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

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

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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Like anybody, I would like to live a long life, long

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liberty, as it's placed. But I'm not concerned about that now.

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On the evening before his death, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered one of the most

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stirring and prophetic speeches of his life.

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Less than 24 hours after he spoke those words, Martin Luther King was assassinated. His accused

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killer James Earl Ray pled guilty to the murder and the case was officially closed. This Sunday

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marks the 25th anniversary of Dr. King's death. It is a milestone that has focused renewed

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attention on the circumstances surrounding the investigation of James Earl Ray.

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Just three days after his conviction, Ray recanted his guilty plea, alleging that he

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was but a pawn in a wide-ranging conspiracy to kill King. Ray's claims of innocence, however,

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were dismissed, and the case remained closed. In 1976, eight years after King's death, a

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select committee of the U.S. House of Representatives was impaneled to reinvestigate the assassinations

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of King and President John F. Kennedy. The committee concluded that James Earl Ray was

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the lone assassin of Dr. King. It is a conclusion, however, that Walter Fauntroy, the chairman

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of the King's subcommittee, now believes was wrong.

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When you look at a murder, you look at three things. Who had the motive, the means, and

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the opportunity? I'm not now satisfied that James Earl Ray had a sufficient motive, that

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he had the means and certainly the opportunity to pull it off as it was done.

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I also thought I could establish that I was at a service day during the time that Martin

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Luther King was shot. To this day, James Earl Ray maintains that he did not shoot Martin

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Luther King, but the FBI stands by their original finding. Ray was the lone gunman.

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Now some researchers claim that new information corroborates Ray's allegations of conspiracy.

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Based in part on that new information, Walter Fauntroy is calling for a new investigation

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and for the immediate public release of the committee's files currently sealed until

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the year 2029. Tonight we will examine both sides of this complex and controversial case.

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Join me for this special presentation and more on Unsolved Mysteries.

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Martin Luther King arrived in Memphis on April 3, 1929.

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In 1968, the day before he was assassinated, King checked into the Lorraine Motel and began

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planning a march in support of striking city sanitation workers. King's presence at the

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Motel had been well publicized by the press. Across the street from the Motel was a series

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of rundown buildings which included a rooming house run by a woman named Bessie Brewer.

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On April 4, shortly before 6 p.m., William Anschutz, a tenant of the rooming house, found

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the building's communal bathroom lot. What you are about to see is the official government

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account of the assassination of Martin Luther King.

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Inside the bathroom, James Earl Ray, a career petty criminal, loaded a high powered rifle

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and took aim at room 306 of the Lorraine Motel. King stepped out of that room to go to dinner.

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A single deadly shot rang out. The bullet struck King in the face, throwing him violently

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backward onto the balcony. Several friends rushed to his aid. His wounds, however, were

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severe and irreparable. According to the government, as King lay dying, James Earl Ray raced into

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the room he had read it earlier that day. He wrapped the rifle along with an overnight

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bag containing personal items in a bedspread. In the hallway, Ray was seen by Charles Quitman

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Stevens, who lived in the room adjacent to the bathroom.

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A mere second from the clean getaway, the government believes Ray saw a police car and

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pennant, dropping his bundle in the doorway of the K'nite B'amusement Company.

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A moment later, three witnesses inside the building saw a white car, possibly a Mustang,

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speed away. Police recovered the rifle along with Ray's effects, but by the time they identified

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Ray, he had fled the country. Two months later, Ray was apprehended by British authorities

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at London's Heathrow Airport as he attempted to board a flight to Brussels. On March 10,

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1969, in Memphis, Tennessee, James Earl Ray pled guilty to the murder of Martin Luther

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King. Ray was sentenced to 99 years in the state penitentiary.

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Three days after his conviction, however, Ray fired his attorney and claimed he had been

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pressured into pleading guilty. Ray denied shooting King and, incredibly, alleged that

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he himself was a victim of an intricate conspiracy which used him as a hapless scapegoat for

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the assassination. Over the years, Ray's claim has found many supporters who argue that the

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possibility of a conspiracy was never adequately investigated by either state officials or

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the FBI. James Earl Ray spent most of his adult life in and out of prison. Though extensive,

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his criminal career was comprised almost exclusively of small-time holdups and robberies, none

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of which involved violence, indeed to many, Ray seemed an unlikely candidate for such

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a notorious crime. I find it more difficult today than I found it at the time when we

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closed down the investigation to believe that James Earl Ray, acting alone, pulled off the

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crown of the century, was able to get out of Memphis, out of the country into Canada,

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get three passports, and to go all the way to Europe without help.

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On April 23, 1967, almost a year before King was assassinated, James Earl Ray escaped from

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the state penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri, where he was serving a 20-year sentence

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for robbing a grocery store. For some, Ray's subsequent movements and activities are strong

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evidence of a conspiracy. Ray initially fled to Chicago and then in mid-July to Montreal.

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Using the name Eric Starville Galt, he discreetly solicited the criminal underground for a phony

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passport or seaman's papers. According to Ray, he was eventually approached by a shadowy

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character who used only the name Raoult. How hard would it be to get Canadian seaman's

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papers? Ray claims that almost nine months later, it was Raoult who set him up as the

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fall guy for the King assassination. But when they first met, Ray says Raoult was only looking

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for an accomplice in a smuggling scheme. How many? Ray claimed that in exchange for

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Ray's agreeing to perform certain tasks, evidently of a criminal nature. One, he was provided

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with money, and two, he was promised that at some point he would be given identification,

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a passport, something he needed to get out of the country. Ray alleges that his first

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job with Raoult involved smuggling unknown contraband across the U.S.-Canadian border

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near Detroit, for which Ray was paid \$750. Ray claims he was then directed by Raoult to

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go to Birmingham, Alabama. Ray has detailed his travels to his current attorney William

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Pepper. Ironically, Pepper had once been an associate of Dr. King's. In 1978, Pepper

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was persuaded by one of King's closest friends, Ralph Abernathy, to meet with Ray. Pepper

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is now convinced that Ray's story is true, and that Raoult is the key to the conspiracy.

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Well, what Raoult did from that point on was to keep James on a string, have him in

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various points and places, pay him bits of money, have him do various things, and really

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pretty much keep him on a string so that he was available, as it turns out, for use any

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time that they wanted to use him, always with the promise of these travel documents.

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When's the last time you changed your break path?

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Three months ago. I got over 20,000 on the first set.

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Ray says it in Birmingham. Raoult gave him \$2,000 and told him to purchase a car. On

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August 30, 1967, seven months before the assassination, Ray did in fact buy a white 1966

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Mustang. Ray says he then drove to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, where he and Raoult engaged

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in another smuggling venture. A month later, Ray traveled to Los Angeles to await further

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instructions. In mid-March, less than three weeks before the assassination, Raoult told

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Ray to leave for Atlanta. There, on March 29, just five days before the assassination,

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Raoult outlined their next criminal enterprise.

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I'm going to need you to buy a gun.

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What for?

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I have a new client who wants to purchase some rifles. 200.

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Can't you buy 200 weapons?

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You only need one. Right now, he just wants to see a sample.

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Next bit of activity they were going to be involved in had to do with selling guns. And

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the scenario that he developed was one which involved the purchase of sort of sample weapons

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and that he, Raoult, would show to these gun runners. And once they then made a selection

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or made a choice, so the story went, they would be bought in volume.

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Ray alleges that later that day, he and Raoult drove to Birmingham. Following Raoult's instructions,

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Ray went to a gun shop where he purchased a .243 caliber rifle, which he had fitted

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with a telescopic sight.

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Sure, but I'm going deer hunting with my brother.

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The evidence is that from the people who witnessed his purchase of the rifle in Birmingham,

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is that he didn't know the first thing about rifles. He was confused about what he wanted,

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didn't know what he wanted, bought the wrong rifle. So he didn't have the kind of familiarity

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with firearms that you would expect of somebody who was going to murder someone.

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This isn't going to work.

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Why?

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The caliber is too small.

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He said it was a good deer rifle.

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It's not suitable for our purposes.

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I was wondering if I could exchange it.

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Why is that? Is something wrong with this one?

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Ray says Raoult told him to exchange the weapon the next day, giving him specific instructions

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on what to buy.

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The Remington Model 760 Game Master pump action.

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Ray claims he gave the Remington Game Master rifle to Raoult at the New Rebel Motel in

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Memphis on April 3rd, the day before the assassination.

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This will do fine.

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So, when will you need another .200?

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I'm not sure after my clients.

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According to James Earl Ray, that was the last time he saw the rifle. The official investigation

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concluded that it was used to kill Martin Luther King the next day.

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At 3.30 p.m. on the day of Martin Luther King's assassination, James Earl Ray claims he met

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his mysterious contact Raoult at Jim's Grill, a local coffee shop.

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I'm going to need a room to meet with my client.

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Where?

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Ray says Raoult told him to go to Bessie Brewer's rooming house upstairs. He wanted Ray to rent

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a room, then await instructions.

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Bessie Brewer's fronted Main Street next to the Kenepe Amusement Company, where the rifle

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would later be found. The back windows of Bessie's, however, where the communal bathroom was

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located, faced Mulberry Street and the Lorraine Motel.

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How long you staying?

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I don't know. A couple of nights and moving.

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At 4.00 p.m. Ray rented a room using the alias John Willard. Raoult had instructed

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Ray to bring along an overnight bag for appearances sake. Ray says Raoult also told him to leave

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the Mustang Park nearby, because Raoult wanted to use it that night.

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Yeah, I'll take it.

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Tainted vans.

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The next hour is peer speculation. Ray himself has changed his story several times, but he

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has always maintained that he left the boarding house at around 5 p.m. and never returned.

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Ray says that just before 6.00, he drove the Mustang to a local service station. At 6.01

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p.m., Martin Luther King was shot.

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I got a leak in one of my back tires. Got a minute to take a look at it.

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Not right now. We're all for busy. Could you come back in a couple of hours?

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All right. Thanks.

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Ray claims that at the very moment King was shot, he himself was totally unaware of the

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event and was driving from the gas station back to the rooming house.

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And as he got to the corner of Calhoun in South Maine, he saw already that there were

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police barricades and policemen everywhere.

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Well, the state makes a great deal of the fact that James fled the scene, you know.

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But James was, one must remember, a fugitive. He was on the run and he was certainly not

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going to hang around wherever he saw police. So he turned left, went headed in the opposite

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direction and began to make his way out of Memphis.

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Was it James Earl Ray who targeted room 306 at the Lorraine Motel from the window of

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Bessie Brewer's rooming house? For many skeptics, Ray's apparent lack of expertise with

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firearms seems to argue against the official account.

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In the Army, he was trained with an M1 and he was at the lowest level of ability.

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The idea of loading by hand a single shot into that 30-ought-6 and gambling everything

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on that one shot makes no sense whatsoever.

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You have to bear in mind that from the window of the rooming house to the balcony where Dr. King

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was killed was less than a hundred yards. With the telescopic sight at such a short distance,

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almost anyone in the world could have killed Dr. King. It really required no great marksmanship

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whatsoever.

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Many people have come to believe that the shot which killed Martin Luther King came not from

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the boarding house window, but instead from the bushy abutment between the boarding house

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and the motel.

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It's now clear to me that the shot is likely to have come from the ground below where at

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least two persons personally known to me reported that at least to me that they thought the

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shot came from someone in the bushes below.

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Two eyewitnesses, one of them Dr. King's driver, do say they saw someone dressed in white running

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from the bushes just after the shooting.

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We never were sure that there was a man in the bushes and if there was a man in the bushes

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we think he had absolutely nothing to do with the murder. We were then and I still am totally

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convinced that the fatal shot came from the window of the rooming house.

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The official version states that Ray ran from Bessie Brewer's observed by another tenant, Charles Stevens.

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However, there are serious doubts about Stevens' credibility.

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From all accounts, Stevens was so dead drunk that there's no way of relying upon his testimony

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about the shot.

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In fact, we did not rely on him for an eyewitness identification.

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What we did rely on him for was having sufficient senses to be aware of a loud noise down the

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hall and in the bathroom and to open the door and see somebody run by.

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What you have to realize about Charlie Stevens is that he was looking for a reward.

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He was trying to get the \$100,000 reward that had been put up for anyone who could identify

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the slayer of Dr. King. So that became very much a business for him and it became very much his

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concern to try to be credible.

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In his flight from the rooming house, Ray purportedly ran by the Kenepe Amusement Company,

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dropping his weapon in a panic. But a former defense investigator believes it highly improbable

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that any killer, no matter how panicked, would drop a bundle of evidence so thoroughly incriminating.

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He didn't have to take all that junk with him. He didn't even have to take the rifle with him.

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Even if he used the rifle, all he had to do was get out.

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It strikes many people, myself included, that that looks like a setup, that somebody else

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gathered that evidence up and planted it there.

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A dusting of the rooming house turned up a number of fingerprints which were never identified,

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but the investigation failed to turn up even a single print belonging to James Earl Ray.

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That's not really strange. I've worked any number of cases where you don't find fingerprints when you think you should.

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You may find a lot of smudges and smears, but you won't find a fingerprint that's, then in itself,

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is complete enough to make a positive identification.

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The abandoned gun was void of fingerprints except for two of James Earl Ray's.

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As part of the investigation, the FBI swab-tested the rifle Ray had returned to determine whether or not it had been fired.

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However, they never conducted a swab test on the gun they believed to be the murder weapon.

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My recollection is that it had a spent shell that was in the chamber.

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So common sense would tell you that someone had fired that rifle.

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The FBI could not match the bullet which killed King with the rifle.

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They could say only that the bullet was consistent with that type of rifle.

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The fact that the bullet markings are said to have been consistent with having been from the rifle means absolutely nothing.

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It was also consistent with several million other rifles of the same kind.

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Ray bought the rifle. The rifle was used to shoot King. He fled the scene. His fingerprints are on it.

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His explanations for an alibi, his flight, all don't hold water.

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Even for those who believe Ray's story, there remains a nagging question.

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If indeed James Earl Ray is innocent, why did he plead guilty?

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Ray claims that he was coerced by his attorney who wanted exclusive publishing rights to Ray's story.

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If Ray had testified in court, his allegations of conspiracy would have become public domain.

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The crucial element of Ray's story was the elusive Raul. The man Ray said had moved him like a puppet all over the United States.

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In our investigation to identify Ray and to find out what he did and where and when, we turned up nothing to indicate that there was either a Raul or any other conspirator involved in this crime.

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In 1975, former defense investigator Harold Weisberg filed a lawsuit against the FBI.

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He received 60,000 pages of documents on the King assassination.

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Three years later, Weisberg found evidence in the files that Ray had been involved with a man named J. C. Hardin.

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Weisberg believes that evidence is proof of a conspiracy.

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When I was going through the files of the Los Angeles FBI office, I found that where a man who used the name of J. C. Hardin had called Jimmy from Atlanta.

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Yeah, he's here around 313, but he's out. I saw him go out about an hour ago.

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Ask him to call James C. Hardin.

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Can you spell that for me?

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H-A-R-D-I-M.

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When Jimmy didn't return the call so far as we know, Hardin went out to California and he met with Jimmy.

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This is confirmed story in the FBI's records.

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Is it possible that J. C. Hardin, the man who visited James Earl Ray three weeks before the assassination, was in fact Raul?

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At the very least, the timing of the visit appears to be more than simple coincidence.

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It is a live lead.

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The one thing you have to question, given the history of this whole thing, Hardin goes to

California, Jimmy goes east, Jimmy goes east on the trip in which Dr. King gets killed.

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It's not like pushing buttons, but it's the next thing to it.

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And that should have been investigated.

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In 1968, the FBI pursued the lead Longenove to create this sketch of J. C. Hardin, based on a description given by the manager of the St. Francis Hotel.

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However, as soon as James Earl Ray was arrested, the Hardin investigation was dropped.

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We knew nothing about Hardin.

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I'd like to find Mr. Hardin and I'd like further to interrogate Mr. Ray, because I don't think he is telling us everything that he knows that may lead us to a different conclusion than that which

we reached back in 1978.

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James Earl Ray has refused to say whether J. C. Hardin and Raul are one and the same.

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In addition, he has been unwilling to make a positive identification of Raul.

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I don't have any reason to believe that Hardin could be Raul, because I don't really have any reason to believe that Raul is Raul.

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I'm not convinced that there is anybody named Raul involved in this case.

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There is no way that James Earl Ray is a lone assassin. James Earl Ray is a classic patsy. Martin King was killed as a result of a conspiracy.

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We do not know the whole truth about this. We need to know it in the decade of the 90s, when we've

got a new generation of leadership on the scene that we don't want to meet the same fate that Martin, Malcolm, Bobby and John met.

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Will we ever know? The answer is no. We won't know because the FBI in 1968 didn't conduct an adequate conspiracy investigation. They conducted a shooter investigation and then stopped.

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I've seen the promised land.

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And that's one of the tragedies to Dr. King's death. What I want to do is to put my life at risk.

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He did not get in his death an investigation, commencement with the dignity of his life. Had he gotten it, many of the unanswered questions about his death would have answers to them.

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I'm not serious about anything. I'm not serious about anything.

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Allied forces launched an all-out assault on the German and Italian strongholds in North Africa. After months of fierce combat and thousands of Allied casualties, enemy resistance finally collapsed.

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But during the summer and fall, sporadic fighting continued to claim American lives.

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One of those killed in action was Army Private Harry A. Young from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He left behind a wife and two sons.

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Thirty-seven years later, Harry Young would become the focal point of an unsolved mystery when his son and granddaughter came across as a bituary while researching their family history.

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The information in the death notice seemed all wrong, as if it had been written for a completely different man.

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He was survived by a three-month-old daughter, Kathleen.

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When I found a notice, then I realized that it wasn't written right. Mother's first name was right and everything, but the address and the fact that there was a baby girl mentioned and me or my brother was not mentioned.

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00:27:37,040 --> 00:27:50,040

Well, at first I thought that the paper made a mistake, which wasn't common. Papers do make mistakes, and I thought maybe today I had got the information wrong and I had a copy made so I could go into it further.

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Imagine reading your father's obituary and stumbling upon a dark family secret which had been kept hushed for more than 37 years.

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Albert Young was suddenly confronted with two puzzling questions. Why had he and his brother Jimmy not been listed as survivors? Was a three-month-old girl named on the notice a sister they never knew existed?

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Albert Young's search for answers took him back to the early days of the Second World War.

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Following the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, Harry Young and millions of other Americans rushed to enlist in the service.

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I can't stay here while there's a war going on. I need you to sign this paper.

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But Harry had already served six years in the Marine Corps, and at age 30, with a family to support, he was required to get his wife, Laura's, permission to re-enlist.

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For six years I'd like to have a little help.

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Look, two years. I'll be back. Just sign the paper.

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Laura adamantly refused.

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Laura?

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Harry Young walked out that day never to return. He had no idea that Laura was pregnant with her second child.

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Four months later, using forged documents, Harry enlisted in the Army and was sent overseas to fight in the African campaign.

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Only then did he inform Laura of what he had done.

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Mrs. Young?

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Yes.

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00:29:36,040 --> 00:29:38,040

This is from the War Department?

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On October 24, 1943, Laura Young received the news every soldier's wife fears. Her husband, Harry, was dead.

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A short time later, the local office of the Veterans Administration uncovered a serious problem. According to their records, Harry Young was survived by two wives.

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Mrs. Young?

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There seems to be a problem. We have another Laura Young who was already filed for Harry's death benefits.

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But I'm Harry's wife.

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Well, that may be, ma'am. Do you have a daughter?

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00:30:20,040 --> 00:30:22,040

No, I have two sons.

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00:30:22,040 --> 00:30:24,040

Do you live on Fayette Street in Contra Hocken?

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No, I've always lived in Philadelphia.

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Well, this certainly does pose a problem.

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From what I have found out, there were two women collecting benefits for one man.

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And that's when it had to be proven that my grandmother was indeed the first wife and was never

divorced from my grandfather.

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This means a lot to me, though.

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00:30:51,040 --> 00:30:52,040

I know.

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Apparently after leaving Laura, Harry Young began living with another woman named Estella in a town just 10 miles away.

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After Harry's death, Estella filed for benefits using Laura's name.

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She's the mature of wife, right? As far as I'm concerned, you are my wife.

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00:31:09,040 --> 00:31:14,040

Well, do you know who this woman is who claims to be Laura Young on Fayette Street in Contra Hocken?

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00:31:14,040 --> 00:31:20,040

No, I do not. But what I do know is that I am Laura Young and I was married to Harry.

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Mrs. Young, we're going to need a marriage certificate or some documentation to substantiate your claim.

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I have one right here.

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After a lengthy and humiliating battle with the Veterans Administration,

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Laura Young was finally able to prove that she was Harry's lawful wife.

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She retained all benefits for herself and her two sons, Albert and Jimmy.

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Well, there certainly will help.

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For nearly 40 years, the details of Harry and Estella's love affair were kept secret from his sons.

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Then in 1992, an intriguing letter surfaced.

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It had been written by Estella and sent to Harry's parents the day after she learned of Harry's death.

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Dear mother and dad Young, this is a very hard letter for me to write.

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I guess I'd better explain myself to you. I know that Harry would want it that way.

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I knew you was married and that we couldn't be, so we lived together as man and wife.

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He was happy with me and we really loved each other very deeply.

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00:32:24,040 --> 00:32:29,040

We have a three-month-old baby girl. She was born July 29th.

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It's okay, sweetie.

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We named her Kathleen Mary Young.

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00:32:35,040 --> 00:32:37,040

It's okay.

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00:32:37,040 --> 00:32:39,040

We're gonna be all right.

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00:32:39,040 --> 00:32:41,040

We're gonna be just fine.

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I loved him more than life itself and still believe that he will come back to me someday.

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When I read the letter, I got the feeling that she was very much in love with my grandfather.

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00:32:57,040 --> 00:33:04,040

That she was devoted to him and she would do anything in the world for him.

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After receiving no reply to her letter, Estella paid a surprise visit to Harry's parents.

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00:33:12,040 --> 00:33:14,040

Okay.

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00:33:20,040 --> 00:33:25,040

Hello, Mr. Young. I'm Estella.

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00:33:25,040 --> 00:33:27,040

This is Kathleen Mary.

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00:33:27,040 --> 00:33:29,040

Pleased to meet you.

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We got your letter and, uh, well, my wife and I agreed that what you did was wrong.

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Mr. Young, Harry and I loved each other very, very much.

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I just thought that you'd like to meet your granddaughter.

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Maybe she had had dreams that after he came home from work, they could work things out or, you

know, who knows what was in her mind.

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Would you like me to bring them over to you?

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No. Just send them.

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As far as anyone knows, that was the last time Estella and her daughter Kathleen Mary had any contact with Harry's family.

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I think it's something that's really important for my father and my uncle to know their sister.

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Over the years, I've seen what the secrets that the family kept from them has done to them,

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and they need to know who their sister is and share their life with her.

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My own feelings are that out of this whole of master's, no real winners.

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There's a lot of time lost.

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There was a lot of time lost between family, really.

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And I'd like to talk to her, you know, and see how she's doing, and if she got married, if she has children, you know,

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00:34:54,040 --> 00:35:01,040

and let her know that there's a family out here that cares for her.

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Kathleen Mary Young grew up knowing next to nothing about her two half-brothers, Albert and Jim, until the night of our broadcast.

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That evening, Kathleen couldn't have been more surprised when she heard her name on television.

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By the next morning, she had talked to both Albert and Jim.

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Kathleen had heard that Harry's parents rejected her mother, and she knew about one of her brothers,

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00:35:27,040 --> 00:35:30,040

but she never imagined that anyone was looking for her.

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It makes me feel, I don't know, it makes me feel good, it makes me feel like special in a way that they took the time

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00:35:37,040 --> 00:35:40,040

and all those years that now that I know that they were looking for me.

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On September 19, 1993, the long separation came to an end when Kathleen Young,

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accompanied by her family, came to Stratford, New Jersey to meet her half-brothers for the first time.

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When I hugged her, it was just a full hand.

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00:36:03,040 --> 00:36:05,040

It felt wonderful.

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I knew it was her, since she stepped out of the car, that's a young.

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00:36:11,040 --> 00:36:16,040

For the three children of Harry Young, the reunion met a new beginning.

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After 50 years apart, they were finally a family.

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When we return, authorities need your help to capture an accused killer on the run for 14 years.

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The End

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Brian, Texas is a type of place that people have in mind when they dream of escaping the big city.

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But in September of 1984, the illusion of small-town security was shattered for one local couple,

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00:36:54,040 --> 00:36:57,040

whom we will call Sue and Bill.

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00:36:57,040 --> 00:36:59,040

I'll call you back.

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Sue had always considered herself strong and self-reliant.

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00:37:04,040 --> 00:37:09,040

However, the events of September 6 would test her character in ways she never imagined.

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Well, it started like any other morning.

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My husband was leaving for work.

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00:37:16,040 --> 00:37:19,040

My three-year-old was up front watching Sesame Street.

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My husband left, and I went back into the bathroom in the master bedroom to finish getting dressed.

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I was standing there, looking in the mirror, finishing up my hair, and I picked up the makeup mirror.

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00:37:34,040 --> 00:37:39,040

I put the makeup mirror on and I looked at her, and I saw her.

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00:37:43,040 --> 00:37:46,040

And I looked and he had a large honey knife.

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Fearing for the safety of her child, Sue instinctively attacked,

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00:37:51,040 --> 00:37:57,040

she forced the intruder from the bathroom and then drove him out of the house at gunpoint.

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I'll kill you! I'll kill you!

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00:38:00,040 --> 00:38:03,040

I swear, I'll kill you!

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00:38:04,040 --> 00:38:07,040

Don't tell him I'm telling you!

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00:38:07,040 --> 00:38:09,040

OK, yes, work!

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He was getting in the truck at the time,

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00:38:11,040 --> 00:38:16,040

and I do remember hitting metal, but I don't think I had him.

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00:38:16,040 --> 00:38:21,040

It was very quick, and I don't think he was expecting me to do that.

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I think he probably was expecting me to plead with him

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00:38:24,040 --> 00:38:30,040

not to do anything, and I reversed the situation on him.

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Well, after that, the police came out and took the report and all that,

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00:38:34,040 --> 00:38:38,040

and we went downtown to see, go through the mugbook and all that,

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00:38:38,040 --> 00:38:43,040

and we went through page after page and never saw anything that resembled him.

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00:38:43,040 --> 00:38:46,040

Allen D. Bryant again, 35, this is it.

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Four months passed without further clues to the man's identity.

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Sue had assumed he was simply a first-time burglar.

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00:38:53,040 --> 00:38:56,040

She couldn't have been more wrong.

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00:38:57,040 --> 00:39:02,040

I was going through the newspaper, and I opened it up,

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00:39:02,040 --> 00:39:05,040

and his picture was in the newspaper.

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00:39:05,040 --> 00:39:07,040

That's the guy. What?

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00:39:07,040 --> 00:39:09,040

That's the guy. Honey, this is the guy that tried to kill me.

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00:39:09,040 --> 00:39:11,040

And I was just shocked to have found out what he had done.

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00:39:11,040 --> 00:39:13,040

That's him, right there.

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In January of 1985, the Texas Governor's office

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released a roster of the state's most wanted criminals.

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Heading the list was a knife-wielding intruder.

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His name was Edward Harold Bell, and he was wanted for murder.

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Edward Bell's long criminal records stretched back to 1969

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and included aggravated rape and numerous counts of indecent exposure to children.

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Bell is a formidable fugitive, a graduate of Texas A&M University,

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and once a successful businessman,

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he has eluded capture for almost 16 years.

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He has yet to stand trial for the shocking murder

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that took place August 24, 1978.

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That summer, 26-year-old Larry Dickens was visiting his mother and sister

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in Pasadena, Texas, a suburb of Houston.

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An ex-marine and youth counselor, Larry was a father of a three-year-old girl.

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My son Larry, he was home for a few days,

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00:40:15,040 --> 00:40:18,040

and he was cutting our lawn for us.

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00:40:18,040 --> 00:40:21,040

I was standing at the kitchen window,

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00:40:21,040 --> 00:40:25,040

and there were a lot of children playing in the intersection right by our house.

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We live on a corner, and I saw this pickup truck drive up.

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He parked, and he was looking all around,

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00:40:37,040 --> 00:40:40,040

and he was fooling with something in the seat.

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I thought this must be one of Larry's friends looking for our address.

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He got out of his truck,

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00:40:50,040 --> 00:40:52,040

and he was looking for a car,

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and he was looking for a car,

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and he was looking for a car.

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He was looking for a car,

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and he was looking for a car.

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00:41:00,040 --> 00:41:02,040

He got out of his truck,

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00:41:02,040 --> 00:41:05,040

and he was nude from his waist down,

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00:41:05,040 --> 00:41:08,040

and he started walking toward the children.

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00:41:08,040 --> 00:41:11,040

Get me the Pasadena police real quick, please.

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00:41:11,040 --> 00:41:17,040

Oh, yes, you've got a guy out here at the corner of Moore and Apple,

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00:41:17,040 --> 00:41:19,040

and he's exposing himself.

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00:41:19,040 --> 00:41:21,040

Oh, I was wrong.

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00:41:21,040 --> 00:41:23,040

Honey, look at that man out there.

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00:41:23,040 --> 00:41:25,040

Look what he is doing, Larry.

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00:41:25,040 --> 00:41:27,040

No.

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00:41:27,040 --> 00:41:29,040

What you're about to see is a mother's worst nightmare.

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00:41:29,040 --> 00:41:32,040

Every horrible detail is true.

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00:41:32,040 --> 00:41:34,040

Oh, oh, my son is going out there.

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00:41:34,040 --> 00:41:36,040

He's taking the keys. He's trying to detain him.

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00:41:36,040 --> 00:41:39,040

Oh, the guy's come back.

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00:41:39,040 --> 00:41:42,040

No, he's putting his pants on now.

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00:41:42,040 --> 00:41:44,040

I don't know. I hear him arguing.

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00:41:44,040 --> 00:41:46,040

I don't know what they're saying.

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00:41:50,040 --> 00:41:52,040

Oh, my God, he's got a gun.

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00:41:52,040 --> 00:41:53,040

Oh, God, he's got a gun.

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00:41:53,040 --> 00:41:55,040

I don't know. It's a little gun.

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00:41:55,040 --> 00:41:57,040

I think it's a cap gun.

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00:41:57,040 --> 00:42:00,040

Larry, you're not getting your keys.

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00:42:03,040 --> 00:42:05,040

He just shot it in the air.

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00:42:05,040 --> 00:42:06,040

You're not getting your keys.

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00:42:06,040 --> 00:42:08,040

He's shooting Larry. It's not a cap gun.

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00:42:08,040 --> 00:42:12,040

I see blood. He's shooting Larry. Larry.

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00:42:14,040 --> 00:42:15,040

Larry! Larry!

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00:42:15,040 --> 00:42:16,040

Larry!

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00:42:16,040 --> 00:42:17,040

Get me the keys!

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00:42:17,040 --> 00:42:18,040

No!

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00:42:18,040 --> 00:42:19,040

Tell them to give me the keys!

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00:42:19,040 --> 00:42:20,040

Give me the keys.

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00:42:20,040 --> 00:42:21,040

No, give me the keys!

457

00:42:21,040 --> 00:42:23,040

I don't believe I called the police.

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00:42:23,040 --> 00:42:24,040

Come!

459

00:42:24,040 --> 00:42:25,040

Go, go, go.

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00:42:25,040 --> 00:42:26,040

The police.

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00:42:26,040 --> 00:42:27,040

You go.

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00:42:27,040 --> 00:42:28,040

You go.

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00:42:28,040 --> 00:42:29,040

No.

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00:42:29,040 --> 00:42:30,040

No!

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00:42:30,040 --> 00:42:32,040

And I said, please don't shoot him.

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00:42:32,040 --> 00:42:35,040

And the man just shot him anyway.

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00:42:35,040 --> 00:42:40,040

And then he turned and started running out of our garage.

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00:42:40,040 --> 00:42:44,040

And Larry, even with all those bullets in him,

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00:42:44,040 --> 00:42:49,040

was still trying to stop this man.

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00:42:49,040 --> 00:42:51,040

Larry had been shot four times in the chest

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00:42:51,040 --> 00:42:55,040

and once in the head with a .22 pistol.

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00:42:55,040 --> 00:42:58,040

Just be careful, baby.

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00:42:58,040 --> 00:43:01,040

Don't run, don't run.

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00:43:01,040 --> 00:43:03,040

And I said, Larry, lay very still

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00:43:03,040 --> 00:43:06,040

because you don't know where those bullets are.

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00:43:06,040 --> 00:43:09,040

And I'll run in there and call an ambulance.

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00:43:09,040 --> 00:43:13,040

But I said, whatever you do, don't move.

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00:43:13,040 --> 00:43:15,040

When Larry's mother came back to the farm,

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00:43:15,040 --> 00:43:17,040

the emergency operator was still on the line.

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00:43:17,040 --> 00:43:20,040

She told Larry's mother that police units and an ambulance

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00:43:20,040 --> 00:43:21,040

were on the way.

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00:43:21,040 --> 00:43:23,040

Get me an ambulance.

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00:43:23,040 --> 00:43:24,040

Oh, God.

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00:43:24,040 --> 00:43:26,040

He's got a ride, Molly.

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00:43:26,040 --> 00:43:29,040

He's going to die.

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00:43:29,040 --> 00:43:33,040

At just that moment, Larry's 17-year-old sister Donna

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00:43:33,040 --> 00:43:37,040

was returning home from cheerleader practice.

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00:43:37,040 --> 00:43:40,040

I pulled up to the stop sign and I saw a man

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00:43:40,040 --> 00:43:44,040

cross the street to the edge of my driveway.

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00:43:51,040 --> 00:43:55,040

He saw me, we made eye contact,

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00:43:55,040 --> 00:43:58,040

and I looked and I got a good, close look at the man.

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00:43:58,040 --> 00:44:01,040

And I tried to block his exit.

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00:44:01,040 --> 00:44:04,040

I pulled up beside his truck and I realized

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00:44:04,040 --> 00:44:06,040

he had just shot my brother.

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00:44:06,040 --> 00:44:08,040

Larry!

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00:44:08,040 --> 00:44:11,040

Oh, my God.

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00:44:11,040 --> 00:44:13,040

Larry!

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00:44:13,040 --> 00:44:15,040

Larry!

499

00:44:15,040 --> 00:44:17,040

Larry!

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00:44:17,040 --> 00:44:19,040

Come.

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00:44:21,040 --> 00:44:23,040

Donna! Donna!

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00:44:23,040 --> 00:44:25,040

Oh, my God.

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00:44:25,040 --> 00:44:27,040

I said, Mom, is he dead? Is he dead?

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00:44:27,040 --> 00:44:30,040

And she said, I don't know, Donna, I think so.

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00:44:30,040 --> 00:44:33,040

And I remember I just started screaming.

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00:44:33,040 --> 00:44:35,040

And I just screamed and screamed.

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00:44:35,040 --> 00:44:38,040

And then when I couldn't scream anymore,

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00:44:38,040 --> 00:44:42,040

I remember I just went over and I knelt down beside my brother.

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00:44:42,040 --> 00:44:45,040

And I held his hand to my face.

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00:44:45,040 --> 00:44:48,040

And I pushed him down.

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00:44:51,040 --> 00:44:54,040

The dispatcher radioed the suspect's description

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00:44:54,040 --> 00:44:57,040

as police units headed to the scene.

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00:44:57,040 --> 00:45:01,040

At that very instant, the officers recognized the suspect's truck.

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00:45:01,040 --> 00:45:03,040

Larry!

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00:45:14,040 --> 00:45:18,040

Pull over immediately and exit your vehicle with your hands up.

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00:45:31,040 --> 00:45:33,040

Larry!

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00:45:47,040 --> 00:45:51,040

Edward Bell might have claimed a second victim that afternoon,

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00:45:51,040 --> 00:45:54,040

but his M1 rifle suddenly jammed.

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00:46:02,040 --> 00:46:05,040

Freeze! Put your hands up!

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00:46:08,040 --> 00:46:10,040

Don't move!

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00:46:10,040 --> 00:46:12,040

Drop the gun!

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00:46:12,040 --> 00:46:14,040

Drop it!

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00:46:14,040 --> 00:46:16,040

Back away! Back away from him!

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00:46:16,040 --> 00:46:18,040

Easy.

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00:46:18,040 --> 00:46:22,040

Within 20 minutes of the murder, Bell was in the hands of the police

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00:46:22,040 --> 00:46:25,040

and on his way to face Larry's mother and sister.

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00:46:25,040 --> 00:46:28,040

OK, Ms. Lang, I need for you to identify the suspect.

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00:46:28,040 --> 00:46:30,040

They just brought him back.

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00:46:30,040 --> 00:46:32,040

I can't. I'm sorry. I can't.

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00:46:32,040 --> 00:46:34,040

I'll do it. I'll do it, Mama. I'll do it.

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00:46:34,040 --> 00:46:36,040

I'm sorry.

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00:46:38,040 --> 00:46:40,040

I just couldn't. I can't do it.

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00:46:40,040 --> 00:46:42,040

It's all right. It's all right.

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00:46:45,040 --> 00:46:47,040

They opened the back door of the police car

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00:46:47,040 --> 00:46:49,040

so that I could see him better.

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00:46:49,040 --> 00:46:51,040

Yeah, that's him.

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00:46:51,040 --> 00:46:53,040

He's out! He's out!

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00:46:53,040 --> 00:46:55,040

Why did you come over?

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00:46:55,040 --> 00:46:57,040

I just wanted to get my hands on him.

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00:46:57,040 --> 00:46:59,040

I'm shit!

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00:46:59,040 --> 00:47:02,040

It hurts me so bad that he killed my brother.

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00:47:02,040 --> 00:47:04,040

It's just broken up the whole family.

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00:47:04,040 --> 00:47:09,040

There's always going to be an emptiness, a part

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00:47:09,040 --> 00:47:12,040

that's never going to be reunited.

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00:47:12,040 --> 00:47:14,040

Part of me is missing.

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00:47:16,040 --> 00:47:20,040

Edward Bell was released on bail less than two months after the murder.

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00:47:20,040 --> 00:47:22,040

He quietly liquidated his assets

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00:47:22,040 --> 00:47:27,040

and with more than \$140,000 in his pocket, disappeared.

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Bell has been seen only once since then

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00:47:33,040 --> 00:47:35,040

when he entered the home in Bryan, Texas

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00:47:35,040 --> 00:47:37,040

in September of 1984.

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00:47:39,040 --> 00:47:42,040

Everywhere I go, I see this man.

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00:47:42,040 --> 00:47:45,040

I go to the grocery store and he's there.

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00:47:45,040 --> 00:47:50,040

Of course, it's not him, but it looks just like him to me.

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00:47:50,040 --> 00:47:54,040

I live in fear that this guy is going to come back

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00:47:54,040 --> 00:47:57,040

or fear that he's going to hurt someone else.

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00:47:59,040 --> 00:48:02,040

Our family has missed Larry so much.

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00:48:02,040 --> 00:48:08,040

He was strong and he was so special to all of us.

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00:48:09,040 --> 00:48:14,040

It just doesn't seem right that this man can be back on the streets

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00:48:14,040 --> 00:48:20,040

exposing himself to children and doing God knows what else

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00:48:20,040 --> 00:48:24,040

when Larry has been dead all these years

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00:48:24,040 --> 00:48:26,040

and he's still at large.

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00:48:26,040 --> 00:48:28,040

He's not leaving a paper trail.

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00:48:28,040 --> 00:48:32,040

That tells me that probably he's changed his name

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00:48:32,040 --> 00:48:38,040

and he's living somewhere where someone doesn't know how dangerous he is.

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00:48:39,040 --> 00:48:42,040

For almost 15 years, Edward Bell eluded detection

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00:48:42,040 --> 00:48:46,040

until December 2, 1992, the night of our broadcast.

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00:48:46,040 --> 00:48:49,040

One of our viewers was stunned to realize that a man

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00:48:49,040 --> 00:48:53,040

he had recently conducted business with in Panama City, Panama,

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00:48:53,040 --> 00:48:57,040

was none other than the fugitive killer Edward Harold Bell.

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00:48:59,040 --> 00:49:01,040

A second viewer who remains anonymous

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00:49:01,040 --> 00:49:07,040

sent these pictures in a letter claiming that Bell had been living in Panama for 10 years.

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00:49:07,040 --> 00:49:11,040

Among other business activities, Bell was prospecting for gold

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00:49:11,040 --> 00:49:14,040

on land he owned near Panama City.

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00:49:14,040 --> 00:49:17,040

The Panama police were able to locate Mr. Bell,

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00:49:17,040 --> 00:49:20,040

at which time they placed him under arrest

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00:49:20,040 --> 00:49:25,040

and the FBI along with the Panama City Police Department

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00:49:25,040 --> 00:49:28,040

then brought Mr. Bell back to the United States.

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00:49:30,040 --> 00:49:35,040

Finally a decade and a half after Dorothy Lang's son had been gunned down before her eyes,

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00:49:35,040 --> 00:49:40,040

the accused killer, Shuffle Pastor, shackled in hand and leg cuffs.

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00:49:45,040 --> 00:49:49,040

When he got off the airplane, he seemed so arrogant

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00:49:49,040 --> 00:49:52,040

that it just infuriated me.

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00:49:52,040 --> 00:49:55,040

Here they're bringing this murderer back

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00:49:55,040 --> 00:49:58,040

and they could never bring back my son.

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00:49:58,040 --> 00:50:01,040

And just the grief welled up in me again.

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00:50:03,040 --> 00:50:05,040

The wounds will never heal.

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00:50:05,040 --> 00:50:09,040

The hurt will always be there, but I've lost my brother.

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00:50:10,040 --> 00:50:13,040

But at least justice will be done

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00:50:13,040 --> 00:50:17,040

and I think we'll all be able to go on with our lives.

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00:50:18,040 --> 00:50:21,040

At Bell's trial, the prosecution's chief witnesses

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00:50:21,040 --> 00:50:24,040

will be Larry's sister and mother.

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00:50:25,040 --> 00:50:28,040

I feel that I can face this man in court

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00:50:28,040 --> 00:50:32,040

and say, we finally got you in custody

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00:50:32,040 --> 00:50:35,040

and I hope they throw the book at you

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00:50:35,040 --> 00:50:37,040

because you deserve it.

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00:50:37,040 --> 00:50:39,040

That's the way I'll feel about it.

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00:50:47,040 --> 00:50:49,040

THE BELL

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00:51:00,040 --> 00:51:03,040

In 1947, Hollywood's postwar euphoria

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00:51:03,040 --> 00:51:05,040

was shattered by the brutal murder

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00:51:05,040 --> 00:51:08,040

of a young woman known as the Black Daya.

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00:51:08,040 --> 00:51:11,040

Nearly a half century later there is evidence

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00:51:11,040 --> 00:51:13,040

that the same killer was the personal nemesis

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00:51:13,040 --> 00:51:16,040

of legendary law man Elliot Ness.

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00:51:17,040 --> 00:51:19,880

In Pennsylvania, a brave teenage girl

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00:51:19,880 --> 00:51:23,240

cared for her five brothers and sisters through a harsh winter,

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00:51:23,240 --> 00:51:26,400

only to see them taken away one by one.

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00:51:26,400 --> 00:51:30,880

Perhaps you can help end her long search.

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00:51:30,880 --> 00:51:34,760

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