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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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Tonight, all new stories on the season premiere

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of Unsolved Mysteries.

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In the 1980s, one UFO sighted a new world

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In the 1980s, one UFO sighting after another,

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numbering into the thousands, astounded residents

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of New York's Hudson River Valley.

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The controversy boiled over when Maverick's stunt pilots

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claimed they were responsible for the spectacular light

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formations.

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When she was just 17, Tammy Lynn Leepert had it all.

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She was a beauty queen.

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An accomplished model who was well on her way

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to a career in the movies.

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But in 1982, Tammy began to withdraw,

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growing increasingly paranoid until finally she vanished.

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In Paducah, Kentucky, a young stranger

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was seen loitering at the local airport,

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penniless and trying to talk his way onto a flight.

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People still wonder what drove him

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to make the desperate decision that would end his life.

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Join me for these intriguing stories on our season premiere.

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Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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APPLAUSE

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Tammy is 16 years old.

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It's five foot four and a half.

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1982, the Miss America Sunshine surfed

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beauty pageant in Orlando, Florida.

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The eventual winner will be Tammy Lynn Leepert.

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Incredibly, at the age of 16,

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Tammy has already competed in more than 300 beauty contests.

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She has won the crown 280 times.

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She was very loving, kind.

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She was always smiling.

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You never saw the child when she wasn't smiling.

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When, as young as I can remember,

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she woke up with a great big smile

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and the last thing I saw was she went to sleep with a big smile.

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Tammy Lynn Leepert was an uncommonly beautiful child.

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When she was just four years old,

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she was entered in her first beauty contest.

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Tammy's mother and father divorced when she was seven.

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Her fledgling career fell to the tender loving care of her mother,

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who was a theatrical and modeling agent.

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I was constantly busy running her around

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to where she had to go and what she had to do.

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And I enjoyed it.

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I enjoyed watching her excel because she always went

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for the best that she could go for, the highest level.

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In sports, the national...

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Wing Flanagan, one of Linda's clients,

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was just 11 when he began living at her house.

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I have to block my lipstick.

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He and Tammy were like brother and sister.

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I like it. I'm trying to watch TV.

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She would bend over and kiss me on the cheek

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and I couldn't quite ever get it completely off.

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It was rather, you know, embarrassing to walk around

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with this mark, but I think actually I learned

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to wear it proudly after a while

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because it was almost a status symbol.

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You know, Tammy.

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In July of 1982, Tammy Lynn was cast

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in the teen exploitation film Spring Break,

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which would go on to earn nearly \$25 million

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at the box office.

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After Spring Break, Tammy went unshaperone

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to an out-of-town weekend party.

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She came back a different person.

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Sometimes I'd ask her, you know,

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what was on her mind if anything was bothering her.

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And she'd usually evade the question.

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She'd change the subject or she'd say,

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oh, nothing, you know, and then try to laugh it off.

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Soon, Tammy's behavior began to take on paranoid overtones.

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I'm not here. Don't tell anybody I'm here.

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Why?

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Just do it.

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All right.

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Hello?

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Is Tammy back?

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No.

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She's not here right now.

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Is she now?

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Yeah. Yeah.

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I'll call her back.

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All right. Bye.

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Happy now?

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Tammy, what's the problem?

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Honey, talk to me.

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Tammy, I saw something awful.

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What?

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Something really bad.

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Honey, what did you see?

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I wasn't supposed to see it.

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She said that she saw something so horrible

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that she couldn't talk about it.

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Sweetheart, talk to me.

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And she said, Mom,

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what would you say if I told you somebody was trying to kill me?

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What are you talking about?

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I wasn't supposed to see this.

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Tammy, I can't tell anybody.

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I can't.

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What do you mean you can't tell anybody?

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I kept trying to find out who they were.

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Tammy, talk to me.

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She never would tell me.

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Tammy?

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Tammy Lynn began a steady retreat into isolation.

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Linda and Wing had no way of ascertaining

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which of Tammy's fears were real

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and which were paranoid delusions.

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Once she called me over to the window,

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she said, look across the street and tell me what you see.

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I said, well, the neighbors got a new van.

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And she said, exactly.

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And I didn't know quite what she was getting at.

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And she said, the van has mirrored windows.

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That means that they can see us, but we can't see them.

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After two weeks of virtual seclusion,

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Tammy Lynn was offered a small part in the big budget Al Pacino

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film Scarface, which began shooting in Miami in March of 1983.

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She stayed with a family friend, Walter Liebowitz.

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All went well until the fourth day of filming.

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I received a call from the casting director

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to tell me that Tammy had a breakdown on the set.

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They said that there was a scene where someone

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was supposed to be shot and they had artificial blood spurred out.

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And they said, when Tammy was watching the scene,

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she started crying hysterically.

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And it got so bad that they had her take her to a trailer.

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She was in a tremendous state of fear, anxiety.

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It was bad.

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They'd blow my head off like an earthquake.

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Hysterically crying, saying something about money laundering.

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I don't know where to hide. Things of that nature.

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Oh my God.

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I was so scared.

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Tammy, look at me.

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What it was that caused this great fear in her, I don't know.

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Tammy, I want to help you.

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When I spoke with Tammy's mother,

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I told her that she should take Tammy to a doctor

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and also take her to the police to find out

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if the problem was psychological

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or if there was some basis in fact

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that someone was actually trying to kill her

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and get to the bottom of it.

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Tammy Lynn quit the film and went back to Cocoa Beach.

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At her mother's insistence,

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Tammy did talk to the local sheriff,

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but apparently never mentioned

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that she felt her life was in danger.

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Even with her family, Tammy's paranoia ran rampant.

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She became convinced that someone was trying to poison her.

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Taste this.

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Why?

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00:08:36,920 --> 00:08:37,920

Just do it.

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Fine.

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There were good days and there were bad days.

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There were days when she was almost normal, almost.

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And there were other days when she was real edgy.

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She was not the Tammy that we know.

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We did not recognize this Tammy in personality.

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She even began to take on a different look.

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Kind of a wild look in her eyes and scared look is what it was.

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And if she really believed that somebody was going to try to kill her,

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scared is the feeling that we were seeing.

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On July 1st, 1983, Tammy Lynn finally snapped.

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What are you looking at?

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What are you looking at?

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Not you.

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I saw you looking at me.

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Why would I look at you?

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Well, don't.

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Let me in!

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Let me in the house!

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What are you doing?

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00:10:10,920 --> 00:10:11,920

Stop!

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00:10:13,920 --> 00:10:14,920

Hey!

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00:10:14,920 --> 00:10:15,920

Why did you lock me up?

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00:10:15,920 --> 00:10:16,920

Why did you lock me up?

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00:10:16,920 --> 00:10:17,920

I did it!

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00:10:17,920 --> 00:10:18,920

Please, please, please, please!

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00:10:18,920 --> 00:10:19,920

What are you doing?

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I didn't do anything to you!

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Why did you lock me up?

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00:10:21,920 --> 00:10:23,920

There was this completely crazy look in her eyes.

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She wasn't her.

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I don't think she really knew who I was.

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Tammy, it's mother!

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00:10:30,920 --> 00:10:31,920

It's mother!

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00:10:31,920 --> 00:10:32,920

I just kept saying it over and over again.

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Tammy, I love you.

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Until I finally saw recognition in her eyes.

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I knew then, right then, that I handled that incident.

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But I didn't know if I was going to be able to handle the next one.

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Linda checked Tammy into the Brevard County Mental Health

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Center for a complete physical and psychiatric evaluation.

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Doctors found no evidence of drug or alcohol use,

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and kept Tammy in the hospital for 72 hours of observation.

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After we took her home, she said,

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you've got to make me a promise.

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I said, if I can, she says, Mom, if anything happens to me,

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anything at all, I want you to get even with that person for me.

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Would you please?

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I said, what do you think is going to happen, Tammy?

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She said, I know you don't want to hear this,

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but he's still going to try to kill me.

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Rick Adams was Tammy's best friend.

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They went out the day after she was released from the hospital.

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At that time, Tammy, we got out of the van,

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and she looked at me, and she says, Rick, I love you.

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I said, Tammy, I love you too.

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00:12:04,920 --> 00:12:07,920

And she said, I might be going away for a while.

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Yes.

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We will have a photographer.

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That next day, everything seemed to be extraordinarily normal.

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She seemed, I think, really trying to impress me that she was OK.

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Mom, I'll be back in a little bit.

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Right.

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I love you.

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Bye.

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00:12:32,920 --> 00:12:36,920

I suddenly got frightened, real frightened,

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00:12:36,920 --> 00:12:38,920

and I went to the door and opened it,

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00:12:38,920 --> 00:12:42,920

and I just knew right then it was the last time I was going to see her.

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This friend picked her up at her home in Rockledge, Florida,

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and they drove to the beach.

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And we talked to him, and he basically stated that they'd come involved

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in a verbal argument that she had requested that he let her out

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near the glass bank in Cocoa Beach, and he complied.

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And as far as we know, that was the last person to see Tammy alive.

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Stop it.

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What do you want me to do?

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I just want you to shut up.

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According to Tammy's friend, he dropped her off at approximately 3 p.m.

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on July 6, 1983, five miles from her house.

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She was barefoot and carried no purse.

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She disappeared without a trace.

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We talked to some of her close friends.

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They felt strongly that Tammy was having problems at home

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and that she had left home, that she wanted to leave home.

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There's no conceivable way I would believe it,

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00:13:51,920 --> 00:13:55,920

because first of all, she was getting ready to go to California for three months.

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That's as far away from me as you could get from Cocoa Beach to California.

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And she was really excited about going.

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What reason would she have for running away?

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Tammy saw something.

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Tammy saw something that she shouldn't have.

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Tammy knew something she shouldn't have about someone that she was very frightened of.

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Sometimes I feel if I had asked her, rather than told her

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that it was in her imagination, maybe she would still be here.

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What could a 17-year-old girl have seen that would cause it a fear for her life?

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During a breakdown on the set of Scarface,

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Tammy Lynn had mentioned money laundering.

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According to an official at the U.S. Custom Service,

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dozens of money laundering cases in Florida were under federal investigation at that time.

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Some call it sheer coincidence.

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that Tammy's mother believes it is no coincidence at all.

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I think Tammy is either a victim of foul play,

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or she doesn't know who she is.

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I, as a mother, wanted to believe everything she told me,

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and I wanted to help her.

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If I had it all to do over again, I would go back and

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every single word she told me, and I would just hide her someplace until we found out what the truth was.

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But I can't do it over,

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and maybe she had to hide on her own, I don't know.

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No matter what happens, I would like for things to turn out for the best.

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This interview was taped in 1983 during Tammy Lynn's final beauty pageant.

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It seemed like the best aren't the best,

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and things that don't seem so good are the best.

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But I'll do my best no matter what.

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The quiet beauty of New York's Hudson River Valley

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belies its location just 40 miles north of the bustling streets of Manhattan.

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The valley is home to upscale professionals and retirees.

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They tend to be well-educated and cosmopolitan,

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hardly the type of people you'd expect to be swept up by UFO fever.

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Yet that is exactly what happened to more than one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

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That's exactly what happened to more than 5,000 area residents between 1983 and 1989.

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The epidemic of sensational UFO sightings in the Hudson River Valley lasted six years.

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Ultimately, the entire episode was largely dismissed as a hoax,

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perpetrated by a group of local stunt pilots.

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However, to this day, many of the eyewitnesses maintain that what they saw

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not have been a handful of airplanes.

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Dennis Sant, a husband and father of five, has worked in local government for 17 years.

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He is currently the highest-ranking deputy in Putnam County.

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On March 17, 1983, Sant's home in Brewster was the site of an extraordinary event.

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The scene was shot in a large, dark-gray, metallic, almost girder-type,

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with a very large object.

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The structure of it was very dark-gray, metallic, almost girder-type looking.

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What is it?

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Girls, girls, come on here and see this.

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The objects seem to be very silent.

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The lights were iridescent, bright.

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They stood out in the sky in three-dimension.

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It looked like a city of lights just hung in the sky of all brilliant colors.

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At that time, the girls became very frightened and they ran inside the house.

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Then my son and I were just drawn underneath it.

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I felt very good about encountering a visual contact with the object.

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We followed the object around to the backyard,

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and at that point, a feeling of fright came upon me.

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Thoughts started to flood my mind.

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Thoughts of the craft touching ground,

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thoughts of an encounter with an alien being,

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thoughts of being abducted,

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all types of fearful thoughts started to enter into my mind.

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And it seemed only to be seconds before the object started to move again,

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but the feelings were overwhelming.

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From beginning to end, the 19 or 20 minutes that I had viewed that craft

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was also a time of self-examination of myself and who I was.

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Dennis Santner's family were not the only ones mesmerized by the extraordinary light formation.

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A few miles away, traffic screeched to a halt on Interstate 84

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as a mysterious object hovered overhead.

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The Hudson Valley sightings had only just begun.

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I was sitting there looking at it and I wasn't afraid.

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I was just amazed. I was in awe of it. I didn't know what it was.

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Officer Andy Sadov, a 10-year veteran of the Newcastle police,

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is also an instructor in criminal child abuse procedures.

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On March 24th, one week after Dennis Sant's sighting,

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Officer Sadvov was working routine traffic patrol.

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I was working a 4 p.m. to midnight tour

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and assigned to set up some radar to look for speeding cars.

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I had the radar set up and I looked up into the sky

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and saw coming from east to west there was a series of lights.

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At first I thought it was a plane. It was quite a distance quite far away,

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but it was really quite large.

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As I recall, there were mostly white lights, but there were green lights also.

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It was alternating green and white lights.

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It approached my vehicle and as it approached the vehicle, it stopped and it seemed to hover.

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There was no sound and I'm looking at this thing like thinking, what is it?

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When I put my head out the window and I'm looking up at it, it was huge.

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The thing that I recall the most is I was amazed that there was no noise.

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There was no humming. There was no engine. No low sound to it.

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It was absolutely silent.

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Just seconds later, the eerie silence was broken.

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Another eyewitness report.

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Unit 5 to base, I'm seeing it too. It's hovering above my car.

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It's heading towards town. I'm following it.

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At the time that we started to transmit over the air, that was about the time that it started to move

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and it moved very slowly, almost floated, and we followed it.

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We followed it until it disappeared off into the hills.

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I guess I was mostly curious as to what it could be.

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Excited to try and figure out, well, maybe it's this or maybe it's a government thing,

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but I wasn't frightened of it. No, there really wasn't time to be frightened of it.

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I was spending most of my time trying to figure out why there was no noise coming out of this thing.

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It was truly a flying city, if that's the way you want to call it. I mean, it was huge.

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Computer engineer Ed Burns is a retired senior manager for IBM.

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At the time of the sightings, Burns handled the company's contracts in Japan and South America.

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On the night of March 24th, at virtually the same time Officer Sadoff was pursuing the mysterious object,

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Ed Burns was driving home on the Takanik Parkway, 10 miles north of Sadoff's location.

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I have nowhere. I got a lot of static on the radio.

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I thought maybe I was on the wrong number and then I went over to turn the dial again,

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00:23:30,920 --> 00:23:34,920

and that's when I looked up and saw this craft.

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It was a triangular chevron ship, and the back of that chevron had to be as large as a football field at least.

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It was one solid piece of a chevron shape, and there was no noise.

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It seemed so close to the ground. It seemed like I could have thrown a rock at it maybe.

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Ed Burns pulled off the highway and joined a group of motorists by the side of the road.

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All were gazing skyward, seemingly dumbstruck.

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It was so shocking. This one fellow that I was talking to never did answer me a bit.

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Isn't that incredible? Have you ever seen anything so huge?

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He was just staring at this thing, and I remember his size of his eyes were so huge,

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and he never did answer me at all. It seemed like I'd talked for an hour, it was probably only a minute,

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but I was so excited about it, I wanted to share whatever I was feeling at the time.

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Where was it from? I'm not into astronomy, Mars, I mean I don't know the solar systems,

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but what I had witnessed that night was not from this planet.

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The eyewitness reports indicated the object was slowly moving north over the Hudson River Valley.

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Officer Sadov and at least 12 others saw it in Newcastle.

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10 minutes later, Ed Burns and at least 20 motorists saw it near Millwood.

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10 minutes after that, the phones began ringing off the hook in the police station at Yorktown.

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Yorktown PD, Officer Wolfe. No ma'am, everything is fine.

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No, we've had several reports, everything is under control.

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Every line kept going, every single line constantly. Answer the phone, another line would light up.

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Answer the next line, another line would light up.

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00:25:43,920 --> 00:25:45,920

Yes, sir. I heard about it, sir, there's really nothing to worry, please hold, sir.

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It got to the point, I got a call of the Connick Parkway being stopped, the people were all out in the cars.

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00:25:51,920 --> 00:25:54,920

It was starting to get really crazy.

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Go ahead, sir, fella.

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I'll be 10, 17.

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I tried calling the cars to find out if they saw anything,

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and the only one that called with the cars was Kevin, said that he would stop in.

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Officer Kevin Soravilla had also seen the dazzling lights reported by dozens of Yorktown residents.

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The object was extremely large, and it was estimated to be close to 300 to 400 yards wide.

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We stood out in front facing to the north, and in approximately about five minutes,

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we did the object begin to appear from the northern horizon.

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Look at that thing, man, unbelievable.

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Officer's Wolf and Soravilla were standing side by side under the same sky, yet their accounts are entirely contradictory.

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It's got to be a group of planes or something.

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I don't think so.

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Yeah, I think I see a wing in there.

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I don't think so, they don't look like planes.

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Officer Soravilla is convinced that what he saw was one large object with a number of small lights.

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I was, say, approximately 16, 18 lights running in a V formation, approximately 200 to 400 yards wide.

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I was staring in between the lights to see any type of a solid structure where he may have basically been staring at the lights themselves.

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They look like airplanes to me, I says, Kevin.

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I says, you know, I live near an airport, so I see these airplanes every day.

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So as they were coming over, he says, well, you can't hear anything.

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I said, listen, with that, when we started hearing a drone, it wasn't one big solid unit.

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But if you looked at it for like a couple of minutes or even a fraction as it was coming over, I could see where some people would have gotten upset.

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Suddenly the Hudson Valley sightings had taken a dramatic turn.

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It appeared that the UFOs were a hoax, nothing more than small aircraft flying in precise patterns.

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But this earthly explanation was lost in an avalanche of additional sightings which continued unabated month after month.

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In addition, many claim this circular formation photographed as it swept over the area is also a UFO.

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However, other eyewitnesses counter that the unusual lights they had seen were nothing more than small airplanes flying in wedge shaped formations.

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Is anywhere from upwards of seven to ten aircraft that do fly around in formation?

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And this is visible from our tower.

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Anthony Capaldi has been an air traffic controller for just under ten years.

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In the summer of 1983, he made an observation that seemed to settle a UFO controversy once and for all.

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The first time I observed the formation flying, it looked a little peculiar.

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What's that over Stormville?

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00:28:55,920 --> 00:29:04,920

And from our vantage point in the tower, they just appear to be just one big light because they are flying in tight formation.

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To estimate the size, maybe two football fields wide.

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There's a B-6 aircraft flying in formation.

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I imagine it's possible at first glimpse that an observer may not be fully aware of what this formation is.

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But I don't think if this formation flew over an individual's head at a thousand feet that there's any way you can misdiagnose it for anything.

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But the formation flying due to the sound of the aircraft engines and I imagine at a thousand feet, you could really determine that it's aircraft.

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The UFO was surely seen before these Hoekster pilots began their night flights.

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And after these Hoeksters began their night flights, people would call me up who had seen the UFO in previous states and said,

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well, I saw something strange in the sky, but it wasn't the same thing that I saw a week before.

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It definitely was planes.

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So you had people who saw the UFO and then you had people who saw the planes and were able to identify each as being something strange and something totally explainable.

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Holy, good God.

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I don't know.

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Not clean.

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00:30:23,920 --> 00:30:25,920

I'll be talking to you something, honey.

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00:30:25,920 --> 00:30:27,920

I don't know what the hell it is.

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This home videotape showing a light formation above Brewster, New York was taken July 24th, 1984 by local resident Bob Puzzwoli.

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Philip Mbrogno is convinced it shows a UFO.

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Being a scientist myself, I'm still waiting for it to be proved 100 percent.

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Although it has been looked at by a number of photographic experts who indicate that the movement of the object on the video seems to be one rigid object and not individual object.

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Plus, there were hundreds and hundreds of witnesses who saw the UFO and said it was something strange, but the night that the airplanes were seen, there were also dozens of witnesses who said, in fact, that they did see airplanes.

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This image was videotaped in June of 1984, also by Bob Puzzwoli.

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Skeptics and believers all agree that it shows a squadron of small planes that some say are military aircraft.

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If you look at that video, you can see that the lights are shifting position in relation to each other.

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The fellow who videotaped it is talking about, he can hear the engines, he can see the stars as the object is passing over him.

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As a matter of fact, when that videotape was made of the airplanes, no one came forward to say they had seen a UFO.

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People called me and said they had seen airplanes flying in formation, but the night of the UFO sighting when the videotape was made, I had hundreds of phone calls to different telephone lines of people who had, in fact, seen a UFO.

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What is the truth about the spectacular light formations that cruise the Hudson River Valley, where the aerial stunts performed by sophisticated pranksters are UFOs of unknown origin.

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Even those who saw the same object at the same time cannot agree.

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I personally think that it was an airplane or people who were playing games trying to get a rush and an excitement out of making people feel, hey, there's somebody from another world here, where in fact, they were just fooling people's mind.

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If it was ultra-light, I'm a little amazed by the precision flying. I have to see it again to believe it. I'm not too sure. I'm not too sure about it.

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In a man's life, particular things unfold that make an impression for the rest of their life. This was one of those moments in my time that made a very dramatic impression upon me.

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What I saw was not planes in formation.

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There was no shaking or movement or rocking back and forth of any of the lights. It was perfectly still.

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You know, I'm not trying to say what it was. I don't know what it was. I know it wasn't an airplane.

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00:33:34,920 --> 00:33:44,920

I tell the story a lot to certain friends that I can trust that'll believe me. I mean, my wife, I think, believes me because she loves me and respects me.

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00:33:44,920 --> 00:33:54,920

I don't know if my children do, but they love and respect me. But they also read the papers, I guess, and I guess about this five other airplanes. Maybe they equated to that.

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00:33:54,920 --> 00:34:01,920

But boy, I'll tell you, I'll never forget that as long as I live. In five airplanes, it was not.

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In preparing to film this story, unsolved mysteries asked the alleged hoaxers to recreate one of their flights during daylight hours. No one was willing to be publicly identified.

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This may be because when flown at night, some of the maneuvers violate FAA regulations. According to Tony Capaldi, most of the formation flights took place on Thursday nights.

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It is interesting to note that less than one-third of the UFO sightings occurred on Thursday nights.

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In a moment, a young man dies under tragic circumstances.

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September 30, 1991, Paducah, Kentucky.

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Yes. Are you a pilot? No, I'm sure not. Do you know a pilot I can talk to? No, I sure don't.

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Just after 6 p.m., a young man approached airport worker Wes Weaver at Paducah's small airfield.

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Listen, I'm really in a bind. I really need to get out west. You've got to know somebody here that can help me out.

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I kind of thought that maybe he was into something he wasn't supposed to be into running from something.

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00:35:18,920 --> 00:35:26,920

Because he honestly, he didn't act drugged up. I mean, he didn't act like he was drunk and he really didn't act crazy. Just kind of desperate.

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Come on, man. I mean, look, I've got this jacket. Isn't there some way I could trade this jacket for a lift? You know, one of the pilots around here?

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What began as an odd encounter soon evolved into a tragic and perplexing mystery.

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I finally just kind of told him no and made it to the point where he should leave and he stood around for a little while and finally he went back through the hangar.

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30 minutes later, Wes Weaver saw the stranger again.

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And he had the jacket on and I thought it was kind of strange. So I kind of slowed down and watched and I saw him run across the ditch and jump up on the fence and jump over and run towards the plane.

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And that's when I radioed. It's for someone to call security.

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You better call security. We got a guy jumping over the fence at 2-2.

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Two other witnesses saw the young man run across the airstrip.

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Me and my husband was out in the yard and this plane, you know, pulled up and we saw this guy running in the field and he run over to another side of the plane.

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Well, we never did see him no more.

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The way he was running to it so fast, you know, he was up to something.

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The only aircraft on the runway was commuter flight 2940, destination Memphis, Tennessee. Just before sunset at exactly 649, the plane was cleared for takeoff. Everything seemed normal.

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It's a plane that got way up there. I stood there, you know, was watching. In a few minutes, I seen something fall.

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And I told my husband, I said, there's something fell out of that plane.

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As darkness fell, airport authorities mobilized an extensive search, looking for any sign of the man witnesses had seen.

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At the northern end of the airfield, director of airfield services, Ron Jones, noticed a section of fence which had been damaged. Lying at the base was the body of the young stranger.

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It really hit me then that this actually happened, that someone actually got onto an aircraft some kind of way and that someone had fallen to their death.

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The man was found in the area. No identification of any kind was found on or near the body.

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As we examine the hand, we know that the nails appear to be manicured and well groomed.

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Blood tests reveal no traces of drugs or alcohol in the victim's system.

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We noticed that his body was well tanned and that there were not any tan lines.

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The pubic hair was shaved in a swimmer's type style or of someone who may have been wearing tights.

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We searched out leads with a male dancer, a troupe that was here, the Chippendale type dancers who were here the week prior.

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And we based that on too, his well-developed physical appearance, his tan body, the shaved pubic area, and all of those leads were negative when they were researched.

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This is a jacket worn by the young man. In one of the pockets, investigators found a pair of swimming goggles.

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Sown into the collar was an ID tag inscribed Lieutenant L.F. Price, USAF.

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A check of military records could find no such person.

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When we go back and look at this series of events that led up to this incident, the individual had approximately 90 seconds to two minutes to climb over a 7.5 foot high fence,

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traverse approximately 800 foot of terrain including one ditch system, run around the aircraft's tail section, and then climb on the aircraft although we have no actual witnesses to his climbing on the aircraft.

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And again, the time interval was between 90 seconds and 120 seconds. It was quite an accomplishment.

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Within seconds, Flight 2940 was barreling down the runway at 125 miles an hour.

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One cerebral, the speed increased to more than 190 miles an hour.

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And that obviously is a substantial wind force upon anyone trying to stay on the wing of an aircraft with really no hand holes.

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We judge at this point that he managed to stay on for approximately 3,000 to 3,500 feet after the aircraft departed the ground.

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I wonder what was so important to make him take a chance on trying to catch a ride on the outside of an aircraft.

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I think that there's an answer with his family. His family may not have even known that he was coming home.

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And I think that that's probably, if we could just get over that hurdle there, I think we could find out why.

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Join me next time for another edition on Solved Mysteries.

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