an agreement which I considered to be an order from the commander in chief of the armed

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forces of the United States.

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Sergeant Peter Kressman was the youngest of three brothers to serve during the Vietnam

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conflict. He was an electronics expert who flew top secret reconnaissance missions.

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Every day since the ceasefire, his squadron had continued to operate as if nothing had

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changed.

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Last night an NKP mission picked up some short transmissions at 0130.

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I went to seek advice to the base legal office. There I was informed of the consequences for

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refusing to carry out the orders, which I consider to be illegal as well as immoral.

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These consequences instilled in me a fear which has caused me to abandon any thoughts

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of refusing to obey these illegal orders.

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Any questions? Okay, good luck.

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On February 4th, 1973, one week after the ceasefire, Peter Kressman and seven other men

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boarded an EC-47Q surveillance plane codenamed Baron 52.

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The electronics experts, Kressman and Manu, were situated in the rear of the plane.

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The flight plan called for Baron 52 to proceed from Ubon Air Force base in Thailand into Laos,

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a neutral country which borders Vietnam and Cambodia.

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The assignment was to monitor a column of North Vietnamese tanks which were moving into

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Cambodia along the Ho Chi Minh trail.

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At 11.05 p.m., Baron 52 departed. Two and a half hours later, reports came in that the

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plane was receiving heavy ground fire.

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Five minutes later, radio transmissions ceased.

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Two days later, the wreckage of Baron 52 was located in the jungle deep inside Laos.

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A rescue team recovered the remains of only the co-pilot, declared missing in action

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were Peter Kressman and six other men, three officers and three electronics experts,

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including 21-year-old Joseph Matajov.

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Matajov's father died in 1984. His mother vividly remembers every detail.

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Two military men, an officer and a sergeant, came to the home to inform me that

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Joe was missing in action, that his plane had been shot down.

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But there was a possibility that some of the men may have bailed out of the plane.

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I felt a little feeling of relief because he was missing and not killed.

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I thought there was some chance that I might see him again.

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It was 18 days later that they returned and they informed us that none of the men

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had gotten out of the plane. There was no way they were not wearing parachutes.

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The plane went down into a spin and none of the men could possibly get out.

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So they declared them all killed in action.

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They said that they did see remains in the plane. The plane had been burned.

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So we believed him.

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Of course I...

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Peter Kressman's mother had also received word that her son's status had been

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changed from missing in action to killed in action.

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If my government said that he had been killed, or that they all had perished in the crash,

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then it had to be true because they wouldn't go around and tell a family

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that this had happened unless they had positive proof.

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Several weeks later, the Air Force forwarded Peter Kressman's personal belongings to his parents.

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They found the letter he had written but never mailed to his congressman.

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Peter's father passed away in 1989, but he and his other sons had always questioned

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the status change from missing to killed.

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The letter only served to heighten their suspicions.

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They were declaring him dead, but there was no body.

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And we understand that bodies can burn up or disappear in combat,

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but in this case there was just nothing.

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And because of the classification of the missions,

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they never had anything to back up their position.

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According to this, the rescue team found one body and there were no parachutes in the plane.

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For five frustrating years, the Kressmans wrote various Air Force officials

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seeking specific details about Peter's case.

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The Air Force response remained consistent.

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Based on the condition of the wreckage and the lack of a distress call,

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there was simply not enough time for the flight crew to bail out.

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The official report concluded that all members of the crew of Baron 52 were killed in the crash.

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Hello?

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Then in June of 1978, the Kressmans received a surprising phone call

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from an attorney with a national MIA organization.

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He said, I really don't know how to tell you people this.

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You're the first family I've contacted.

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But there's evidence that I've seen that indicates that at least four of the people on your brother's aircraft

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not only survived the incident, but were captured by North Vietnamese forces.

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The attorney had learned of a report by investigative journalist Jack Anderson.

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Anderson claimed that U.S. military intelligence intercepted a North Vietnamese communique

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shortly after Baron 52 went down.

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In 1973, Terrell Menarson was an air defense analyst for the National Security Agency.

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His job was to decipher intercepted North Vietnamese messages.

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We saw a specific North Vietnamese communique requesting transportation

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for captured American-banded pilots.

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We felt at the time that these messages were seen,

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that based on the logistics, based on the lack of American activity,

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due to ceasefire, that the only personnel who could have been captured were the ones from Baron 52.

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There was a good probability some of the crew members had survived.

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Parachutes were missing.

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So they probably parachuted out, and we knew that they had been captured,

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that they were already in the hands of the Vietnamese and into the prison system.

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My husband, a military man, a career military man,

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we were certainly dedicated to serving our country.

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So it was hard for us to believe I telephoned my husband at work and I told him what I heard,

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and he immediately said that we would have to make arrangements to go to the Pentagon

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to pull Joe's file out and to study it ourselves to see just what had really happened.

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Mr. and Mrs. Manichow, I'll be these two files for you.

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I'll be back in half hour to pick them up.

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Thank you very much.

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When we went to the Pentagon, they showed us Joe's file.

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They brought us into a little room where we could sit together and study it.

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And there in the file were copies of the radio intercepts.

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Much of them were blacked out.

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There was very little that we could read.

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But we saw enough evidence in his file to show that the government knew all along

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that these four men had been captured.

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My husband didn't want to be bitter, but it was beginning to hurt him more and more.

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I would hear him at night when he thought I was asleep,

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and I could hear him sometimes cry, and he would mutter,

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and Joe, I'd hear him talking out loud when he thought I was asleep.

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No, it never got off of his mind.

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He was very much hurt by the whole issue.

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The Defense Intelligence Agency does not deny the existence of the North Vietnamese communique.

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However, the DIA claims the nationality of the captured pilots was never specified.

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Consequently, they determined that the prisoners were not the crew members of the Baron 52.

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Then in 1986, Jerry Mooney, a retired intelligence analyst,

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testified before Congress that Peter Kressman and Joseph Mattajop were prisoners of war,

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but not in Southeast Asia.

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Incredibly, he claimed they had been transported to the Soviet Union.

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Terrell Menarson agrees that the men could have been transported to the USSR.

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Special types of prisoners, in other words, prisoners with special knowledge,

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special experience were being rounded up throughout the various prisoner war camps

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throughout North Vietnam and sent to Hanoi to be turned over to the Russians for exploitation.

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From that point, they were flown from Hanoi across the northern route,

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which would be northern Laos, northern Burma, down into India for refueling in and up to Moscow.

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I had information stating that they had been flown out to the Sokol area.

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There is no concrete evidence that POWs were transported to Russia during the Vietnam conflict.

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However, the Soviets have recently pledged to search through their penal system

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in the unlikely event that any Americans were ever brought into their country.

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One question continues to haunt the families.

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If the government had knowledge that their sons had been captured,

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why had their status been changed to killed in action?

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According to Mrs. Matajal, the answer could be found at the Paris Peace Talks.

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My husband made arrangements to meet with Dr. Roger Shields,

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the Assistant Secretary of Defense at the Paris Peace Talks.

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Dr. Shields told us that he was ordered to cross off the name of these four men from the EC-47Q

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from a list, a government list of known live captured Americans

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and write over them killed in action.

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This plane was flying after the peace treaty was signed, therefore it was breaking the peace treaty.

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It was a covert operation, they were flying over Laos, and at that time we said we were not at war with Laos,

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but we were having a secret war and there was secret bombing going on.

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But we couldn't admit to that, so the only thing they could do was just wipe these men out as if they never existed,

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and that's what they did.

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So he was actually killed on paper at the Paris Peace Talks.

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Roger Shields declined to appear on camera.

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In a telephone conversation with Unsolved Mysteries, he stated that he was never ordered to cross off the names.

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In fact, he never had the authority to make a status change.

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However, he did acknowledge that Mrs. Matajal has every reason on earth to wonder if her son might still be alive.

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A man puts on a uniform to serve his country, should be brought back once he serves and brought back to his loved ones.

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So I like to speak out about that.

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Make sure, whatever you do, that you never let this happen again.

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God forbid there should ever be another war and other men forgotten.

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We didn't expect this kind of thing from the government to be perfectly honest.

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And I had someone ask me once, well, do you consider yourself patriotic?

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As though the information that I was telling them about made me unpatriotic.

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Well, if something goes wrong in your family, you do what you can to straighten it out.

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You admit to what the problem is, and obviously I don't believe they've admitted to this day what the problem is.

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The Air Force and the Defense Intelligence Agency continue to maintain that there is absolutely no proof that any of the men aboard Baron 52 were captured.

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The official report reads, following the loss of Baron 52, none of its crew was ever seen alive, and there is no intelligence whatsoever which would indicate that any of the crews survived the incident of loss.

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For nearly 20 years, both the Air Force and the Defense Department are stood by the classification of Peter Kressman and Joseph Mattajab as killed in action.

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However, there was one odd footnote to this story.

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At the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., seven of the eight crewmen who were lost on Baron 52, including Kressman and Mattajab, are inexplicably listed as missing in action.

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In the summer of 1924, sharecropper Rufus Hinkel of Greenville, Tennessee, was forced to make an agonizing decision.

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Rufus' wife died after giving birth to twin girls, Mary and Martha.

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With little money and nine other mouths to feed, Rufus felt he had no choice but to put the twins up for adoption.

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Within a few months, Mary and Martha were adopted by separate families.

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Rufus never saw his daughters again. He passed away in 1950.

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Later on, I heard that they would not tell us where they were at until my father died.

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So shortly after he died, we started looking for the twins and we found Mary.

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Why don't you come on over here and have a seat?

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In September of 1955, Shorty and Mary were reunited at her home in Bluefield, West Virginia.

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Great. You know Shorty.

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It's amazing how much he looks like Dalton. I can't believe it.

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That afternoon, Mary received a special surprise.

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Mary, I've got some news for you. You have a twin sister named Martha.

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Really?

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Really.

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I just don't came to explain how I did feel, not knowing that I had a twin sister, a part of me.

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Unfortunately, little was known of Martha's whereabouts.

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Then in 1986, Martha's niece, Jackie Reynolds, learned that Martha had been taken in by the Meeks family of Johnson City, Tennessee.

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I've never found any trace of the Meeks whatsoever, so I really don't know what happened to them from there.

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I've often wondered if it's been good or if Martha's life has been bad. You wonder about them things.

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Shortly after our broadcast, one of our viewers, Sandy Detain of San Bernardino, California, contacted the Hinkle family with surprising news.

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During a search for her mother's biological family, Sandy accidentally discovered the location of Martha Hinkle's adoptive family.

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Martha lived with John and Lidah Meeks for three years.

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When the couple divorced, Martha was taken in by the Dan Jackson family of Johnson County, Georgia.

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In 1940, she married James Thomas and together they had four sons.

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Sadly, Martha passed away just weeks before the Hinkle family could contact her.

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I'm glad that I found her. We won't have to do no more searching.

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But it's so sad that I couldn't be with her just to talk to her, just for air to tell her that I loved her.

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Although she never realized her dream of meeting her twin sister, Mary's 35-year search was not in vain.

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On July 27, 1991, Martha's four sons met Mary and decided the family they had never known.

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That day, in a bittersweet reunion, two families came together as one.

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We were part of the family before we ever walked up and touched one of them.

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It was written all over their faces. When we saw those smiles and tender hearts,

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all the little fears, big fears, apprehensions just left. It was all over with them.

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I'm glad to be home with our family.

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00:20:51,120 --> 00:21:01,120

I'm proud that she left four sons, left part of her here for me to get together and know her through her sons.

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00:21:01,120 --> 00:21:09,120

But part of me is gone that I never found and I never will find, but she'll always be in my heart.

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00:21:32,120 --> 00:21:38,120

November 23, 1985, Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

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23-year-old Teresa Stamper left a small dinner party with her new boyfriend, Chris Butler.

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The quiet evening was a pleasant change for Teresa, who had just ended a marriage which was marked by violence and abuse.

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Unbeknownst to Teresa, her estranged husband, Paul Stamper, was parked nearby,

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00:22:01,120 --> 00:22:08,120

watching her every move through a high-powered telescope.

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00:22:08,120 --> 00:22:16,120

That night would be the culmination of a reign of terror against his ex-wife.

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Paul Stamper never accepted his wife's decision to leave him.

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For six months he stalked her, night and day, waiting for just the right moment to unleash his vengeance.

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Teresa was constantly looking over her shoulder, never knowing where or when her ex-husband would appear.

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Paul Stamper had changed. He was no longer the man Teresa fell in love with five years earlier.

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The booming oil business in the early 1980s had lured Paul Stamper to Kingfisher, County, Oklahoma.

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Stamper set up a lucrative oil equipment operation and hired Teresa, then an impressionable 20-year-old as his secretary.

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00:23:00,120 --> 00:23:09,120

Paul was a real charmer, and you know, I worked for him and he took me places and we flew a lot of places.

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00:23:09,120 --> 00:23:14,120

You know, it was different for me.

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00:23:14,120 --> 00:23:17,120

Hey Teresa honey, you been outside yet this morning?

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00:23:17,120 --> 00:23:22,120

It was on my birthday. He called me about 7 o'clock in the morning and said,

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00:23:22,120 --> 00:23:31,120

Have you been outside? And I said no. So I looked outside, you know, and went out there and there was this 82-year-old Corvette.

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00:23:31,120 --> 00:23:37,120

That's what he liked to do. He liked to spin on me and buy nice things.

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00:23:40,120 --> 00:23:43,120

So what do you think? What's this?

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00:23:43,120 --> 00:23:45,120

Well, it looks like a Corvette.

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00:23:45,120 --> 00:23:47,120

This is for me?

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00:23:47,120 --> 00:23:51,120

Nothing of the best for my little girl.

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00:23:51,120 --> 00:23:52,120

It's gorgeous.

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00:23:52,120 --> 00:23:54,120

Come on, let's go for a ride.

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00:23:56,120 --> 00:23:59,120

You know, we had fun. He was really a lot of fun.

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00:23:59,120 --> 00:24:06,120

He asked me to marry him and I liked him. He was nice and he was good to me, you know.

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00:24:07,120 --> 00:24:13,120

And I liked living like that, you know. It was fun and we got married.

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00:24:14,120 --> 00:24:18,120

Teresa believes she was marrying a dynamic young businessman.

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00:24:18,120 --> 00:24:26,120

In fact, Paul Stamper was a convicted felon with a record for theft, assault and fraud stretching back to 1974.

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00:24:26,120 --> 00:24:28,120

You have a little bit of a problem here. What you got?

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00:24:28,120 --> 00:24:33,120

More recently, his business practices had come under investigation in Oklahoma.

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00:24:33,120 --> 00:24:44,120

We had unconfirmed reports that he went out and destroyed some equipment on locations so that those same people would call him the very next day and have him come out and repair it.

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Within six months, the marriage became a living hell for Teresa.

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00:24:55,120 --> 00:24:57,120

You mind telling me where the hell you've been?

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00:24:57,120 --> 00:24:59,120

I've been sent to the grocery store getting dinner.

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00:25:00,120 --> 00:25:03,120

Been gone for two hours. Now who are you with?

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00:25:03,120 --> 00:25:09,120

He started watching me and having people follow me and he wouldn't let me visit my friends.

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00:25:09,120 --> 00:25:11,120

I want to know who you are with and I want to know it now.

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00:25:11,120 --> 00:25:17,120

In one moment he would be nice and the next moment he would hit me and I decided to know how to handle him.

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00:25:17,120 --> 00:25:22,120

Get everything for you, don't get your nice place to live and buy your nice things and you just, you're running around.

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00:25:22,120 --> 00:25:23,120

This is crazy. I don't care.

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00:25:23,120 --> 00:25:24,120

You shut up.

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00:25:25,120 --> 00:25:27,120

He was jealous.

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00:25:27,120 --> 00:25:29,120

You had better be here when I get back.

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00:25:31,120 --> 00:25:42,120

I mean, I could be sitting at, we could be sitting at a red light and I could just turn and look at someone and it could be a guy sitting in this car and he would just double his fist up and just hit me right in the mouth.

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00:25:42,120 --> 00:25:47,120

I mean, it was just, it was unreal to the abuse that he did to me.

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00:25:48,120 --> 00:25:55,120

Stamper was arrested and charged with assault and battery against his wife on no less than five occasions.

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00:25:55,120 --> 00:25:58,120

Each time the charges against him were inexplicably dropped.

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00:25:58,120 --> 00:26:03,120

Stamper bragged to Teresa that he was paying off the authorities.

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00:26:03,120 --> 00:26:07,120

We had heard rumors that there was payoff attempts.

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00:26:07,120 --> 00:26:10,120

Whether it's true or not, I don't know.

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00:26:10,120 --> 00:26:13,120

We looked into a couple of incidents.

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00:26:13,120 --> 00:26:16,120

We could absolutely find no basis for it.

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00:26:16,120 --> 00:26:19,120

But there was a lot of talk about it.

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By the second year of the marriage, the violence reached a frightful climax.

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On the evening of January 5th, 1985, a man slipped into the Stamper's home.

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Teresa was out of town and a friend was staying over.

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Thankfully, the friend survived the attack and called the police.

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00:26:52,120 --> 00:26:59,120

The woman later identified her assailant as Gary Trout, a local mechanic who worked for Paul Stamper.

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00:26:59,120 --> 00:27:07,120

Gary Trout informed me that Paul Stamper had contacted him and asked, and Paul asked of Gary to kill his wife.

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00:27:07,120 --> 00:27:13,120

And was willing to pay \$5,000 up front and then \$5,000 to finish it.

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00:27:13,120 --> 00:27:18,120

Stamper was arrested and charged as an accessory to the attempted murder.

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00:27:18,120 --> 00:27:23,120

But when Gary Trout's case went to court, he refused to finger his boss.

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Once again, all charges against Stamper were dropped.

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Meanwhile, Teresa moved in with her parents, yet she never felt completely safe.

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Stamper threatened her repeatedly, and on the night of September 13th, 1984, he left a violent calling card.

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I had went to the window and looked out the window and there he was, just revving up the engine.

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00:27:53,120 --> 00:27:59,120

And he just let me see him and let me know that he did it and that he just drove off.

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00:28:00,120 --> 00:28:06,120

Teresa reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department, but again, nothing was done.

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00:28:08,120 --> 00:28:12,120

Teresa remained separated from her husband for more than a year.

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00:28:12,120 --> 00:28:17,120

Despite continuing harassment from Stamper, she tried to put her life back together.

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Then came the night of November 23rd, 1985.

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That evening, Teresa and her new boyfriend, Chris B.

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00:28:27,120 --> 00:28:32,120

and her new boyfriend, Chris Butler, had left the dinner party at approximately 11.30 p.m.

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00:28:36,120 --> 00:28:41,120

We were just driving down the highway and, you know, we weren't speeding or anything,

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00:28:41,120 --> 00:28:48,120

and all of a sudden these lights come on and we thought it was a highway patrolman, so Chris pulls over.

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00:28:48,120 --> 00:28:53,120

It was real, you know, late and no one was driving on the highway.

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00:28:57,120 --> 00:29:00,120

And then, we were on the highway.

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00:29:07,120 --> 00:29:09,120

Teresa, I need to get out of the car.

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00:29:09,120 --> 00:29:11,120

Hey, man, she's not taking orders from the Sheriff.

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00:29:11,120 --> 00:29:13,120

Hey, you shut up! What are you doing with my wife anyway, huh?

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00:29:13,120 --> 00:29:14,120

I don't think that's in your business.

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00:29:14,120 --> 00:29:15,120

Put down the gun!

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00:29:15,120 --> 00:29:17,120

Get out of the car now!

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00:29:17,120 --> 00:29:18,120

Come on, hey!

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00:29:18,120 --> 00:29:19,120

No!

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00:29:19,120 --> 00:29:21,120

What are you doing?

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00:29:22,120 --> 00:29:23,120

No!

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00:29:23,120 --> 00:29:24,120

No!

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00:29:24,120 --> 00:29:25,120

Chris!

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00:29:25,120 --> 00:29:29,120

Oh, my God! Oh, my God! What are you doing?

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00:29:29,120 --> 00:29:31,120

Open the door! I'll shoot you through the window!

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00:29:31,120 --> 00:29:32,120

Wait!

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00:29:32,120 --> 00:29:33,120

Come on!

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00:29:33,120 --> 00:29:37,120

Finally, you know, I was so scared that I just, I unlocked the door

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00:29:37,120 --> 00:29:43,120

and he just grabbed me around my neck and just forced me out of the car.

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00:29:46,120 --> 00:29:48,120

Chris had come too and he had yelled,

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00:29:48,120 --> 00:29:51,120

Don't leave me here, you know.

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00:29:51,120 --> 00:29:53,120

Teresa, don't leave me here.

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00:29:53,120 --> 00:29:56,120

You know, and there was, there wasn't anything I could do.

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00:29:58,120 --> 00:30:02,120

Sheriff's deputies and paramedics were summoned by a passing motorist.

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00:30:02,120 --> 00:30:05,120

Chris Butler was in critical condition.

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00:30:05,120 --> 00:30:09,120

The bullet had punctured his heart, pancreas, spleen and lung,

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00:30:09,120 --> 00:30:12,120

but miraculously he survived.

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00:30:14,120 --> 00:30:18,120

Paul Stamper held a gun to his ex-wife and headed north.

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00:30:18,120 --> 00:30:22,120

Two days later, they stopped at a restaurant just outside of Topeka, Kansas.

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00:30:24,120 --> 00:30:26,120

Can I help you?

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00:30:26,120 --> 00:30:27,120

Two coffees.

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00:30:27,120 --> 00:30:28,120

Is that it?

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00:30:28,120 --> 00:30:29,120

That's it.

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00:30:33,120 --> 00:30:36,120

Look, I gotta go to the bathroom.

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00:30:43,120 --> 00:30:48,120

I was walking toward the restrooms and I kind of looked around my shoulder,

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00:30:48,120 --> 00:30:51,120

you know, to see if he was following me and he wasn't.

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00:30:51,120 --> 00:30:55,120

He was just sitting there with his back toward me.

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00:30:56,120 --> 00:30:59,120

And so I just took off running.

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00:30:59,120 --> 00:31:03,120

Teresa ran to the manager's office and pleaded with him to call the police.

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00:31:03,120 --> 00:31:05,120

Could you send an officer by here?

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00:31:05,120 --> 00:31:06,120

I've got a craze of this.

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00:31:06,120 --> 00:31:10,120

By the time the authorities arrived, Paul Stamper had vanished.

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00:31:12,120 --> 00:31:17,120

Five hours later, police caught up with Paul Stamper as he boarded a bus in Selena, Kansas.

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00:31:21,120 --> 00:31:26,120

He was returned to Kingfisher County and held in the county jail to await trial.

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00:31:32,120 --> 00:31:40,120

Six months later, 3.30 a.m., a man who had been offered \$10,000 by Stamper broke into the Kingfisher County jail.

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00:31:45,120 --> 00:31:46,120

What's going on?

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00:31:46,120 --> 00:31:48,120

Open the cell.

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00:31:48,120 --> 00:31:49,120

Don't hurt me.

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00:31:49,120 --> 00:31:50,120

Shut up.

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00:31:50,120 --> 00:31:51,120

Don't hurt me.

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00:31:51,120 --> 00:31:52,120

Shut up.

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00:32:07,120 --> 00:32:11,120

Paul Stamper escaped and has not been seen since.

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00:32:11,120 --> 00:32:14,120

I'd consider Paul Stamper extremely dangerous.

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00:32:14,120 --> 00:32:15,120

The reason being, he's desperate.

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Doesn't want to be caught.

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00:32:16,120 --> 00:32:18,120

Knows he's looking at life in prison and wants caught.

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00:32:18,120 --> 00:32:22,120

And a desperate person do desperate things.

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00:32:23,120 --> 00:32:27,120

He's out there somewhere, you know, watching me.

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00:32:27,120 --> 00:32:30,120

He knows what I do.

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00:32:30,120 --> 00:32:33,120

And I don't think he knows where I live now.

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00:32:33,120 --> 00:32:43,120

But, you know, I just don't think it's right that he should be out there maybe doing it to somebody else, you know.

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00:32:45,120 --> 00:32:47,120

Update.

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00:32:47,120 --> 00:32:57,120

Just minutes after this story aired, the FBI received information from several of our viewers that Paul Stamper was living in Commerce City, a suburb of Denver, Colorado.

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One phone call was very specific.

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00:32:59,120 --> 00:33:01,120

It had his alias.

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00:33:01,120 --> 00:33:07,120

It had his location, his address, his employment that he was driving a semi truck over land.

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00:33:07,120 --> 00:33:13,120

And that brought an immediate response from the Denver FBI so that we moved out within the hour.

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00:33:15,120 --> 00:33:20,120

Just three hours after our broadcast, Paul Stamper was arrested as he left his home.

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00:33:20,120 --> 00:33:27,120

The fugitive had been living in the Denver area under the assumed name Gary Wickle for approximately four years.

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00:33:28,120 --> 00:33:40,120

This is one of the more efficient, cost-effective, speedy apprehensions that we've ever made for us to not have any idea early evening that this individual is in the Denver area.

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00:33:40,120 --> 00:33:47,120

And by 11.30, he is captured, he's off the streets, and he's on his way to Denver City Jail.

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00:33:47,120 --> 00:33:50,120

That, I think, may be close to a record for us.

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00:33:53,120 --> 00:34:01,120

Paul Stamper was returned to Oklahoma and is currently being held in the Kingfisher County Jail while awaiting trial on charges of kidnapping and attempted murder.

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00:34:01,120 --> 00:34:05,120

If convicted, Stamper could receive life in prison.

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00:34:10,120 --> 00:34:12,120

The case is now closed.

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00:34:12,120 --> 00:34:14,120

The case is closed.

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00:34:14,120 --> 00:34:16,120

The case is closed.

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00:34:16,120 --> 00:34:18,120

The case is closed.

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00:34:18,120 --> 00:34:20,120

The case is closed.

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00:34:20,120 --> 00:34:22,120

The case is closed.

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When we return, the saga of Josephine White, a conwoman with a thousand faces.

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April 26, 1989, Norwood, Massachusetts.

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An elderly woman is approached by a stranger who seems nervous and agitated.

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The elderly woman is a Lithuanian immigrant whom we'll call Barbara.

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00:34:50,120 --> 00:34:53,120

This seemingly chance encounter would change her life.

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00:34:53,120 --> 00:34:56,120

Right by that newspaper, I found this bag.

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00:34:56,120 --> 00:34:58,120

Let me show you what I found.

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00:34:58,120 --> 00:35:00,120

I found this.

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00:35:00,120 --> 00:35:03,120

I think there's about \$70,000 in there.

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00:35:03,120 --> 00:35:05,120

What do you think we should do?

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00:35:05,120 --> 00:35:09,120

I says, you better go to police to find out.

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00:35:09,120 --> 00:35:12,120

Oh, she says, no, I don't go to police.

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00:35:12,120 --> 00:35:16,120

Maybe they take money and I don't want that.

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00:35:16,120 --> 00:35:18,120

Well, let me show you this.

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00:35:18,120 --> 00:35:20,120

I also found inside.

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00:35:20,120 --> 00:35:22,120

I found this note.

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00:35:22,120 --> 00:35:24,120

Look, this is all it says.

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00:35:24,120 --> 00:35:25,120

It's Dear Brother.

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00:35:25,120 --> 00:35:26,120

We've done it again.

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00:35:26,120 --> 00:35:32,120

This time at the racetrack, I've enclosed the money and sent this way to avoid paying income tax.

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00:35:32,120 --> 00:35:33,120

And then it signed Jose.

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00:35:33,120 --> 00:35:35,120

Excuse me, ladies, but is that something wrong?

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00:35:35,120 --> 00:35:38,120

May I be of any help to you?

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00:35:38,120 --> 00:35:39,120

Well, um, what is it?

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00:35:39,120 --> 00:35:40,120

Let's go.

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00:35:40,120 --> 00:35:45,120

Barbara's a volunteer hospital worker, retired and living on a small pension.

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00:35:45,120 --> 00:35:50,120

She is about to fall victim to one of the oldest tricks in the book, the pigeon drop.

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00:35:50,120 --> 00:35:53,120

The wad of money she has been shown is worthless.

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00:35:53,120 --> 00:35:55,120

The woman is a con artist.

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00:35:55,120 --> 00:35:57,120

The man, her accomplice.

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00:35:57,120 --> 00:36:00,120

You know, my boss is like, he's like a tax specialist.

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00:36:00,120 --> 00:36:02,120

I mean, he's a wizard with finances.

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00:36:02,120 --> 00:36:09,120

Barbara, an immigrant with a limited command of English, confronted with an amount of money she has never seen before,

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00:36:09,120 --> 00:36:14,120

is a perfect target for an acknowledged master of the pigeon drop, Josephine White.

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00:36:14,120 --> 00:36:19,120

Since 1963, White has allegedly scammed more than 100 elderly women and men,

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00:36:19,120 --> 00:36:22,120

all of them living on small fixed incomes.

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00:36:28,120 --> 00:36:31,120

Once I pinned down that the person I was looking for was Josephine White,

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00:36:31,120 --> 00:36:34,120

I was surprised to see how many different appearances that she had.

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00:36:34,120 --> 00:36:36,120

She changes like a chameleon.

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00:36:36,120 --> 00:36:38,120

She puts on weight, she loses weight.

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00:36:38,120 --> 00:36:40,120

She was described in a number of different fashions.

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00:36:40,120 --> 00:36:47,120

And in addition to her own appearance changing, she'll use wigs, sunglasses, um, quite a bit of jewelry.

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00:36:47,120 --> 00:36:51,120

And very often this will grab a woman's attention away from their actual physical appearance.

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00:36:51,120 --> 00:36:53,120

Why don't we just go talk to them and you'll know what to do?

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00:36:53,120 --> 00:36:55,120

It is a good idea.

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00:36:55,120 --> 00:36:56,120

Come on, it's a great idea.

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00:36:56,120 --> 00:37:01,120

Josephine White and her accomplice are about to move into phase two of the pigeon drop.

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00:37:01,120 --> 00:37:06,120

They persuade Barbara to go with them to get advice from Josephine's boss.

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00:37:06,120 --> 00:37:12,120

God sent, you know, I don't know how well I would have gotten into college if I hadn't met new people.

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00:37:12,120 --> 00:37:16,120

And, and, and, I mean, and then my wife, oh God, God bless her.

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00:37:16,120 --> 00:37:19,120

Well, she's got a cancer in her stomach or something.

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00:37:19,120 --> 00:37:20,120

And, and when...

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00:37:20,120 --> 00:37:28,120

To lure Barbara further into their trap, the accomplice spins out a poignant hard luck story emphasizing how desperately he needs the money.

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00:37:28,120 --> 00:37:31,120

And God, this is the luckiest day of my life.

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00:37:31,120 --> 00:37:34,120

No, this is the luckiest day of our lives.

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00:37:34,120 --> 00:37:35,120

This is great.

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00:37:35,120 --> 00:37:37,120

Yes, it's so nice to meet such wonderful people.

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00:37:37,120 --> 00:37:38,120

Oh, you're a good man.

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00:37:38,120 --> 00:37:40,120

And you're a good lady too.

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00:37:40,120 --> 00:37:42,120

Yes, so are you.

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00:37:42,120 --> 00:37:47,120

They arrive at an office building where Josephine claims her boss works.

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00:37:47,120 --> 00:37:50,120

Don't worry.

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00:37:50,120 --> 00:37:52,120

Are you sure?

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00:37:52,120 --> 00:37:54,120

Yes.

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00:37:57,120 --> 00:37:58,120

I don't know.

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00:37:58,120 --> 00:38:00,120

Maybe we should tell police.

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00:38:00,120 --> 00:38:01,120

Ma'am, don't worry about it.

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00:38:01,120 --> 00:38:05,120

Please, we can't take it to the police because we'll never get the money back.

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00:38:05,120 --> 00:38:06,120

You know, and I need the money.

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00:38:06,120 --> 00:38:07,120

My wife is dying of cancer.

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00:38:07,120 --> 00:38:09,120

But police find Jose.

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The older woman actually wants to do the right thing.

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Now, again, the third party is only reinforcing the idea that this is the best thing to do.

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And even though the victim may make mention of backing out of the situation, the third party puts the pressure on them.

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Don't worry about it. Everything's going to be all right.

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So she has emotion playing on one side and pressure of the money being given to her on the other side.

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She's really caught in a vice.

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I told you everything was going to be okay.

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This is what he said.

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We can keep the money.

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Josephine White tells him if her boss says they can legally keep the money.

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\$22,000 apiece.

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But she claims that a \$5,000 good-faith deposit for income tax purposes is required.

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Do you have a credit card on you?

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Oh, no, I don't use...

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Phase three of the scam now begins.

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00:38:58,120 --> 00:39:02,120

Convince Barbara to put up the \$5,000.

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00:39:02,120 --> 00:39:04,120

Do you have your bank book on you?

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00:39:04,120 --> 00:39:06,120

No, my bank book.

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00:39:06,120 --> 00:39:08,120

Well, we'll stop off at your house and get it, okay?

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00:39:08,120 --> 00:39:09,120

Okay.

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Let's get going.

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These people come along and they talk so quickly and they offer you all kinds of grand schemes.

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And the second person is jumping in as soon as the first person stops.

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So pretty soon the victim's head is spinning.

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You know, the idea of money, the idea of what should we do with the money, and pretty soon she's being directed.

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She's having all her thoughts channeled by these two people who are actually manipulating her and manipulating her thoughts.

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Remember, by the end of the day, you'll have the \$5,000 back in the bank plus \$22,000 more.

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And you're sure you want to take it all?

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Oh, I sure.

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I sure.

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All right.

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What size bills do you want that in?

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\$100, please.

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The \$5,000 represents nearly all of Barbara's savings.

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Josephine White returns to the same office building.

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I'll give you the mess.

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00:40:24,120 --> 00:40:28,120

She tells Barbara she will show the \$5,000 to her boss.

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A few minutes later, White returns and triggers a final phase of the pigeon drop.

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You can go in and get your money now, room 204.

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Barbara is instructed to meet with the boss herself.

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We'll be right here waiting for you.

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It was nobody there.

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I just look around and then I come back again to the place where they was parked.

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Barbara finds the parking lot empty.

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Josephine White, the car, the man, and Barbara are in the same room.

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Barbara finds the parking lot empty.

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Josephine White, the car, the man, and Barbara's \$5,000 have vanished.

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The scam has taken less than two hours.

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At this point, the victim is devastated.

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The victim doesn't know what to do.

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They didn't know whether to cry, to collapse, to walk away.

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They just, you know, they just lost.

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Their trust has been betrayed.

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So what ends up happening is they eventually walk around and they go over it.

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They mull it over in their mind.

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Jesus, if I tell my family, they're going to think I'm a stupid old woman.

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If I tell my son, he may put me in a nursing home.

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And all these terrible thoughts go through their mind,

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in conjunction with the embarrassment and the problems of losing large sums of money.

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I don't understand myself how I did that.

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But I trust her.

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She says you get this \$5,000 back and you get only two more.

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I trust. That's why I did.

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Josephine White has built her victims out of nearly a million dollars.

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Just two weeks ago, she struck again

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and two different bosses were killed.

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Just two weeks ago, she struck again and two different Boston suburbs.

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White sometimes uses the names Judith Hunt or Judith Campbell

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and operates primarily along the East Coast and in California.

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On our next Unsolved Mysteries, in Florida, a bright energetic young mother

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suffered years of abuse at the hands of her brutish husband.

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When she finally walked out, he decided to take revenge.

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In 1969, a lonely young boy found friendship and understanding

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with the help of big brothers of America.

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Now he wants to find the man who turned his life around.

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Join me next time.

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Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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you