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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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In 1987, withville, Virginia was deluged by an unprecedented

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wave of UFO sightings.

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For newsman Danny Gordon, the man at the site of the

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storm, the sightings began a series of threatening phone

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calls and break-ins which made him regret that he ever went

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public with the story.

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When a newspaper reporter in Ohio began researching several

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unconnected murders, he had no idea that his investigation would

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take him into a dark and dangerous subculture and put him on

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the trail of a possible serial killer.

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70 years ago, a man named Bill Bady, who was a man who was

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in New Jersey, he would build a magnificent castle in the

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rolling hills of New Jersey.

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Today, many people believe they have seen his ghost

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roaming the grounds, unable and unwilling to leave his

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masterpiece.

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Join me for another edition of unsolved mysteries.

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During the past five years, unsolved mysteries has broadcast

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a number of stories dealing with unidentified flying objects.

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Viewed in retrospect, they chronicle the history of UFO

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sightings in America and Europe.

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Today, most of us take tales of UFO sightings for granted,

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yet the phenomenon was virtually unheard of until just after

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World War II.

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The story of the man who was in the house of the man who was

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in the house of the man who was in the house of the man who was

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in the house after World War II.

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1947, the genesis of UFO sightings unfolded in the

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New Mexico Desert near Roswell Army Air Base.

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Military investigators were called in to examine the

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debris of an unknown aircraft.

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The incident was thoroughly documented and even publicized.

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Incredibly, a few eyewitnesses have been found

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that alien life forms are also recovered.

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Ultimately, the authorities denied the entire affair

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and insisted the UFO was nothing more than a downed

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weather balloon.

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18 years later, in 1965, residents of a small

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Pennsylvania village observed a fiery object streak through

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the sky then fall to earth.

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Many witnesses saw an Air Force radar and a

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radio system that was used to detect UFOs.

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Many witnesses saw an Air Force radar squadron hauling

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the object away.

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The military dismissed the sighting as a meteorite and

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insisted that nothing was ever recovered.

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Over the next 25 years, reports of close encounters

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proliferated. Many of them on or near military bases.

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One of the most remarkable occurred on December 26, 1980

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00:03:40,800 --> 00:03:43,800

at Bentwater's, an American Air Base in England.

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00:03:48,800 --> 00:03:50,800

There's definitely something up there.

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A beam is coming down from an object

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at the ground near our feet.

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According to eyewitnesses, the sightings continued in

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various forms until December 28.

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The next day, a continent away in Texas, a woman named

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Betty Cash suffered severe radiation burns.

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She claimed she had been exposed to the energy field

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of a bizarre flying object.

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Most recently, between 1989 and 1991, thousands

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of people in Belgium reported literal invasion

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00:04:40,880 --> 00:04:42,880

of strange unearthly crafts.

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00:04:47,880 --> 00:04:50,880

Amazingly, the Belgian Air Force is able to capture

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on radar the swift and erratic movements of an

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unidentified craft which defy the laws of known physics.

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For those of us who've never encountered a UFO,

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reports of such events often sound far-fetched.

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In fact, some eyewitnesses who go public risk becoming

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the object of ridicule and scorn.

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00:05:07,920 --> 00:05:09,920

Others are simply ignored.

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In either case, an acknowledged UFO sighting

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00:05:12,920 --> 00:05:16,920

can profoundly change a person's life in ways that he or she

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never imagined possible.

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Withville, Virginia, population 8,000,

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is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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Country music station WYVE calls itself

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the voice of Withville.

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00:05:41,920 --> 00:05:44,920

On most days, life here is peaceful, unpretentious,

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00:05:44,920 --> 00:05:47,920

none eventful, but that was about to change.

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00:05:47,920 --> 00:05:50,920

Good morning, Sheriff Danny Gordon.

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00:05:50,920 --> 00:05:54,920

On October 7th, 1987,

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00:05:54,960 --> 00:05:58,960

radio reporter Danny Gordon checked in, as usual,

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00:05:58,960 --> 00:06:02,960

with a county sheriff and heard an unbelievable tale.

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00:06:02,960 --> 00:06:04,960

Over near, um, Austinville?

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00:06:04,960 --> 00:06:06,960

Huh?

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00:06:06,960 --> 00:06:08,960

All right. Got anything else?

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00:06:12,960 --> 00:06:14,960

You're kidding me.

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00:06:14,960 --> 00:06:16,960

Three with county sheriff's deputies,

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00:06:16,960 --> 00:06:18,960

all former military men,

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00:06:18,960 --> 00:06:21,960

claimed they had seen a UFO.

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00:06:21,960 --> 00:06:23,960

When was that?

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00:06:24,000 --> 00:06:27,000

Okay, Danny, you're on in 3, 2, 1.

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00:06:27,000 --> 00:06:30,000

Unidentified flying objects have been sighted over With County

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00:06:30,000 --> 00:06:32,000

on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

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00:06:32,000 --> 00:06:34,000

The With County Sheriff's...

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00:06:34,000 --> 00:06:36,000

There was a filler piece that came on at the end of the news,

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00:06:36,000 --> 00:06:38,000

which I usually relegate to something that's maybe unusual,

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00:06:38,000 --> 00:06:41,000

like we had a one-place officer who killed five chickens once

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00:06:41,000 --> 00:06:45,000

with two shots, and that was a story that ran as kind of a ha-ha piece.

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00:06:45,000 --> 00:06:47,000

And this was another ha-ha piece,

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00:06:47,000 --> 00:06:50,000

and being a very skeptical newsman,

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00:06:50,000 --> 00:06:53,000

it was definitely not in my lead part of my news.

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00:06:54,000 --> 00:06:58,000

Danny Gordon's fluff story sparked unprecedented listener reaction.

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00:06:58,000 --> 00:07:02,000

Reports of UFO sightings poured into W-Y-V-E.

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00:07:02,000 --> 00:07:04,000

With a switchboard jammed,

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00:07:04,000 --> 00:07:07,000

Gordon finally set up a special calling program

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00:07:07,000 --> 00:07:10,000

for the evening of October 19th, 1987.

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00:07:10,000 --> 00:07:12,000

Hello, this is Danny Gordon. You're on there.

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00:07:12,000 --> 00:07:14,000

Go ahead, please.

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00:07:14,000 --> 00:07:16,000

What follows is based on verbatim transcripts

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00:07:16,000 --> 00:07:19,000

of the actual telephone calls.

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00:07:19,000 --> 00:07:21,000

It was very, very huge.

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00:07:21,040 --> 00:07:24,040

It was long and it didn't have any sound.

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00:07:24,040 --> 00:07:27,040

It had a big light on the front, one in the center, and one in the back.

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00:07:27,040 --> 00:07:31,040

Well, it kind of looked something about like an egg shape to me.

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00:07:31,040 --> 00:07:36,040

What we could see was red, green, and white sort of flashing lights.

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00:07:36,040 --> 00:07:40,040

We saw a plane go by with, you know, red, red flashing lights.

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00:07:40,040 --> 00:07:43,040

We knew it wasn't a jet of any sort.

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00:07:43,040 --> 00:07:45,040

Okay, well, I appreciate that. Thanks a lot.

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00:07:45,040 --> 00:07:47,040

Being a brass-tax journalist,

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00:07:47,040 --> 00:07:50,040

I always believed there is a plausible logical explanation.

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00:07:50,080 --> 00:07:54,080

And I felt at that time that it was military of some nature

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00:07:54,080 --> 00:07:58,080

and that we would find the reason in a short period of time.

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00:08:00,080 --> 00:08:02,080

Danny Gordon thought the UFOs

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00:08:02,080 --> 00:08:04,080

were most likely experimental aircraft

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00:08:04,080 --> 00:08:07,080

being tested out of Virginia's Langley Air Force Base.

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00:08:07,080 --> 00:08:09,080

But he was repeatedly told by the military

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00:08:09,080 --> 00:08:12,080

that there was no testing going on.

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00:08:12,080 --> 00:08:14,080

As more and more residents had sightings,

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00:08:14,080 --> 00:08:18,080

the military did come up with one explanation.

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00:08:20,080 --> 00:08:23,080

Everybody had been telling us that what people were seeing

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00:08:23,080 --> 00:08:26,080

were planes refueling.

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00:08:26,080 --> 00:08:30,080

And so I said, well, I didn't know that's how they did that.

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00:08:30,080 --> 00:08:33,080

And then I thought, well, why aren't they doing that

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00:08:33,080 --> 00:08:34,080

down over my house?

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00:08:34,080 --> 00:08:37,080

You know, isn't this something they should be doing

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00:08:37,080 --> 00:08:40,080

away from populated areas?

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00:08:40,080 --> 00:08:44,080

I called the Pentagon and talked to the Air Force General there

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00:08:44,080 --> 00:08:47,080

who told me if they were refueling under 13,000 feet,

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00:08:47,080 --> 00:08:49,080

then somebody's butt's in a sling.

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00:08:50,080 --> 00:08:52,080

And to this day, we don't know if they were refueling

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00:08:52,080 --> 00:08:54,080

at 5,000 feet.

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00:08:54,080 --> 00:08:58,080

But at the same time, I have asked if it is military,

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00:08:58,080 --> 00:09:00,080

then I'll back off the story and leave it alone

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00:09:00,080 --> 00:09:02,080

if you tell me because I'm a patriot.

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00:09:02,080 --> 00:09:05,080

And each time I'm told it's not us, we're not doing it,

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00:09:05,080 --> 00:09:07,080

and we haven't been doing it.

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00:09:09,080 --> 00:09:13,080

On October 21st, just two weeks after the original report,

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Danny Gordon and a friend, Roger Hall,

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00:09:15,080 --> 00:09:17,080

drove to the area south of Withville

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00:09:17,080 --> 00:09:19,080

where most of the sightings had occurred.

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00:09:20,080 --> 00:09:23,080

They brought along a 35-millimeter still camera,

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00:09:23,080 --> 00:09:26,080

as well as a video camera.

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00:09:26,080 --> 00:09:29,080

We were headed home after two hours of fruitless searching

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00:09:29,080 --> 00:09:32,080

about a quarter to nine on route 21 south

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00:09:32,080 --> 00:09:36,080

coming into Withville, and just happened to look to my left

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00:09:36,080 --> 00:09:40,080

and saw a very unusual object coming across the horizon.

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00:09:42,080 --> 00:09:43,080

What's that?

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00:09:43,080 --> 00:09:44,080

What?

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00:09:44,080 --> 00:09:47,080

Over there, some lights or something.

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00:09:47,080 --> 00:09:48,080

I'm going to pull over.

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00:09:50,080 --> 00:09:54,080

I pulled off to the side of the road in a hurry,

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00:09:54,080 --> 00:09:56,080

jumped out, he got out of the right side,

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00:09:56,080 --> 00:09:59,080

and as he got out, I noticed the craft was coming at me,

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00:09:59,080 --> 00:10:02,080

was very large, had a dome shaped to the top of it,

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00:10:02,080 --> 00:10:05,080

had no wings, and had what appeared to be a strobe

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00:10:05,080 --> 00:10:09,080

putting out multicolored lights on the right side of the craft.

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00:10:09,080 --> 00:10:11,080

What the hell is that?

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00:10:11,080 --> 00:10:13,080

I don't know.

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00:10:13,080 --> 00:10:16,080

It was probably less than a hundred feet.

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00:10:16,120 --> 00:10:20,120

It was probably less than a thousand feet away

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00:10:20,120 --> 00:10:23,120

and a thousand feet high at the maximum.

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00:10:23,120 --> 00:10:27,120

We guessed it would be in at least two football fields

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00:10:27,120 --> 00:10:29,120

in diameter.

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00:10:29,120 --> 00:10:31,120

You could see three huge,

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00:10:31,120 --> 00:10:33,120

looked like picture windows in the back of it

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00:10:33,120 --> 00:10:36,120

that were lit from the inside out.

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00:10:39,120 --> 00:10:43,120

As I watched the sky from the left came a red ball.

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00:10:43,160 --> 00:10:47,160

As a big mothership went into a small skiff of clouds,

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00:10:47,160 --> 00:10:51,160

the red ball docked with the craft.

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00:10:51,160 --> 00:10:54,160

It was like you were watching a computer game

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00:10:54,160 --> 00:10:58,160

and watching these things develop on the video screen.

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00:11:01,160 --> 00:11:03,160

Did you get a picture of that?

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00:11:03,160 --> 00:11:05,160

No, didn't you?

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00:11:05,160 --> 00:11:07,160

That's the camera on the trunk.

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00:11:07,160 --> 00:11:09,160

Where's your camera?

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00:11:09,160 --> 00:11:12,160

In the car. I was driving.

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00:11:12,200 --> 00:11:16,200

We looked at each other and realized no pictures.

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00:11:16,200 --> 00:11:20,200

The camera was not in my hand, the camera was not in his hand,

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00:11:20,200 --> 00:11:22,200

and we both knew we blew it.

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00:11:22,200 --> 00:11:26,200

The only thing I can say is we were just all struck by it

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00:11:26,200 --> 00:11:29,200

or just dumb, whichever one.

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00:11:29,200 --> 00:11:32,200

I'm not sure which, but we sure didn't get any pictures of it.

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00:11:36,200 --> 00:11:39,200

The next night, Gordon and Hall would go out again.

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00:11:39,200 --> 00:11:41,200

This time they would take photographs.

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00:11:41,240 --> 00:11:43,240

With the film still undeveloped,

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00:11:43,240 --> 00:11:46,240

the press conference was called for the following day,

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00:11:46,240 --> 00:11:49,240

October 23rd, 1987.

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00:11:49,240 --> 00:11:51,240

The night before the press conference,

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00:11:51,240 --> 00:11:53,240

I received a phone call from somebody

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00:11:53,240 --> 00:11:55,240

who refused to identify himself,

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00:11:55,240 --> 00:11:57,240

and they said that I need to be aware

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00:11:57,240 --> 00:11:59,240

that the CIA and the federal government

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00:11:59,240 --> 00:12:01,240

were very much interested in the kind of UFOs.

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00:12:01,240 --> 00:12:03,240

I started to wonder what I had stepped into,

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00:12:03,240 --> 00:12:06,240

and my wife was urging me to back off,

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00:12:06,240 --> 00:12:09,240

to leave it alone, and I also was receiving

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00:12:09,280 --> 00:12:11,280

some anonymous phone call saying, you know,

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00:12:11,280 --> 00:12:13,280

it's something you need to leave alone

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00:12:13,280 --> 00:12:16,280

because it's not your place to be missing in defense matters.

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00:12:23,280 --> 00:12:25,280

Becky?

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00:12:25,280 --> 00:12:27,280

After the press conference,

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00:12:27,280 --> 00:12:29,280

Gordon discovered that his house had been broken into.

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00:12:33,280 --> 00:12:35,280

Becky?

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00:12:35,280 --> 00:12:37,280

Oddly, nothing was stolen,

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00:12:37,320 --> 00:12:39,320

and Gordon is convinced that someone

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00:12:39,320 --> 00:12:41,320

was looking for the photographs.

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00:12:41,320 --> 00:12:43,320

When developed, the pictures revealed

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00:12:43,320 --> 00:12:45,320

only vague streaks of light in the sky.

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00:12:48,320 --> 00:12:51,320

But Danny Gordon would soon have another opportunity

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00:12:51,320 --> 00:12:53,320

to photograph the UFOs.

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00:12:56,320 --> 00:12:59,320

Six weeks later, on December 2nd,

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00:12:59,320 --> 00:13:01,320

Danny, his wife and daughter,

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00:13:01,320 --> 00:13:03,320

were leaving the local mall

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00:13:03,320 --> 00:13:05,320

when they encountered some unexpected visitors.

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00:13:07,320 --> 00:13:09,320

And you look around!

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00:13:09,320 --> 00:13:11,320

What is that?

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00:13:19,320 --> 00:13:21,320

We looked very quickly and saw

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00:13:21,320 --> 00:13:23,320

what I thought was one large object,

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00:13:23,320 --> 00:13:25,320

which later appeared to be four,

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00:13:25,320 --> 00:13:27,320

flying disc shapes.

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00:13:27,320 --> 00:13:29,320

As soon as the objects were photographed,

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00:13:29,320 --> 00:13:31,320

they disappeared from view.

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00:13:31,360 --> 00:13:33,360

One of the pictures came out

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00:13:33,360 --> 00:13:35,360

and they had a lot of grain,

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00:13:35,360 --> 00:13:37,360

but they showed definite four shapes

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00:13:37,360 --> 00:13:39,360

of objects in the sky.

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00:13:39,360 --> 00:13:41,360

But the most impressive point

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00:13:41,360 --> 00:13:43,360

in the four photographs,

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00:13:43,360 --> 00:13:45,360

the objects appear to change shape

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00:13:45,360 --> 00:13:47,360

or light formations

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00:13:47,360 --> 00:13:49,360

within one click of the camera.

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00:13:49,360 --> 00:13:51,360

They go from a teardrop shape

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00:13:51,360 --> 00:13:53,360

to a round ball shape.

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00:13:53,360 --> 00:13:55,360

Then they go to a flying saucer

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00:13:55,360 --> 00:13:57,360

like disc shape,

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00:13:57,360 --> 00:13:59,360

and then they go to an edge shape

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00:13:59,360 --> 00:14:00,360

as they go out of sight.

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00:14:01,360 --> 00:14:03,360

The people of Withville

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00:14:03,360 --> 00:14:05,360

knew that something extraordinary

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00:14:05,360 --> 00:14:07,360

was happening in their town.

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00:14:07,360 --> 00:14:09,360

By the end of December,

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00:14:09,360 --> 00:14:11,360

the sightings numbered well over 1,500.

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00:14:11,360 --> 00:14:13,360

One of the first occurred here,

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00:14:13,360 --> 00:14:15,360

near Interstate 81,

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00:14:15,360 --> 00:14:17,360

a mile from downtown Withville.

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00:14:17,360 --> 00:14:19,360

Eyewitnesses said the craft resembled

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00:14:19,360 --> 00:14:21,360

a brilliantly lit hurling carousel.

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00:14:21,360 --> 00:14:24,360

Immediately, other sightings cropped up.

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00:14:24,360 --> 00:14:27,360

I'm not mistaken about what we saw.

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00:14:27,360 --> 00:14:29,360

Absolutely not,

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00:14:29,400 --> 00:14:31,400

because we had never seen this before.

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00:14:31,400 --> 00:14:34,400

We didn't have any reason to make any stories up.

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00:14:34,400 --> 00:14:36,400

I kept a journal.

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00:14:36,400 --> 00:14:38,400

Patricia Acres had ten sightings,

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00:14:38,400 --> 00:14:40,400

all of them here,

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00:14:40,400 --> 00:14:42,400

eight miles north of Withville.

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00:14:42,400 --> 00:14:44,400

The best way I can describe them

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00:14:44,400 --> 00:14:46,400

is that they sort of look like a cross

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00:14:46,400 --> 00:14:48,400

between a helicopter and an airplane

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00:14:48,400 --> 00:14:50,400

with no noise,

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00:14:50,400 --> 00:14:52,400

no or very little noise.

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00:14:52,400 --> 00:14:54,400

To be so large, I don't know how they stayed up.

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00:14:54,400 --> 00:14:56,400

I'd say that the educated

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00:14:56,440 --> 00:14:59,440

psychologists and psychiatrists

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00:14:59,440 --> 00:15:02,440

debunking what we've seen and everything,

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00:15:02,440 --> 00:15:04,440

they've never been here.

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00:15:04,440 --> 00:15:06,440

They've never seen it.

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00:15:06,440 --> 00:15:08,440

I was skeptical until I started seeing this stuff.

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00:15:08,440 --> 00:15:12,440

Rita Marie Vaught saw a UFO behind this ridge,

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00:15:12,440 --> 00:15:14,440

half a mile from her house.

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00:15:14,440 --> 00:15:16,440

I've seen the circle of

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00:15:16,440 --> 00:15:18,440

object in the sky,

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00:15:18,440 --> 00:15:20,440

all different colors that kept going around and around.

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00:15:20,440 --> 00:15:23,440

It would be sort of looking like a carousel,

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00:15:23,440 --> 00:15:25,440

but it didn't scare me.

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00:15:25,480 --> 00:15:27,480

None of this has scared me.

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00:15:27,480 --> 00:15:31,480

Until I see the little green men walking around,

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00:15:31,480 --> 00:15:33,480

I won't be scared.

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00:15:33,480 --> 00:15:35,480

You just had this feeling of something

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00:15:35,480 --> 00:15:37,480

really, really big

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00:15:37,480 --> 00:15:40,480

just moving, just drifting over your head

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00:15:40,480 --> 00:15:42,480

in no sound or anything.

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00:15:42,480 --> 00:15:44,480

Mellie Jean Williamson sightings

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00:15:44,480 --> 00:15:46,480

occurred directly above her house

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00:15:46,480 --> 00:15:48,480

in the center of Withville.

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00:15:48,480 --> 00:15:50,480

It had all the white lights in the front,

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00:15:50,480 --> 00:15:52,480

just a big semicircle of white lights,

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00:15:52,480 --> 00:15:54,480

and it was just huge.

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00:15:54,520 --> 00:15:57,520

But you couldn't actually see an outline

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00:15:57,520 --> 00:16:00,520

or anything like that.

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00:16:00,520 --> 00:16:02,520

I know it wasn't the planet Venus

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00:16:02,520 --> 00:16:05,520

and I know it was not atmospheric phenomena.

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00:16:05,520 --> 00:16:09,520

These were some kind of craft

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00:16:09,520 --> 00:16:12,520

moving over our house.

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00:16:12,520 --> 00:16:14,520

Eventually, I got around to calling the Pentagon

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00:16:14,520 --> 00:16:17,520

and talk with the spokesman for defense of the Pentagon,

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00:16:17,520 --> 00:16:20,520

and he speaks for all the defense

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00:16:20,520 --> 00:16:22,520

of the planet Venus.

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00:16:22,560 --> 00:16:25,560

I spoke for all the defense branches

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00:16:25,560 --> 00:16:27,560

and he told me, quote, twice,

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00:16:27,560 --> 00:16:29,560

we do not deny UFOs exist.

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00:16:29,560 --> 00:16:31,560

The government confirms they exist,

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00:16:31,560 --> 00:16:33,560

but we deny they pose a threat

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00:16:33,560 --> 00:16:35,560

to the populace of With County.

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00:16:35,560 --> 00:16:37,560

And my question was, how do you know this?

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00:16:37,560 --> 00:16:39,560

And he said, I can't tell you.

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00:16:39,560 --> 00:16:41,560

But there's no threat to you, so that's the reason

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00:16:41,560 --> 00:16:43,560

we're not sending convoys of aircraft down

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00:16:43,560 --> 00:16:45,560

or to protect With County.

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On March 19, 1988,

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00:16:47,560 --> 00:16:50,560

Danny Gordon was packing for a broadcasters conference

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00:16:50,600 --> 00:16:54,600

in Virginia Beach, where he was to speak about his UFO coverage.

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00:16:54,600 --> 00:16:56,600

I received a phone call at home

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00:16:56,600 --> 00:16:59,600

from a retired military intelligence officer,

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00:16:59,600 --> 00:17:02,600

and first he told me to make sure that I taped the conversation

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00:17:02,600 --> 00:17:05,600

so he could put the date and everyone to be aware.

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00:17:05,600 --> 00:17:07,600

And I said, why do you want to tape this?

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00:17:07,600 --> 00:17:09,600

And he said, I want your friendship, though.

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00:17:09,600 --> 00:17:11,600

Something happens to you that I forewarned you.

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00:17:11,600 --> 00:17:13,600

What I'm telling you, Danny,

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00:17:13,600 --> 00:17:16,600

is I've been suing this link for many, many years.

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00:17:16,600 --> 00:17:19,600

Like I say, I saw my son dying.

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00:17:19,640 --> 00:17:23,640

He told me that because of his investigations

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00:17:23,640 --> 00:17:25,640

into the UFO field, that they had hit his son

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00:17:25,640 --> 00:17:27,640

and caused his son to die with some kind of virus

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00:17:27,640 --> 00:17:29,640

connected to leukemia.

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Danny, who is it?

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00:17:31,640 --> 00:17:33,640

It's not my son.

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00:17:33,640 --> 00:17:35,640

He said that he had information to the federal government.

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I was not very happy with my UFO investigations.

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00:17:37,640 --> 00:17:40,640

And they felt like I was too loud of a voice

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00:17:40,640 --> 00:17:43,640

to quieten by just killing me, which made me very happy.

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00:17:43,640 --> 00:17:47,640

And he said, they want to quieten you in a different fashion.

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00:17:47,680 --> 00:17:50,680

What I'm telling you is they will try to hit you

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00:17:50,680 --> 00:17:53,680

if they think it's possible for their purposes

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00:17:53,680 --> 00:17:56,680

to keep you from fervent investigating this thing.

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00:17:56,680 --> 00:17:59,680

And most of my food would be done through skin contact chemicals.

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00:17:59,680 --> 00:18:02,680

If there's something on the door now that you car

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00:18:02,680 --> 00:18:04,680

or on the steering wheel,

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00:18:04,680 --> 00:18:06,680

they could also come up with something,

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00:18:06,680 --> 00:18:08,680

do something to your children.

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00:18:08,680 --> 00:18:11,680

You know, it's one thing for someone to threaten myself.

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00:18:11,680 --> 00:18:13,680

When you threaten my family,

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00:18:13,680 --> 00:18:15,680

you're trading on very thin water.

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00:18:15,720 --> 00:18:18,720

So when I found out that he could be believed,

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00:18:18,720 --> 00:18:20,720

just could be,

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00:18:20,720 --> 00:18:23,720

it scared me at the same time made me mad.

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00:18:23,720 --> 00:18:26,720

Because I had to try to protect my family, protect myself.

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00:18:26,720 --> 00:18:29,720

And at the same time, because I am a, I believe in free speech,

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00:18:29,720 --> 00:18:31,720

I was refusing to allow this man

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00:18:31,720 --> 00:18:34,720

to stop me from going to Virginia Beach to talk.

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00:18:34,720 --> 00:18:36,720

Well, I am going to Virginia Beach.

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00:18:36,720 --> 00:18:39,720

Damn it, it's time you said I'm going to crack the monster.

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00:18:39,720 --> 00:18:41,720

No, I appreciate it. I appreciate it.

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00:18:41,720 --> 00:18:43,720

Thank you for calling.

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00:18:45,720 --> 00:18:47,720

What was that about?

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00:18:47,720 --> 00:18:49,720

Oh, nothing, honey.

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00:18:49,720 --> 00:18:51,720

Oddly enough, it was the same weekend

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00:18:51,720 --> 00:18:54,720

that there was a hepatitis epidemic in Virginia Beach.

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00:18:54,720 --> 00:18:56,720

Had I come down with hepatitis,

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00:18:56,720 --> 00:18:58,720

I would have believed and everyone would have believed

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00:18:58,720 --> 00:19:00,720

they had gotten to me.

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00:19:00,720 --> 00:19:02,720

But I came back with no problems

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00:19:02,720 --> 00:19:04,720

and the children were in good shape.

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00:19:06,720 --> 00:19:09,720

Lesson one month after the disturbing phone call,

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00:19:09,720 --> 00:19:12,720

Gordon had two surprise visitors at his home.

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00:19:12,760 --> 00:19:14,760

I associate Michael with the Richmond Gazette.

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00:19:14,760 --> 00:19:16,760

I'd like to ask you a few questions,

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00:19:16,760 --> 00:19:18,760

if you don't mind about these recent UFO settings.

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No, I'll be fine.

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00:19:20,760 --> 00:19:22,760

Okay, great.

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00:19:22,760 --> 00:19:24,760

They remain for approximately 45 minutes,

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00:19:24,760 --> 00:19:26,760

one interviewing Danny Gordon,

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00:19:26,760 --> 00:19:29,760

the other roaming through the house snapping photographs.

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00:19:29,760 --> 00:19:31,760

They had told me when they left,

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00:19:31,760 --> 00:19:34,760

they would send me a copy of the article so I could peruse it.

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00:19:34,760 --> 00:19:36,760

And when I didn't receive one, I called the newspaper

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00:19:36,760 --> 00:19:39,760

and they said, well, these two guys are not on our payroll.

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00:19:39,760 --> 00:19:41,760

They don't work for us.

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00:19:41,800 --> 00:19:43,800

But they were in my house, saw my pictures,

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00:19:43,800 --> 00:19:45,800

saw my negatives, talked to my family,

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00:19:45,800 --> 00:19:47,800

took pictures and then left,

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00:19:47,800 --> 00:19:49,800

but they were not with the newspaper.

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00:19:49,800 --> 00:19:51,800

I think we've got everything we need, Mr. Gordon.

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00:19:51,800 --> 00:19:53,800

Thank you very much for your time. Thank you.

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00:20:06,800 --> 00:20:08,800

A few weeks later,

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00:20:08,800 --> 00:20:10,800

Danny Gordon sat down to organize and catalogue

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00:20:10,840 --> 00:20:12,840

his UFO photographs.

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00:20:17,840 --> 00:20:20,840

When I got to the canister which had the UFO negatives,

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00:20:20,840 --> 00:20:23,840

I quickly opened it up and found some UFO negatives,

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00:20:23,840 --> 00:20:26,840

but the one negative with the shot from the shopping mall

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00:20:26,840 --> 00:20:28,840

was missing.

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00:20:28,840 --> 00:20:30,840

I felt like maybe there was something in those photographs

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00:20:30,840 --> 00:20:32,840

that I was not seeing.

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00:20:32,840 --> 00:20:34,840

So I took the photographs to some other people to look at.

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00:20:34,840 --> 00:20:36,840

We used magnifying glasses.

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00:20:36,840 --> 00:20:38,840

We measured angles, trying to find out

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00:20:38,880 --> 00:20:40,880

why these photographs were so important.

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00:20:40,880 --> 00:20:43,880

And we've yet to discover why anyone would want to steal

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00:20:43,880 --> 00:20:45,880

that one Pacific set of four

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00:20:45,880 --> 00:20:48,880

in a series of photographs of the UFOs.

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00:20:50,880 --> 00:20:52,880

Danny Gordon had nearly reached the end of his rope.

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00:20:52,880 --> 00:20:54,880

His house had been broken into.

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00:20:54,880 --> 00:20:56,880

He had received countless late night phone calls,

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00:20:56,880 --> 00:20:58,880

some of them threatening.

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00:20:58,880 --> 00:21:01,880

Bogus reporters had visited his home.

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00:21:01,880 --> 00:21:05,880

Finally, his UFO negatives disappeared.

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00:21:08,880 --> 00:21:11,880

Two months later, the stress caught up with Danny Gordon.

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00:21:18,880 --> 00:21:20,880

Somebody help him please.

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00:21:20,880 --> 00:21:21,880

He just healed over.

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00:21:21,880 --> 00:21:22,880

He was getting room for work.

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00:21:22,880 --> 00:21:24,880

I think he's having a heart attack.

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00:21:24,880 --> 00:21:25,880

Not having, not having.

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00:21:25,880 --> 00:21:26,880

Not so well.

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00:21:26,880 --> 00:21:28,880

Doctors would later determine that the attack had been brought

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00:21:28,880 --> 00:21:32,880

on not by heart problems, but by severe exhaustion.

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00:21:32,880 --> 00:21:35,880

Danny Gordon was cautioned that continued involvement

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00:21:35,920 --> 00:21:38,920

with the UFO controversy could jeopardize his health.

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00:21:42,920 --> 00:21:45,920

I myself have not had a sighting since December 1990,

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00:21:45,920 --> 00:21:47,920

but purposely I don't go out and look

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00:21:47,920 --> 00:21:49,920

because it's upset my life enough

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00:21:49,920 --> 00:21:53,920

I would just assume never see a UFO again in my lifetime.

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00:21:55,920 --> 00:21:59,920

If I had my choice, I'd not report the UFO story again.

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00:21:59,920 --> 00:22:01,920

It's just been too hard on my life

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00:22:01,920 --> 00:22:03,920

and created too many problems.

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00:22:05,920 --> 00:22:08,920

I don't look up because once you look up

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00:22:08,920 --> 00:22:10,920

and you tell somebody what you saw,

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00:22:10,920 --> 00:22:12,920

your life has changed forever.

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00:22:18,920 --> 00:22:21,920

In late 1987, Danny Gordon received an average

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00:22:21,920 --> 00:22:25,920

of 500 telephone calls about UFOs each month.

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00:22:25,920 --> 00:22:28,920

Today, the calls that dwindled to approximately 50 per month.

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00:22:28,920 --> 00:22:32,920

The UFO heyday in Withville is apparently drawn to a close.

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00:22:32,960 --> 00:22:35,960

Danny Gordon's health and life are back to normal.

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00:22:35,960 --> 00:22:37,960

But if history is any indicator,

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00:22:37,960 --> 00:22:40,960

sometime soon in another small town,

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00:22:40,960 --> 00:22:42,960

someone else will look up

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00:22:42,960 --> 00:22:45,960

and his or her life will never be the same.

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00:22:48,960 --> 00:22:51,960

Next, in Ohio, a reporter's curiosity

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00:22:51,960 --> 00:22:54,960

leads to a statewide hunt for a possible serial killer.

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00:23:02,960 --> 00:23:06,960

On April 19, 1990,

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00:23:06,960 --> 00:23:08,960

the partially nude body of a woman

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00:23:08,960 --> 00:23:12,960

was found behind a truck stop in Licking County, Ohio.

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00:23:12,960 --> 00:23:15,960

She had been beaten to death.

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00:23:15,960 --> 00:23:18,960

All of her jewelry and some articles of clothing were missing.

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00:23:18,960 --> 00:23:21,960

About the bruise on the eye.

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00:23:21,960 --> 00:23:24,960

Despite an extensive investigation by County Sheriff's,

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00:23:24,960 --> 00:23:26,960

the victim was never identified.

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00:23:26,960 --> 00:23:28,960

No one was aware that her murder

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00:23:28,960 --> 00:23:30,960

was not an accident.

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00:23:31,000 --> 00:23:34,000

Four years earlier, the body of this woman,

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00:23:34,000 --> 00:23:37,000

23-year-old Shirley Dean Taylor,

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00:23:37,000 --> 00:23:39,000

was found behind a traffic barrier

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00:23:39,000 --> 00:23:43,000

on Interstate 71 in nearby Medina County.

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00:23:43,000 --> 00:23:47,000

Taylor, a known prostitute, had also been beaten to death.

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00:23:47,000 --> 00:23:50,000

Let's go down to the county more.

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00:23:50,000 --> 00:23:53,000

As in the case of the Jane Doe,

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00:23:53,000 --> 00:23:56,000

all jewelry and several pieces of clothing

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00:23:56,000 --> 00:23:59,000

had been removed from the body.

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00:23:59,040 --> 00:24:02,040

No one would connect the nearly identical murders

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00:24:02,040 --> 00:24:05,040

until 1990.

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00:24:09,040 --> 00:24:11,040

In November of that year,

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00:24:11,040 --> 00:24:14,040

Michael Barron, a reporter for the Columbus Dispatch,

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00:24:14,040 --> 00:24:16,040

began preliminary research

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for a possible story on serial killers.

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I had remembered a statement

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00:24:21,040 --> 00:24:23,040

that an FBI agent had once said

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00:24:23,040 --> 00:24:26,040

that prostitutes make the ideal serial killer victim

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00:24:26,040 --> 00:24:28,040

because they're trans,

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00:24:28,080 --> 00:24:30,080

and often their disappearances

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00:24:30,080 --> 00:24:32,080

aren't reported immediately.

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00:24:32,080 --> 00:24:34,080

So I started looking at prostitute deaths

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00:24:34,080 --> 00:24:37,080

all across Ohio, primarily using newspaper stories

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00:24:37,080 --> 00:24:40,080

as the way to track those deaths.

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00:24:40,080 --> 00:24:42,080

Barron's began to cross-reference

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00:24:42,080 --> 00:24:45,080

unsolved murder cases in Ohio.

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00:24:45,080 --> 00:24:47,080

A sinister pattern soon emerged.

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00:24:47,080 --> 00:24:49,080

Eight women in eight different counties

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00:24:49,080 --> 00:24:52,080

had been beaten or strangled to death.

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00:24:52,080 --> 00:24:55,080

Each was found alongside a major interstate.

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00:24:55,120 --> 00:24:59,120

Each was a known or suspected prostitute.

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00:24:59,120 --> 00:25:02,120

All these women who were killed in Ohio

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00:25:02,120 --> 00:25:04,120

also worked at truck stops

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00:25:04,120 --> 00:25:07,120

or were last believed to have been working at a truck stop.

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00:25:07,120 --> 00:25:09,120

And that was the third major factor

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

that started tying these deaths together.

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00:25:16,120 --> 00:25:19,120

Michael Barron's began an investigation

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00:25:19,120 --> 00:25:21,120

that took him into a little-known subculture

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00:25:21,120 --> 00:25:24,120

of Ohio's interstate truck stops.

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00:25:24,160 --> 00:25:27,160

You drive by him

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00:25:27,160 --> 00:25:30,160

and you see these restaurants and these trucks,

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00:25:30,160 --> 00:25:33,160

but until you sit there, you don't see with the underbelly,

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00:25:33,160 --> 00:25:35,160

the underworld of these little mini cities

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00:25:35,160 --> 00:25:37,160

that form each night and then break apart

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00:25:37,160 --> 00:25:40,160

each morning and come together.

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00:25:40,160 --> 00:25:42,160

See you next time, sweetie.

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00:25:42,160 --> 00:25:44,160

Yeah, you take care.

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00:25:44,160 --> 00:25:47,160

Barron's discovered a flourishing sex-for-sale industry

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00:25:47,160 --> 00:25:49,160

at truck stops throughout the state.

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00:25:49,160 --> 00:25:53,160

On any given night, any number of women were available.

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00:25:54,160 --> 00:25:56,160

The prostitutes work off a CB radio,

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00:25:56,160 --> 00:25:59,160

and it's all done anonymously.

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00:25:59,160 --> 00:26:01,160

The prostitute will get on the radio and give her handle

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00:26:01,160 --> 00:26:04,160

in some little catchphrase that she's developed as her trademark,

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00:26:04,160 --> 00:26:06,160

and the truck will answer back and say,

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00:26:06,160 --> 00:26:09,160

yeah, this is the Blue Peter built in row three.

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00:26:09,160 --> 00:26:11,160

Come meet me. And she goes off to the truck,

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00:26:11,160 --> 00:26:13,160

and then usually, when she gets in the truck,

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00:26:13,160 --> 00:26:17,160

she'll use the truck or CB to radio to her next customer.

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00:26:18,160 --> 00:26:23,160

27-year-old Anna Marie Patterson was a sixth known victim.

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00:26:23,160 --> 00:26:26,160

In reviewing the investigation of her murder,

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00:26:26,160 --> 00:26:29,160

Michael Barron's uncovered several possible clues

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00:26:29,160 --> 00:26:32,160

to the killer's identity.

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00:26:32,160 --> 00:26:35,160

Hey there, guys. This is Sleeping Beauty.

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If you're looking for a good time, come back.

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On February 8th, 1987, Anna Marie was working

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at a truck stop in Austin Town, Ohio,

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150 miles north of Columbus.

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According to witnesses, just after midnight,

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Anna Marie answered a call from a driver of a black

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or dark blue Peter built truck.

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The man used the CB handle, Dr. No.

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Hey, how you doing?

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Sleeping Beauty.

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Hi, it's your dad.

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Come on up.

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How you doing today?

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Great.

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God, it's funny.

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Get out there.

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Don't you worry.

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I'll warm you up.

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25 days later, Anna Marie's body was found alongside

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Interstate 71 north of Cincinnati.

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Anna Marie was found about 250 miles from where she was last seen

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in a field in a drainage ditch in about four to six inches

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of water.

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Her head had been bashed in and she was brutally beaten.

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She wasn't just killed.

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She was mutilated.

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Sleeping bag has a body of a white female.

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Anna Marie had a rule of only staying in the truck stop

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and would not allow a trucker to take her off the stop.

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That's why it's believed that she was probably killed

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or at least knocked unconscious at the stop.

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At the time of her death, Anna Marie Patterson

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was six months pregnant.

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An autopsy revealed that she had been killed within 48 hours

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of her disappearance.

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The condition of her body clearly indicated that the killer

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had kept it refrigerated for nearly a month.

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There has been some speculation that some of these victims

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have been driven many more miles than the actual distance

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from last seen to found.

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There may be an indication that the killer is doing something

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with these victims, either verbally, physically,

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or otherwise, after death.

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According to Barron's, the killing spree began with a murder

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of an unidentified woman in April of 1981.

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Over the next nine years, the bodies of seven other victims

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were dumped along interstates in different counties.

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Each woman was viciously beaten or strangled to death.

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Each had jewelry and clothing removed from her body.

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The conclusion we reached is that there was overwhelming evidence

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of the murder of a woman.

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The fact is that there was overwhelming evidence

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that a potential serial killer was trolling Ohio interstates

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in search of victims, and not only Ohio,

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but many different Midwest states and even going to the East Coast.

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We thought the evidence was overwhelming to present that

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to the public.

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On March 10, 1991, the Columbus dispatch ran Michael Barron's story.

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It detailed compelling evidence which suggested the murders

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of the eight women were the work of one killer.

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Ten days later, the Ohio Attorney General

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and the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association

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formed a special task force.

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They established a 24-hour toll-free hotline

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as part of an unprecedented statewide investigation.

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We were finding that what was happening in one county

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was not necessarily being told to another county,

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but a clue in one county that may have meant nothing,

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may have meant a great deal in just the adjacent county.

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But maybe the most significant clue in this case

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is also the most perplexing.

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Killers tend to dump in places that they feel comfortable with.

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That's why you'll find a grouping of bodies in a river or such.

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This killer scatters these bodies,

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and that's the big question, why?

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There have been great speculation among the officers themselves

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as, do we really have an intelligent killer out there

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who knows enough about law enforcement

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to have dumped the bodies in these different jurisdictions?

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There's even been speculation that the killer could be a security guard

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or even a former police officer

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who knows enough about police investigative techniques to do that.

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Michael Bairns is convinced that one killer is responsible for the eight murders.

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He is equally convinced that the victims were all doomed by their occupation.

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I think the killer no doubt picked prostitutes

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because he knows that it does affect the quality of investigation.

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Prostitutes aren't going to be pursued as aggressively

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as if it was a child or a suburban housewife.

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That's a fact.

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I think that the public has compassion for anybody who was innocently murdered.

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No matter what their profession, no matter how they live their life,

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when someone's life is snuffed out for absolutely no reason,

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I think people get angry.

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The last known victim in Ohio was discovered in November of 1990.

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The victim was found in a hospital in the city of San Francisco.

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However, authorities have been stunned to learn of as many as 150 other homicides

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nationwide that fit the same basic pattern.

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Recently, truck drivers have been arrested in three separate murder investigations.

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In each case, the victims were prostitutes.

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But none of these suspects have been connected to any of the Ohio murders.

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At least two of the victims are last seen getting into a black or dark blue Peterbilt tractor.

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Possibly pulling a refrigerated trailer.

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The driver may use a CB Handel's Dr. No, Stargazer or Dragon.

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I'd like to be able to say that we know now whether it's one person

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and whether it's a serial murder.

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The truth is that we don't.

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And while that is certainly a plausible theory,

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at this point it's nothing more than that.

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Stay tuned.

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An elegant mansion in New Jersey is said to be haunted by the ghost of its builder.

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Do ghosts really exist?

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The fact is that 25% of all Americans today believe they do.

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Perhaps ghosts are no more than our own need

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for something beyond the world we can touch and feel and logically comprehend.

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Or perhaps as one family in New Jersey believes, they're really out there.

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In 1923, a man named Bill Batey had a dream.

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He imagined a 17th century Norman castle,

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rising stone by stone on 150 acres of woodland in Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

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Yeah, everything's coming along just fine.

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He's completed work on the kitchen and the basement.

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Bill Batey had the means to make his dream come true.

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As an advertising executive in New York City, he had a master's sizable fortune.

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His wife, Sarah, was wealthy in her own right.

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Anything with the window until the oak comes in.

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Well, when's the oak coming?

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It's going to take two or three days.

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This is the window I was talking about.

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The Bateys envisioned their castle as a center of an artist's colony

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surrounded by bungalows fronting a man-made lake.

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How far up are we going to go?

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We're going to go up another foot, OK?

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And you're going to have five, you're going to have 11 by five.

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In 1930, before construction was complete,

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the Bateys moved into the castle with their four children.

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But Bill Batey would never see the completion of his dream.

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Just one year later, he died at the age of 45, a victim of influenza.

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His castle would not be finished for another five years.

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Sarah Batey never remarried.

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She raised all four children in the castle and lived there until 1941.

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From 1945 to 1971, the castle was occupied by two different boys' schools.

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From the start, students and teachers reported eerie organ music

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echoing through the corridors.

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Oddly, the school owned no pipe organ.

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However, the long-dead Bill Batey had owned one.

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Was it possible that Bill Batey loved his castle so much

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that he refused to leave even in death?

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Old-timers remember that Sarah Batey often held seance

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and was trying to communicate with Bill.

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When the second boy's school moved out of the castle,

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many of the faculty and students remain convinced the premises were haunted.

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In 1972, Don and Carol Berlingame bought the castle and began to remodel.

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They would soon learn about the ghost in residence firsthand.

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Carol was really the first one to feel some sort of present.

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And she had a friend that was sort of an amateur parapsychologist.

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And we brought her in and she said,

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well, there definitely is a presence here.

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He's definitely friendly and he's male.

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And Carol said, well, maybe we should try to get rid of him.

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Shouldn't we have a seance?

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And she said, no, you better leave things exactly the way they are.

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He's friendly, he's happy, let it go at that.

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After the building games moved in,

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hammering noises resounded through the hallways

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and disembodied footsteps trod the stairs.

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Before long, the ghost made his presence known in other, more high tech ways.

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What's going on?

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I don't know.

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Let me see if I can fix it.

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You just get into a movie, just the really interesting part,

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and all of a sudden the station would change.

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It would go from two to three to four,

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to five, and it happened more than one time.

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I knew that there was a presence here.

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What I couldn't figure out was, why was he here?

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Who was he?

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When was he going to leave?

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If in fact, was he ever going to leave?

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I just, it was something I couldn't figure out.

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The building games began to delve into the history of the castle.

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Soon you just realized that you were in the castle.

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Soon Eugene Melville, who is now 78 years old, turned up.

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He had worked for Sarah Bailey from 1933 to 1937

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and had his own remarkable tale of encountering the ghost.

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I said to him, what I see in there,

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and they said they've sensed something themselves,

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but they never seen him.

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But I have felt him there a lot,

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even though I've only seen him that once.

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I can truthfully say that was the only time

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I ever laid eyes on him, was at once.

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It doesn't seem to be under here, Mrs. D.

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It was 1934, three years after Bill Beatty's death.

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Eugene Melville was helping Sarah search for a bracelet

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which had been lost during a family gathering.

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It's Bill, my husband.

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But he's dead, Mrs. D.

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But it was a figure of a man standing there.

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It didn't stay long before me to examine it very good.

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It was just going shh, just like that.

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It was scary.

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I don't know about this.

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It frightened the daylights out of me.

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And I never seen him again.

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I just never wanted to go in that balcony.

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I never went in there again.

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It bothered me.

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I passed by it.

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To get me in there, to stand there, I'll forget it.

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I wouldn't go in there.

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Don and Carol Berlingame finally understood

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that they shared their home with a ghost of Bill Beatty.

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They believed that on one occasion,

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Bill demonstrated how much he cared about the castle.

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We decided we were going to go off for a little ride.

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And Carol was sort of a fresh air fiend.

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So she had all the windows open in the servants' wing

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where we were living.

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And Don said, you better close all the windows

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as opposed to rain.

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I said, no, it's not going to rain.

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Don't worry about them.

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Leave them all open.

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So I left them open.

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We went out and it rained.

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We came home and all of the casement windows,

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which opened from the inside and opened to the inside,

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were all closed and latched.

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Oh, I did it good.

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You didn't.

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There's no water on the floors.

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Everything's fine.

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And the windows are closed.

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Well, how's that possible?

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I don't know.

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So there wasn't a drop of rain in the house.

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So our only conclusion was, because there's

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no other way for them to have been closed,

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is that Bill helped us out when he saw the rain coming.

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He closed all the windows and gave us a hand.

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From that day on, Bill Beatty's ghost

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was a constant presence in the Berlingame's lives.

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Bill and I have an agreement.

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I chatted with him one day, because I didn't see him,

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but I chatted with him anyhow.

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And I said, Bill, you can stay here for as long as you want.

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I enjoy having you around.

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You don't bother me.

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Just don't ever let me see you, because if I do see you,

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I'll probably wind up in a padded cell somewhere.

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So you're welcome to stay.

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Just don't materialize.

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And he never has.

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We've had several experiences in the house,

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one of which was I have a habit of leaving the bread out,

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because it's handy.

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And I'd leave it out somewhere,

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and the next thing I'd turn around, it would be on the floor.

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I was alone in the kitchen.

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The bread was on the counter.

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There was no way that it could have fallen off by itself.

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And when it did fall off, or fly off,

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it went a considerable distance,

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so I know that someone had to have moved it.

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There was no one else there with me at all, no animals.

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Don wasn't around.

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And there was no way the bread could have fallen off the counter,

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because it was set square.

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Okay, Bill, that's enough. Knock it off.

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And that led me to believe that Bill had to be there,

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saying, hi, I'm here.

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There was just no way that that bread

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could have fallen off the counter by itself.

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In 1986, the Berlin Games invited Dr. Michaeline Mayer,

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a noted parapsychologist, to visit the castle.

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Mayer, along with an assistant,

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conducted a series of tests for paranormal activity.

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Our physical instruments were not able to detect anything unusual,

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but in this particular case, the sheer volume of the reports

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adds to the credibility of the case.

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People have experienced similar phenomena

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when living at the castle,

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even though these are people who may never have spoken to each other.

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One of our witnesses in this case,

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a particularly credible witness, in fact,

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a professional person of some stature,

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reported seeing in the driveway in front of the castle

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a person who dissipated right in front of his eyes.

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Can I help you?

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Who are you?

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I think the big news here is that human persons can act as sensors,

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and when we quantitatively evaluate their responses,

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we find that we cannot dismiss this evidence

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as caused by coincidence.

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The stair-trades are going up on that second floor.

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The key to existing with a ghost is,

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if you can accept it, you can enjoy it.

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And when things happen, you just write them off as,

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oh, it must be the ghost, or it must be Bill,

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if you know who it happened to know who it is,

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as in our case we do.

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And you can have fun with it.

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I firmly believe you'll never leave the castle.

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The love of the thing maybe got the better of his soul,

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and I think that's the thing that got such power, you know,

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is the soul.

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It's eternal.

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It's been said that the spirits of those who die with unfinished business

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are destined to wander for eternity.

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This would seem to be the case with Bill Beatty.

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In 1991, after nearly two decades in the castle,

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the Berlin games moved away.

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As far as they know, the ghost of Bill Beatty stayed behind.

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The Berlin games hope that when the castle is next sold,

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his new owners will enjoy the ghost's presence as much as they did.

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Join me next time for an all-new edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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