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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,680

This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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00:00:06,360 --> 00:00:09,400

officials have participated in recreating the events.

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00:00:09,400 --> 00:00:12,200

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

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00:00:16,760 --> 00:00:19,080

What investigative reporter Dan Castellero

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00:00:19,080 --> 00:00:21,800

was found dead in a West Virginia hotel room,

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00:00:21,800 --> 00:00:23,800

his wrists had been slashed 12 times

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00:00:23,800 --> 00:00:26,200

and his confidential papers were missing.

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00:00:26,840 --> 00:00:29,440

Local police ruled his death a suicide,

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00:00:29,440 --> 00:00:31,240

but Castellero's family and friends

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00:00:31,240 --> 00:00:34,080

are convinced he was murdered because he had accumulated

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00:00:34,080 --> 00:00:38,560

compelling evidence of widespread government corruption.

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In Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a single mother and her daughter

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00:00:41,760 --> 00:00:43,720

are found dead in their home.

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A neighbor, John Purvis, has convicted of murder

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00:00:46,160 --> 00:00:48,400

and sentenced to life in prison.

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With the help of unsolved mysteries,

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Purvis is now a free man.

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00:00:52,840 --> 00:00:56,280

And two other are behind bars awaiting trial

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00:00:56,280 --> 00:00:59,520

on charges of first degree murder.

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00:00:59,520 --> 00:01:03,480

Also, the authorities need your help.

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They want to identify and capture

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a man who attacked an elderly couple while they were on vacation.

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00:01:09,000 --> 00:01:10,200

Join me.

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00:01:10,200 --> 00:01:12,320

Perhaps you hold a crucial clue that will

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00:01:12,320 --> 00:01:15,240

solve one of tonight's unsolved mysteries.

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00:01:52,400 --> 00:02:05,400

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Housekeeping.

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00:02:18,400 --> 00:02:20,400

MUSIC

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00:02:20,960 --> 00:02:23,280

On what seemed like an ordinary Saturday afternoon

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in the summer of 1991, a housekeeper at the Sheraton Hotel

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00:02:27,520 --> 00:02:30,880

opened room 517 for routine cleaning.

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00:02:30,880 --> 00:02:33,400

Nothing could prepare her for what she found inside.

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00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:47,480

Lying in a tub of bloody water was a guest registered

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00:02:47,480 --> 00:02:48,880

to the room.

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00:02:48,880 --> 00:02:51,920

Clearly, the man was dead.

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00:02:51,920 --> 00:02:55,240

The housekeeper discovered the body of Danny Castellaro,

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00:02:55,240 --> 00:02:57,680

a 44-year-old investigative journalist

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00:02:57,680 --> 00:02:59,160

from Fairfax, Virginia.

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00:03:02,640 --> 00:03:04,800

Within minutes, Martinsburg police

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00:03:04,800 --> 00:03:06,880

were called to investigate.

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00:03:06,880 --> 00:03:09,360

In the room, they found a brief suicide note which

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00:03:09,360 --> 00:03:13,320

read, to my loved ones, please forgive me, most

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00:03:13,320 --> 00:03:16,680

especially my son, and be understanding,

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00:03:16,680 --> 00:03:18,800

God will let me in.

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00:03:18,800 --> 00:03:19,600

Hi, Tom.

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00:03:19,600 --> 00:03:20,500

Lieutenant.

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00:03:20,500 --> 00:03:21,440

What do you got here?

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00:03:21,440 --> 00:03:23,000

It seems pretty clear it's a suicide.

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00:03:23,000 --> 00:03:24,720

We got a note here.

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00:03:24,720 --> 00:03:27,160

Got about a dozen slash marks on the wrist.

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00:03:27,160 --> 00:03:30,800

In the bathtub, police recovered a single razor blade.

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00:03:30,800 --> 00:03:34,520

Incredibly, Castellaro's wrists were slashed 12 times,

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00:03:34,520 --> 00:03:37,640

with eight cuts on his left wrist and four on his right.

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00:03:37,640 --> 00:03:42,120

One cut was deep enough to sever a tendon.

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00:03:42,120 --> 00:03:44,240

The reporter's wallet was found in his room

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00:03:44,240 --> 00:03:46,840

with cash and credit cards intact.

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00:03:46,880 --> 00:03:49,400

There appeared to be no evidence of a struggle.

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00:03:49,400 --> 00:03:51,440

Why don't you wrap it up here as quickly as you can,

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00:03:51,440 --> 00:03:52,760

and we'll get out of here.

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00:03:52,760 --> 00:03:53,360

Good job.

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00:03:53,360 --> 00:03:53,860

You got it.

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00:03:56,560 --> 00:03:59,640

Castellaro's body was delivered to a Martinsburg funeral

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00:03:59,640 --> 00:04:02,160

home later Saturday afternoon.

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00:04:02,160 --> 00:04:05,280

However, two days passed before Castellaro's family

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00:04:05,280 --> 00:04:08,600

was notified of his death.

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00:04:08,600 --> 00:04:12,520

My mother called me, and she said Danny's dead.

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00:04:12,520 --> 00:04:14,160

They've killed him.

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00:04:14,160 --> 00:04:18,360

And I called the police at that point.

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00:04:18,360 --> 00:04:20,240

She didn't really know any details,

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00:04:20,240 --> 00:04:23,320

and spoke with the sergeant doing the investigation.

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This is Dr. Tony Castellaro.

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I'm calling about Danny Castellaro.

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Yes, I just spoke with my mother.

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00:04:29,320 --> 00:04:30,120

How can I help you?

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00:04:30,120 --> 00:04:31,480

Yes.

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00:04:31,480 --> 00:04:32,440

What happened?

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00:04:32,440 --> 00:04:34,120

And he said we found your brother,

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00:04:34,120 --> 00:04:35,040

and he committed suicide.

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00:04:35,040 --> 00:04:36,280

He committed suicide.

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00:04:36,280 --> 00:04:39,200

A hotel maid found his body when she went into cleanest room

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00:04:39,200 --> 00:04:41,720

on Saturday around 1 o'clock.

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00:04:41,720 --> 00:04:42,400

Saturday?

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00:04:42,400 --> 00:04:43,440

This is Monday.

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I asked them why it had taken them two days to notify us,

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00:04:46,320 --> 00:04:48,240

and he at that moment didn't know.

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00:04:48,240 --> 00:04:50,480

He just said he thought we had already been notified.

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00:04:50,480 --> 00:04:52,040

Sir, no.

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00:04:52,040 --> 00:04:53,720

Look, what do you know about my brother?

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00:04:53,720 --> 00:04:54,920

I started asking him questions.

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00:04:54,920 --> 00:04:57,360

What about all the papers he had with him,

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00:04:57,360 --> 00:05:00,040

the investigation he was doing, and the sergeant was clearly,

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00:05:00,040 --> 00:05:02,640

it really didn't have any idea about this.

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00:05:02,640 --> 00:05:07,120

And at that point, told me they found no papers in his room.

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00:05:07,120 --> 00:05:09,760

The papers Castellaro had with him in Martinsburg

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00:05:09,760 --> 00:05:11,960

included hundreds of notes and documents

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00:05:11,960 --> 00:05:14,440

for more than a year of investigation.

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00:05:14,440 --> 00:05:17,920

Not one has ever been found.

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00:05:17,920 --> 00:05:20,080

From the moment we heard about his reported suicide,

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00:05:20,080 --> 00:05:24,160

we doubted it, questioned it, wondered about it.

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It was not his nature to kill himself.

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So we were suspicious from the first,

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00:05:27,680 --> 00:05:29,120

and in the deeper we dug into it,

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00:05:29,120 --> 00:05:31,480

the more suspicious we became.

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00:05:31,480 --> 00:05:33,920

Suspicious circumstances surrounding

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00:05:33,920 --> 00:05:36,600

the investigation of his alleged suicide.

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Danny Castellaro's fear of blood tests,

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00:05:41,800 --> 00:05:43,600

and other minor medical procedures

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00:05:43,600 --> 00:05:45,520

was well known to his family.

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00:05:45,520 --> 00:05:48,640

They found it incomprehensible that he committed suicide

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00:05:48,640 --> 00:05:52,920

by slashing his wrists a dozen times.

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00:05:52,920 --> 00:05:56,560

Just days before his death, Danny Castellaro enthusiastically

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00:05:56,560 --> 00:05:58,940

told friends he was close to breaking the story that

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00:05:58,940 --> 00:06:01,400

had consumed him the past year.

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It is started as an inquiry in a computer software theft,

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but soon mushroomed into a broad investigation

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00:06:07,000 --> 00:06:09,720

of government corruption that Castellaro believed

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00:06:09,720 --> 00:06:13,120

implicated US justice department officials.

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00:06:13,120 --> 00:06:15,600

Many suspect that Castellaro was silenced,

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00:06:15,600 --> 00:06:17,440

because he had found out too much.

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00:06:23,920 --> 00:06:25,960

Danny Castellaro's strange odyssey

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began when he interviewed Bill and Nancy Hamilton,

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the owners of a computer software company called Inzlaw.

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First of all, when was the promise software developed

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and what was it for?

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Well, there's a big need for this kind of software.

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The Hamilton's have developed a powerful program called

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Promise, that they claimed revolutionized information

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00:06:44,720 --> 00:06:49,080

management by law enforcement agencies.

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00:06:49,080 --> 00:06:51,560

In 1980, the US Justice Department

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00:06:51,560 --> 00:06:54,240

purchased the Inzlaw software to handle their millions

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00:06:54,240 --> 00:06:55,860

of case files.

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00:06:55,860 --> 00:06:58,080

Initially, the program earned high praise

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00:06:58,080 --> 00:07:00,600

and handsome returns for Inzlaw.

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00:07:00,600 --> 00:07:03,960

Then the climate at justice suddenly changed.

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00:07:03,960 --> 00:07:06,440

What we'll do first is bring up a menu.

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At the beginning of the second year of the three-year contract,

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00:07:10,040 --> 00:07:14,320

the Justice Department began to withhold payments from Inzlaw.

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00:07:14,320 --> 00:07:18,680

And they withheld a couple of million dollars from Inzlaw,

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00:07:18,680 --> 00:07:23,320

drove Inzlaw into chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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00:07:23,320 --> 00:07:26,240

The Hamilton's then discovered that the Canadian government

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00:07:26,240 --> 00:07:28,720

had acquired their software, despite the fact

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00:07:28,720 --> 00:07:31,640

that Inzlaw had never sold the program to Canada.

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00:07:31,640 --> 00:07:34,640

What sort of funny things started happening?

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00:07:34,640 --> 00:07:37,400

The Hamilton's told Casselaro that they were mistrified

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by illegal sales of their software

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until they spoke to a man named Michael Ricconosciuto.

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00:07:43,360 --> 00:07:45,400

He claimed to have worked for the CIA

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on numerous top secret projects.

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Riconosciuto agreed to talk to unsolved mysteries

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00:07:51,880 --> 00:07:54,680

about the unauthorized use of Inzlaw's software

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00:07:54,680 --> 00:07:56,840

by clandestine agencies.

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00:07:56,840 --> 00:07:58,960

Well, the parties that were involved

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00:07:58,960 --> 00:08:01,960

in the distribution of this software

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00:08:01,960 --> 00:08:04,480

were involved in covert operations.

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00:08:04,480 --> 00:08:09,520

And they were involved in Nicaragua and Central America.

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00:08:09,520 --> 00:08:12,960

And they were involved in operations in the Middle East.

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00:08:12,960 --> 00:08:17,600

And yes, I have direct knowledge of funds

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00:08:17,600 --> 00:08:22,120

from the sale of this product being used

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00:08:22,120 --> 00:08:23,760

to finance those operations.

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As early as August of 1989, the brewing Inzlaw scandal

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had drawn the attention of Congress.

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And the House Judiciary Committee

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00:08:34,000 --> 00:08:36,800

opened a formal inquest.

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00:08:36,800 --> 00:08:40,640

The report describes the committee's investigation

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00:08:40,640 --> 00:08:43,560

into serious allegations that high-level Department

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00:08:43,560 --> 00:08:46,080

of Justice officials were involved

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00:08:46,080 --> 00:08:49,920

in a criminal conspiracy to force Inzlaw, a small computer

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00:08:49,920 --> 00:08:52,680

company, out of business.

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00:08:52,680 --> 00:08:55,280

Michael Ricconasciuto began telling his story

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00:08:55,280 --> 00:08:57,560

to committee investigators.

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00:08:57,560 --> 00:08:59,760

Within a week of submitting his sworn affidavit

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00:08:59,760 --> 00:09:02,360

to the committee, Ricconasciuto was arrested

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00:09:02,360 --> 00:09:06,000

on drug charges by agents of the Justice Department.

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00:09:06,000 --> 00:09:08,360

He is currently being held in federal custody

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00:09:08,360 --> 00:09:12,480

in Chicago, Illinois.

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00:09:12,480 --> 00:09:15,640

While the drug conviction taints Ricconasciuto's credibility,

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00:09:15,640 --> 00:09:17,400

the committee also heard from a witness

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00:09:17,400 --> 00:09:20,800

with impeccable credentials, Elliot Richardson.

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00:09:20,800 --> 00:09:22,880

Now legal counsel for the Hamilton's,

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Richardson was attorney general under Richard Nixon.

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In 1973, Richardson had resigned rather than participate

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00:09:31,280 --> 00:09:34,120

in the Watergate cover-up.

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00:09:34,120 --> 00:09:38,960

There is simply too much to be ignored.

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00:09:38,960 --> 00:09:43,920

In the case of Inzlaw, there's a spreading radius

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00:09:43,920 --> 00:09:49,160

of circumstantial evidence which, at its outer reaches,

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00:09:49,160 --> 00:09:53,320

entails a far more sinister kind of conspiracy

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00:09:53,320 --> 00:09:56,040

than anything revealed in Watergate.

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00:09:56,040 --> 00:09:58,200

Do you have any information as to whether or not

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00:09:58,200 --> 00:10:00,600

they acquired the promised software?

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00:10:00,600 --> 00:10:03,280

After months of investigation, Castellaro

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00:10:03,280 --> 00:10:06,840

believed yet uncovered an unsavory network of US officials,

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00:10:06,840 --> 00:10:10,040

organized crime members, and intelligence agents.

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00:10:10,040 --> 00:10:11,840

He called it the octopus.

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00:10:11,840 --> 00:10:14,840

Is that being used by their intelligence operations?

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Castellaro claimed the octopus was at the root of not only

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00:10:21,360 --> 00:10:27,520

the Inzlaw affair, but the Iran Contra scandal, BCCI, BNL,

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00:10:27,520 --> 00:10:31,040

and even the now largely discredited October surprise.

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00:10:31,040 --> 00:10:35,240

In short, just about every major scandal of the 1980s.

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Direct connections with some of the underworld crime figures.

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The deeper Castellaro went in search of the octopus.

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00:10:43,880 --> 00:10:46,120

The more he found himself on intimate terms

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00:10:46,120 --> 00:10:48,880

with shadowy characters.

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00:10:48,880 --> 00:10:50,680

Danny Castellaro stepped into a world

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00:10:50,680 --> 00:10:52,680

that he didn't belong in.

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00:10:52,680 --> 00:10:55,160

The type of people that he became involved with

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00:10:55,200 --> 00:10:57,840

lie just as a matter of course.

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00:10:57,840 --> 00:10:59,920

I think after a while, some don't even know what the real truth

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00:10:59,920 --> 00:11:01,040

is.

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00:11:01,040 --> 00:11:02,400

They lie, they cheat.

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00:11:02,400 --> 00:11:05,160

There are people who have been involved in numerous murders,

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00:11:05,160 --> 00:11:07,520

dealing drugs, dealing arms.

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00:11:07,520 --> 00:11:10,280

And Danny Castellaro thought he could find his way

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00:11:10,280 --> 00:11:12,400

to the slabbings by himself.

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00:11:12,400 --> 00:11:13,120

That was a mistake.

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00:11:16,440 --> 00:11:18,280

Are they serious?

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00:11:18,280 --> 00:11:19,240

I don't know.

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00:11:19,240 --> 00:11:19,880

I don't think so.

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00:11:19,880 --> 00:11:22,040

A week before he died, Castellaro

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00:11:22,080 --> 00:11:25,200

told his brother he had been receiving frequent death threats.

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00:11:25,200 --> 00:11:27,160

Who are these guys?

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00:11:27,160 --> 00:11:27,840

Well, I don't know.

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00:11:27,840 --> 00:11:28,840

I mean, I know a couple of them.

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00:11:28,840 --> 00:11:30,800

They're the guys that I've been working with, my contacts.

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00:11:30,800 --> 00:11:32,200

And they're calling me and saying, look, Danny,

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00:11:32,200 --> 00:11:33,240

you're getting too close.

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00:11:33,240 --> 00:11:34,040

You're going to get hurt.

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00:11:34,040 --> 00:11:35,280

Back off.

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00:11:35,280 --> 00:11:37,040

And I'm getting calls in the middle of the night from guys

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00:11:37,040 --> 00:11:38,080

I've never heard of.

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00:11:38,080 --> 00:11:39,200

I don't recognize their voices.

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00:11:39,200 --> 00:11:40,480

I don't know why they're coming from.

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00:11:40,480 --> 00:11:44,360

They're just saying you are going to die.

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00:11:44,360 --> 00:11:46,440

I'll tell you this, though, when I go to Martinsburg,

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00:11:46,440 --> 00:11:49,960

if something happens to me or if I should get hurt,

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00:11:49,960 --> 00:11:50,960

I don't believe it's an accident.

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00:11:59,600 --> 00:12:02,120

With briefcases full of notes and documents,

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00:12:02,120 --> 00:12:04,800

Castellaro arrived in Martinsburg to meet with several

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00:12:04,800 --> 00:12:08,040

informants and conclude his investigation.

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00:12:08,040 --> 00:12:10,720

He had been tracking the finances of the octopus

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00:12:10,720 --> 00:12:12,560

and believed one of his new contacts

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00:12:12,560 --> 00:12:15,440

would deliver key evidence.

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00:12:15,440 --> 00:12:19,800

Danny had a source there inside the IRS's computer

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00:12:19,800 --> 00:12:26,320

data center that was giving him hard copy printouts of IRS

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00:12:26,320 --> 00:12:32,000

information on certain specific targets that Danny was after.

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00:12:32,000 --> 00:12:33,320

William Turner.

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00:12:33,320 --> 00:12:34,120

And you are?

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00:12:34,120 --> 00:12:35,440

Danny Castellaro.

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00:12:35,440 --> 00:12:36,360

Get in.

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00:12:36,360 --> 00:12:38,000

The day before he died, Castellaro

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00:12:38,000 --> 00:12:40,240

met with another source, William Turner,

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00:12:40,240 --> 00:12:43,400

a former employee of a major defense contractor.

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00:12:43,400 --> 00:12:44,880

You have some documentation?

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00:12:44,880 --> 00:12:45,640

You have some for me?

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00:12:45,880 --> 00:12:48,880

Driver's license.

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00:12:48,880 --> 00:12:52,640

According to Turner, he handed over paperwork

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00:12:52,640 --> 00:12:55,280

documenting corruption that Castellaro believed

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00:12:55,280 --> 00:12:56,480

was tied to the octopus.

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00:13:00,480 --> 00:13:01,520

Housekeeping.

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00:13:01,520 --> 00:13:04,960

Within 24 hours, Castellaro would be found dead.

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00:13:04,960 --> 00:13:07,480

And Turner's documents would disappear,

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00:13:07,480 --> 00:13:11,640

along with the rest of Castellaro's papers.

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00:13:11,640 --> 00:13:13,680

In response to the conversation, he

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00:13:14,600 --> 00:13:17,400

In response to the controversy surrounding Castellaro's

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00:13:17,400 --> 00:13:19,880

death, authorities in West Virginia

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00:13:19,880 --> 00:13:25,040

convened a formal inquest, including a complete autopsy.

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00:13:25,040 --> 00:13:27,280

The assistant medical chamber for the state of West Virginia,

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he said, well, you know, he's already been embalmed,

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00:13:30,600 --> 00:13:33,840

and that's going to make it a little difficult.

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00:13:33,840 --> 00:13:35,520

And I said, what are you talking about?

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00:13:35,520 --> 00:13:37,440

He's already been embalmed.

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00:13:37,440 --> 00:13:42,400

And he said, well, he was embalmed apparently already.

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00:13:42,400 --> 00:13:43,400

He said, you didn't know that?

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00:13:43,440 --> 00:13:44,480

I said, absolutely not.

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00:13:44,480 --> 00:13:46,560

I said, we didn't give any permission.

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00:13:46,560 --> 00:13:48,600

I said, is that how it's supposed to happen?

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00:13:48,600 --> 00:13:50,280

He said, no, that's not.

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00:13:50,280 --> 00:13:52,880

He said, but we'll just have to look into that.

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00:13:52,880 --> 00:13:55,800

I'm now going to cut the sutures to examine the wounds.

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00:13:55,800 --> 00:13:58,400

The autopsy confirmed that bleeding from the 12 razor

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00:13:58,400 --> 00:14:01,760

cuts had resulted in Danny Castellaro's death.

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00:14:01,760 --> 00:14:04,680

More importantly, the autopsy disclosed evidence

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00:14:04,680 --> 00:14:08,000

suggesting Castellaro may not have been alone in the hotel

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00:14:08,000 --> 00:14:10,160

room during the final moments of his life.

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00:14:10,520 --> 00:14:14,080

Six cuts on the flexor surface of the left wrist.

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00:14:14,080 --> 00:14:17,760

I was told there were no signs of any struggle.

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There was on the actual autopsy report

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00:14:20,280 --> 00:14:25,960

described a bruise on the arm and a bruise on the head, which

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00:14:25,960 --> 00:14:29,000

were never accounted for.

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00:14:29,000 --> 00:14:31,320

Additionally, the tips of three fingernails

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00:14:31,320 --> 00:14:33,120

were missing from one hand.

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00:14:33,120 --> 00:14:35,160

You know, the other thing is the embalming, whatever.

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00:14:35,160 --> 00:14:38,240

You think, well, you know, things can happen,

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00:14:38,240 --> 00:14:39,680

and just accept things.

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00:14:39,680 --> 00:14:42,520

But this, they did not tell us the truth.

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00:14:42,520 --> 00:14:46,040

He had bruises on him.

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00:14:46,040 --> 00:14:48,320

Castellaro's hotel room had been cleaned the day

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00:14:48,320 --> 00:14:50,960

after his death by a professional cleaning crew,

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00:14:50,960 --> 00:14:55,920

and the workers inadvertently discarded important evidence.

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00:14:55,920 --> 00:14:58,800

The previous day, minutes after Castellaro's body

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00:14:58,800 --> 00:15:01,640

had been found, one of the Sheraton housekeepers

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00:15:01,640 --> 00:15:04,360

noticed two bloody towels in the bathroom.

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00:15:04,360 --> 00:15:06,440

They appeared to have been used to wipe blood

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00:15:06,440 --> 00:15:09,200

off the bathroom floor.

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00:15:09,200 --> 00:15:12,400

The question of who tried to clean up the floor with the towels

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00:15:12,400 --> 00:15:17,360

has never been addressed by West Virginia authorities.

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00:15:17,360 --> 00:15:19,800

The police reports of the investigation

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00:15:19,800 --> 00:15:21,880

are certainly not professional.

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00:15:21,880 --> 00:15:23,880

Fingerprints get lost, messed up.

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00:15:23,880 --> 00:15:27,240

They drain the tub without a strainer, sloppy work.

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00:15:27,240 --> 00:15:29,160

What were the towels doing underneath the sink?

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00:15:29,160 --> 00:15:32,840

The police did not check them.

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00:15:32,840 --> 00:15:34,440

Police have a rule in this country.

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00:15:34,440 --> 00:15:36,120

Government people have a rule.

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00:15:36,120 --> 00:15:38,520

When they screw up, they cover up.

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00:15:38,560 --> 00:15:40,240

Sad but true.

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00:15:40,240 --> 00:15:41,480

Do I think they cover it up here?

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00:15:41,480 --> 00:15:43,720

Yes, I do.

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00:15:43,720 --> 00:15:47,280

There is enough evidence that he was murdered

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00:15:47,280 --> 00:15:51,680

so that there should have been a much more intensive

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00:15:51,680 --> 00:15:54,880

investigation than there has been.

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00:15:54,880 --> 00:15:57,480

I don't know enough to know for sure,

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00:15:57,480 --> 00:16:01,560

but all that I do know makes me believe

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00:16:01,560 --> 00:16:03,920

that it was more likely that he was murdered

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00:16:03,920 --> 00:16:07,560

than that he committed suicide.

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00:16:07,560 --> 00:16:10,520

Our brother Danny Casalaro has gone to his rest

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00:16:10,520 --> 00:16:13,520

in the peace of Christ with faith and hope

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00:16:13,520 --> 00:16:14,720

in eternal life.

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00:16:14,720 --> 00:16:19,080

Even Casalaro's funeral was clouded by mystery.

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00:16:19,080 --> 00:16:21,320

As a ceremony was drawing to a close,

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00:16:21,320 --> 00:16:23,680

a highly decorated military officer

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00:16:23,680 --> 00:16:24,920

arrived in a limousine.

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00:16:28,760 --> 00:16:32,960

It was really unusual because I noticed this tall,

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00:16:32,960 --> 00:16:36,840

stoic-looking black man in full military dress.

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00:16:36,840 --> 00:16:42,200

Standing there with this like plain clothes type of guy.

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00:16:42,200 --> 00:16:45,400

Just before the casket was lowered into the ground,

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00:16:45,400 --> 00:16:49,120

the military man carefully placed a metal on the casket lid.

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00:17:01,240 --> 00:17:04,640

And we went back to Francis's house, Danny's mother's house.

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00:17:04,640 --> 00:17:08,280

And I said, Francis, who was the military man?

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00:17:08,280 --> 00:17:10,000

And she said, I thought you'd know.

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00:17:10,000 --> 00:17:10,800

Don't you know that guy?

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00:17:10,800 --> 00:17:12,160

And I said, no.

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00:17:12,160 --> 00:17:13,600

And we asked everyone there.

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00:17:13,600 --> 00:17:15,800

There had to be 50 people at Francis's house.

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00:17:15,800 --> 00:17:17,560

No one knew who they were.

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00:17:17,560 --> 00:17:17,960

No one.

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00:17:21,400 --> 00:17:23,680

The official inquiry into Casalaro's death

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00:17:23,680 --> 00:17:26,400

was concluded more than a year ago.

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However, Casalaro's clothing, wallet, suicide note,

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00:17:29,960 --> 00:17:33,120

and other personal items have been retained with no explanation

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00:17:33,120 --> 00:17:34,240

by the investigators.

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00:17:49,120 --> 00:17:51,760

Meet the O'Neill children of Southern California,

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00:17:51,760 --> 00:17:54,640

six happy, well-adjusted adults.

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00:17:54,640 --> 00:17:56,240

To look at them, you would never guess

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00:17:56,240 --> 00:18:00,800

that their early years were wracked by trauma.

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00:18:00,840 --> 00:18:04,800

In 1958, the untimely death of their father, Paul O'Neill,

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00:18:04,800 --> 00:18:07,920

precipitated the first in a series of family secrets

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00:18:07,920 --> 00:18:09,520

that would haunt the children for years.

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00:18:12,760 --> 00:18:14,960

Within every family that harbors deep secrets,

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00:18:14,960 --> 00:18:16,400

it seems there was someone determined

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00:18:16,400 --> 00:18:18,320

to uncover the truth.

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The O'Neill's are no different.

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00:18:20,320 --> 00:18:22,360

For Bill, the youngest son, this quest

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00:18:22,360 --> 00:18:24,640

would lead him through a tangled web of intrigue,

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00:18:24,640 --> 00:18:27,560

woven out of desperation by his mother.

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00:18:27,560 --> 00:18:29,480

Eventually, Bill would unravel the mysteries

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00:18:29,520 --> 00:18:33,240

of his family's past and begin a remarkable search,

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00:18:33,240 --> 00:18:36,240

first for this history thought was lost forever,

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00:18:36,240 --> 00:18:37,920

and now for his natural father.

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00:18:43,120 --> 00:18:46,680

Bill O'Neill's personal odyssey began in adolescence.

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00:18:46,680 --> 00:18:48,400

Throughout his childhood, he was plagued

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00:18:48,400 --> 00:18:52,480

by a nagging inexplicable loneliness.

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00:18:52,480 --> 00:18:54,960

I was pretty to myself as a kid.

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00:18:54,960 --> 00:18:57,120

I mean, I didn't have like a great deal of friends

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00:18:57,120 --> 00:18:58,680

or anything like that.

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00:18:58,720 --> 00:19:01,440

Pretty much just sat in front of the TV a lot of the time.

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00:19:04,120 --> 00:19:07,600

I was told from the earliest that I can remember

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00:19:07,600 --> 00:19:12,240

that Hugh O'Neill was my father, and I was the last child

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00:19:12,240 --> 00:19:14,160

born by him before he passed away.

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00:19:16,720 --> 00:19:21,120

I felt it inside, though, about feeling a little bit different.

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00:19:21,120 --> 00:19:23,640

You know, with the other kids growing up,

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00:19:23,640 --> 00:19:26,400

like I was the only one with haze of lies.

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00:19:26,400 --> 00:19:29,760

And everybody else had these bright blue eyes.

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00:19:29,760 --> 00:19:32,560

My skin was more like an olive skin,

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00:19:32,560 --> 00:19:34,800

where they were fairer skinned.

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00:19:34,800 --> 00:19:37,720

Not that anything was ever said to me or anything

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00:19:37,720 --> 00:19:40,400

like that that was different than anybody else,

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00:19:40,400 --> 00:19:44,400

like my mom didn't treat me any different.

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00:19:44,400 --> 00:19:47,160

Just a feeling inside, like something was lost.

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00:19:50,600 --> 00:19:51,960

Years passed.

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00:19:51,960 --> 00:19:55,480

The O'Neill children grew up and started their own families.

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In 1983, Bill's older brother Tim

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00:19:58,120 --> 00:20:00,680

journeyed to Chicago with his wife and child

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00:20:00,680 --> 00:20:05,240

to visit his father's gravesite for the first time.

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00:20:05,240 --> 00:20:10,680

Hugh, that's his middle name, but mom always called him Paul.

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00:20:10,680 --> 00:20:16,880

When I got there, we found that the date of death on my father

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00:20:16,880 --> 00:20:24,440

was December 20th of 1958, which made it impossible for Bill

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00:20:24,480 --> 00:20:26,920

to be one of his children.

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00:20:26,920 --> 00:20:29,240

Tim was bewildered by the indisputable fact

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00:20:29,240 --> 00:20:31,480

that his father had died two full years

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00:20:31,480 --> 00:20:34,640

before his brother Bill was born.

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00:20:34,640 --> 00:20:36,720

When he returned to California, Tim

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00:20:36,720 --> 00:20:39,200

went to see the only person who could sort out

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00:20:39,200 --> 00:20:41,720

the baffling discrepancy.

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00:20:41,720 --> 00:20:45,400

I went to my mother's house, and she had told me

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00:20:45,400 --> 00:20:50,320

that she didn't want Bill to know about this or anybody else

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00:20:50,320 --> 00:20:54,360

in the family to know about it, and that she

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00:20:54,360 --> 00:20:55,920

would basically take it to her grave.

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00:20:55,920 --> 00:20:57,560

She didn't want anybody in the family

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00:20:57,560 --> 00:21:03,840

to know about the dates and what had transpired years ago.

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00:21:03,840 --> 00:21:07,160

Against his better judgment, Tim respected his mother's wishes

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00:21:07,160 --> 00:21:08,480

and kept her secret to himself.

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00:21:08,480 --> 00:21:09,880

What's up?

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00:21:09,880 --> 00:21:11,280

Nothing else in the neighborhood,

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00:21:11,280 --> 00:21:12,760

so I thought I'd drop by.

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00:21:12,760 --> 00:21:17,680

But by 1986, Tim had decided to tell his brother the truth.

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00:21:17,680 --> 00:21:21,960

He was stunned to discover that Bill had always suspected.

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00:21:21,960 --> 00:21:23,680

What happened with you and mom anyway?

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00:21:23,680 --> 00:21:25,920

I mean, I can't even mention your name

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00:21:25,920 --> 00:21:27,760

without her getting upset.

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00:21:27,760 --> 00:21:30,160

Yeah, well, that's because you don't know about the O'Neill

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00:21:30,160 --> 00:21:32,040

secret.

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00:21:32,040 --> 00:21:33,640

What are you talking about?

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00:21:33,640 --> 00:21:34,540

It's nothing.

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00:21:34,540 --> 00:21:35,440

No, tell me.

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00:21:35,440 --> 00:21:36,340

Ask her.

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00:21:36,340 --> 00:21:38,920

No, I'm asking you.

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00:21:38,920 --> 00:21:40,680

I knew what he was going to say.

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00:21:40,680 --> 00:21:43,120

I had the feeling already inside.

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00:21:43,120 --> 00:21:45,200

Is it that I have a different father than you guys?

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00:21:48,400 --> 00:21:50,440

Yeah.

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00:21:50,440 --> 00:21:52,240

Just had a feeling.

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00:21:52,240 --> 00:21:55,960

I felt like all the years that I had been feeling the way

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00:21:55,960 --> 00:21:58,680

I felt was sort of just all confirmed.

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00:21:58,680 --> 00:22:00,680

And now, where do I go from here?

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00:22:00,680 --> 00:22:03,880

I remember just going into sort of like a shock mode, though.

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00:22:03,880 --> 00:22:07,360

You know, I'm feeling real empty.

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00:22:07,360 --> 00:22:11,920

Later on that night, when I confronted my mother,

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00:22:11,920 --> 00:22:14,040

she didn't deny it or anything like that.

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00:22:14,040 --> 00:22:17,400

She asked me how I had found out.

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00:22:17,400 --> 00:22:19,040

But she did not deny it.

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00:22:19,040 --> 00:22:21,440

And it went real well.

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00:22:21,440 --> 00:22:26,200

I mean, I didn't have any kind of animosities towards her at all.

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00:22:28,760 --> 00:22:32,800

Bill's mother told him that she had met Paul O'Neill in 1953.

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00:22:32,800 --> 00:22:33,960

He was 29.

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00:22:33,960 --> 00:22:36,040

She was only 20.

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00:22:36,040 --> 00:22:37,680

It was love at first sight.

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00:22:37,680 --> 00:22:41,280

And by the next summer, they were married.

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00:22:41,280 --> 00:22:43,280

Over the next four years, Paul and Lynn

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00:22:43,280 --> 00:22:47,560

had three children and bought a house in Chicago's South Side.

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00:22:47,560 --> 00:22:49,800

Their happiness, however, would not last.

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00:22:52,440 --> 00:22:54,840

Paul O'Neill was a World War II veteran

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00:22:54,840 --> 00:22:57,040

and suffered from a chronic kidney ailment.

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00:22:57,040 --> 00:22:59,640

Oh, honey, here's daddy.

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00:22:59,640 --> 00:23:02,360

By November of 1958, Lynn was eight months

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00:23:02,360 --> 00:23:04,280

pregnant with her fourth child.

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00:23:04,280 --> 00:23:08,320

Paul was spending most of his time in Chicago's VA hospital.

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00:23:08,320 --> 00:23:09,200

Hi, hi.

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00:23:09,200 --> 00:23:10,100

Hi.

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00:23:10,100 --> 00:23:11,000

Call the phone, please.

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00:23:11,000 --> 00:23:12,520

Dr. Tye.

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00:23:12,520 --> 00:23:14,080

How are you doing?

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00:23:14,080 --> 00:23:17,320

Oh, getting fine.

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00:23:17,320 --> 00:23:20,840

On one visit, Lynn O'Neill met another veteran named Jim Burke,

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00:23:20,880 --> 00:23:23,280

who was a good friend of Paul's.

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00:23:23,280 --> 00:23:26,440

So this must be the beautiful lady you've been keeping from me.

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00:23:26,440 --> 00:23:29,200

Sadly, within a month, Paul O'Neill would die.

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00:23:29,200 --> 00:23:31,240

It's my wife, Lynn.

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00:23:31,240 --> 00:23:32,240

Nice meeting you.

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00:23:32,240 --> 00:23:33,240

Nice to meet you.

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00:23:33,240 --> 00:23:35,240

Thanks so much about you.

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00:23:35,240 --> 00:23:37,640

Whoa.

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00:23:37,640 --> 00:23:38,540

Whoa.

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00:23:38,540 --> 00:23:39,440

Help.

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00:23:39,440 --> 00:23:41,600

Oh, that was terrific.

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00:23:41,600 --> 00:23:45,160

It wasn't long before Jim Burke became a familiar presence

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00:23:45,160 --> 00:23:47,120

in the O'Neill household.

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00:23:47,120 --> 00:23:48,720

Hey, I'm Steve Jim.

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00:23:48,720 --> 00:23:50,560

Um, come on in.

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00:23:50,560 --> 00:23:52,240

Door's open.

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00:23:52,240 --> 00:23:55,560

I remember that there was a man that was around our house,

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00:23:55,560 --> 00:23:58,280

and he had dark, kind of wavy hair.

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00:23:58,280 --> 00:24:00,320

And he had dark eyes.

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00:24:00,320 --> 00:24:01,960

But I don't put a name with him.

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00:24:01,960 --> 00:24:03,400

I don't know what his name is.

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00:24:03,400 --> 00:24:05,920

But I'm comfortable that this man is there.

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00:24:05,920 --> 00:24:06,820

Come on, boy.

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00:24:06,820 --> 00:24:07,720

Let's go.

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00:24:11,000 --> 00:24:13,600

During the summer of 1959, Jim Burke

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00:24:13,600 --> 00:24:15,520

moved to Southern California.

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00:24:15,520 --> 00:24:18,960

Lynn and her children soon followed.

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00:24:18,960 --> 00:24:21,680

A year later, in September of 1960,

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00:24:21,680 --> 00:24:25,280

Lynn gave birth to Bill.

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00:24:25,280 --> 00:24:28,440

The next year, Lynn became pregnant again.

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00:24:28,440 --> 00:24:30,080

But her relationship with Jim Burke

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00:24:30,080 --> 00:24:32,040

had begun to deteriorate.

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00:24:32,040 --> 00:24:35,480

By the time the child, a daughter named Peggy, was born,

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00:24:35,480 --> 00:24:39,320

Jim was completely out of the picture.

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00:24:39,320 --> 00:24:41,120

I believe that they didn't get along well,

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00:24:41,120 --> 00:24:42,760

and they didn't see out of eye on a lot of things.

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00:24:42,760 --> 00:24:43,920

And it was a rough time.

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00:24:43,920 --> 00:24:46,600

But to my knowledge, Jim didn't leave

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00:24:46,600 --> 00:24:47,680

just because he wanted to leave.

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00:24:47,680 --> 00:24:49,520

He left because they mutually decided

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00:24:49,520 --> 00:24:50,600

that they should separate.

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00:24:55,280 --> 00:24:58,880

Lynn struggled to support all six children by herself.

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00:24:58,880 --> 00:25:02,600

Compounding the difficulties were Peggy's health problems.

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00:25:02,600 --> 00:25:05,560

She suffered from an ailment called failure to thrive

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00:25:05,560 --> 00:25:09,280

and was in constant need of medical attention.

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00:25:09,280 --> 00:25:11,400

When Peggy was 11 months old, Lynn

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00:25:11,400 --> 00:25:14,640

told the other children that she was sending her to the hospital.

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00:25:14,640 --> 00:25:16,400

But Peggy would never come home.

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00:25:18,680 --> 00:25:20,960

All of a sudden, one day, she said

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00:25:20,960 --> 00:25:22,840

she took her to the doctor and that they

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00:25:22,840 --> 00:25:26,000

were going to keep her for a while to observe her or something

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00:25:26,000 --> 00:25:26,920

like that.

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00:25:26,920 --> 00:25:28,200

So we just all accepted it.

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00:25:28,200 --> 00:25:32,920

And then later on, we were told that she had passed away.

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00:25:32,920 --> 00:25:37,000

In 1990, Bill's mother, Lynn, revealed another shocking family

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00:25:37,000 --> 00:25:38,320

secret.

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00:25:38,320 --> 00:25:41,040

Her youngest daughter, Peggy, had not died.

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00:25:41,040 --> 00:25:43,640

She had been given away.

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00:25:43,640 --> 00:25:44,800

I need to talk to you, Bill.

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00:25:44,800 --> 00:25:47,400

I need to tell you something.

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00:25:47,440 --> 00:25:48,240

Sure.

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00:25:48,240 --> 00:25:49,920

What is it?

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00:25:49,920 --> 00:25:53,520

Remember us talking about your little baby, Sister Peggy?

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00:25:53,520 --> 00:25:55,880

At Peggy's request, her adoptive parents

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00:25:55,880 --> 00:25:59,520

had contacted Lynn, who now felt compelled to tell Bill

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00:25:59,520 --> 00:26:01,520

the entire story.

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00:26:01,520 --> 00:26:02,720

Why?

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00:26:02,720 --> 00:26:05,520

Well, she's alive and she wants to meet you.

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00:26:05,520 --> 00:26:09,200

She laid this sort of bombshell on me that night.

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00:26:09,200 --> 00:26:12,120

And the only thing that went through my head

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00:26:12,120 --> 00:26:14,640

was, well, I want to go and meet her.

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00:26:14,640 --> 00:26:17,160

You know, I felt good inside.

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00:26:19,480 --> 00:26:22,120

Peggy had been adopted by Jerry and Richard Colvin

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00:26:22,120 --> 00:26:24,040

of Silmar, California.

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00:26:24,040 --> 00:26:27,480

They named her Karen and raised her in a stable and loving home.

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00:26:30,080 --> 00:26:33,880

I got her adoptive parents' phone number from my mom

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00:26:33,880 --> 00:26:37,240

because I wanted to find out, like, you know, what was she like?

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00:26:37,240 --> 00:26:38,840

What did she do growing up?

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00:26:38,840 --> 00:26:40,800

Different things like that?

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00:26:40,800 --> 00:26:42,920

Because we had already set up a meeting

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00:26:42,920 --> 00:26:44,840

to meet like a week and a half or so later,

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00:26:44,840 --> 00:26:46,040

but I couldn't wait to let.

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00:26:48,560 --> 00:26:52,480

With mounting anticipation, Bill called Peggy's parents.

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00:26:52,480 --> 00:26:56,760

He never expected his sister to answer the phone.

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00:26:56,760 --> 00:26:57,560

Hello?

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00:26:57,560 --> 00:26:59,640

I was calling her parents just to talk to her parents

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00:26:59,640 --> 00:27:01,400

and get a little insight on her.

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00:27:01,400 --> 00:27:03,480

So when she answered the phone and told me,

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00:27:03,480 --> 00:27:08,520

hi, this is Karen, your sister, I just went,

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00:27:08,520 --> 00:27:10,200

I'm not ready for you.

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00:27:10,200 --> 00:27:11,440

I'm not ready to talk to you.

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00:27:11,440 --> 00:27:12,560

I don't know what to say to you.

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00:27:12,600 --> 00:27:14,720

That's exactly what I said to her.

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00:27:14,720 --> 00:27:20,680

I think it was, I don't know.

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00:27:20,680 --> 00:27:26,080

I just finally put a voice to a person.

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00:27:26,080 --> 00:27:28,080

You know, I finally made the connection

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00:27:28,080 --> 00:27:30,200

that this person really does exist.

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00:27:30,200 --> 00:27:31,200

Yeah, there's so much.

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00:27:31,200 --> 00:27:32,000

There's so much.

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00:27:32,000 --> 00:27:32,800

There's Santa Claus.

567

00:27:32,800 --> 00:27:33,700

Yeah.

568

00:27:36,200 --> 00:27:38,360

And there I am as a little skinny.

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00:27:38,360 --> 00:27:39,400

Squirrel.

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00:27:39,400 --> 00:27:40,600

Yeah.

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00:27:40,600 --> 00:27:43,040

In the three years since Bill and Karen were reunited,

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00:27:43,040 --> 00:27:46,200

they have become as close as any brother and sister.

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00:27:46,200 --> 00:27:48,120

In fact, the entire O'Neill family

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00:27:48,120 --> 00:27:50,800

has welcomed Karen with open arms.

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00:27:50,800 --> 00:27:52,560

But now she and Bill have set their sights

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00:27:52,560 --> 00:27:56,640

on one final goal, finding their natural father, Jim Burke.

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00:28:00,000 --> 00:28:04,180

It just seems like a piece of the jigsaw puzzle

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00:28:04,180 --> 00:28:08,040

that needs to be put into place.

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00:28:08,040 --> 00:28:12,320

I mean, now as a mother, I can't imagine being a parent

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00:28:12,320 --> 00:28:15,480

and not knowing where my child is.

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00:28:15,480 --> 00:28:18,920

I don't want to, you know, get into his life

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00:28:18,920 --> 00:28:22,480

to tear it apart or anything like that.

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00:28:22,480 --> 00:28:26,120

I just, I'd like to know him or meet him or anything.

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00:28:26,120 --> 00:28:35,880

And, you know, to have him know that I'm OK and Karen's OK.

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00:28:39,040 --> 00:28:41,800

On the night of our broadcast, a woman named Eileen

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00:28:41,800 --> 00:28:45,160

Essler of New Lenox, Illinois, called our phone center

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00:28:45,160 --> 00:28:48,040

and identified herself as one of Jim Burke's four children

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00:28:48,040 --> 00:28:50,240

from his previous marriage.

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00:28:50,240 --> 00:28:51,720

Bill and Karen were saddened to hear

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00:28:51,720 --> 00:28:54,760

that their father had passed away in 1988.

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00:28:54,760 --> 00:28:58,120

But they were overjoyed that Eileen and another half-sister,

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00:28:58,120 --> 00:29:00,840

Sheila Ann Haskins, were anxious to meet them.

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00:29:04,000 --> 00:29:06,920

A week later, Bill O'Neill, Karen Althouse,

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00:29:06,920 --> 00:29:09,080

and their families gathered at Karen's house

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00:29:09,080 --> 00:29:11,720

to await the arrival of Eileen and Sheila Ann.

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00:29:14,200 --> 00:29:15,000

Hello there.

597

00:29:15,000 --> 00:29:15,900

Hi.

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00:29:15,900 --> 00:29:16,880

Hi.

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00:29:16,880 --> 00:29:18,880

Hi.

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00:29:18,880 --> 00:29:21,360

I'm so excited.

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00:29:21,360 --> 00:29:24,600

I didn't know I was going to do this.

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00:29:24,600 --> 00:29:27,640

I felt a connection, a definite connection,

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00:29:27,640 --> 00:29:31,200

like when I reached out to hug them.

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00:29:31,200 --> 00:29:32,200

I don't know.

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00:29:32,200 --> 00:29:33,120

I didn't.

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00:29:33,120 --> 00:29:36,400

I honestly, to be honest, I just,

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00:29:36,400 --> 00:29:42,360

I didn't feel like I was going to be as emotionally tied

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00:29:42,360 --> 00:29:43,280

as I felt.

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00:29:43,280 --> 00:29:43,780

Ditto.

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00:29:46,680 --> 00:29:49,920

For Sheila Ann and Eileen, the bond was just as strong.

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00:29:52,720 --> 00:29:56,480

As soon as I saw Bill, as soon as I saw his face,

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00:29:56,480 --> 00:29:59,360

there was absolutely no doubt in my mind

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00:29:59,360 --> 00:30:00,520

that he was a brother.

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00:30:00,520 --> 00:30:01,600

No doubt.

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00:30:01,600 --> 00:30:02,640

I felt wonderful.

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00:30:02,640 --> 00:30:06,880

I mean, I wanted to touch him.

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00:30:06,880 --> 00:30:10,640

I just wanted to touch him to have a baby brother and baby

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00:30:10,640 --> 00:30:11,040

sister.

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00:30:11,040 --> 00:30:12,040

I know they're not.

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00:30:12,040 --> 00:30:13,560

There's so much to it than we are.

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00:30:13,560 --> 00:30:14,440

Thank you.

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00:30:14,440 --> 00:30:15,920

OK.

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00:30:15,920 --> 00:30:17,120

This is our father.

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00:30:17,120 --> 00:30:19,400

Later that afternoon, Bill and Karen

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00:30:19,400 --> 00:30:21,520

sat down with their new sisters to learn

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00:30:21,520 --> 00:30:23,280

about their father, Jim Burke.

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00:30:23,280 --> 00:30:25,200

And how was it related to her?

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00:30:25,200 --> 00:30:27,360

This is what I've wondered all my life.

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00:30:27,360 --> 00:30:28,480

Who are my parents?

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00:30:28,480 --> 00:30:30,360

Do I have more family?

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00:30:30,360 --> 00:30:32,120

Did I have brothers and sisters?

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00:30:32,120 --> 00:30:33,040

Things like that.

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00:30:33,040 --> 00:30:37,120

And it's exciting to finally see them, to touch them,

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00:30:37,120 --> 00:30:40,480

to get to know them.

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00:30:40,480 --> 00:30:43,640

The reunion was especially poignant for Bill O'Neill.

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00:30:43,640 --> 00:30:46,080

His lifelong feelings of isolation

637

00:30:46,080 --> 00:30:48,200

were replaced with a new sense of belonging.

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00:30:51,400 --> 00:30:56,000

I just figured, hey, we'll get together with them and make

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00:30:56,000 --> 00:30:57,040

nice.

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00:30:57,040 --> 00:30:59,360

Yeah, you know, get some pictures,

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00:30:59,360 --> 00:31:01,560

get some more information about our dad.

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00:31:01,560 --> 00:31:02,600

But it wasn't like that.

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00:31:02,600 --> 00:31:04,280

It wasn't like that at all.

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00:31:04,280 --> 00:31:11,880

It was more, it was just an inside, warm feeling

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00:31:11,880 --> 00:31:13,720

that everything was now completed.

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00:31:13,720 --> 00:31:14,720

That's true.

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00:31:14,720 --> 00:31:16,720

Oh, my God.

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00:31:16,720 --> 00:31:17,720

Oh, great to hear.

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00:31:20,720 --> 00:31:22,800

For Bill, Karen, Eileen, and Sheila Ann,

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00:31:22,800 --> 00:31:26,080

this was just the first of many gatherings to come.

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00:31:26,080 --> 00:31:28,640

Bill and Karen have since met one of their half brothers.

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00:31:28,640 --> 00:31:31,240

And next March, they hope to meet another at a family wedding

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00:31:31,320 --> 00:31:32,720

in Illinois.

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00:31:32,720 --> 00:31:35,640

Also in attendance will be a grandmother, an aunt,

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00:31:35,640 --> 00:31:36,560

and 12 cousins.

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00:31:40,040 --> 00:31:42,600

When we return, a cold-blooded killer

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00:31:42,600 --> 00:31:45,800

strikes at a scenic restaurant in Canadian wilderness.

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00:31:55,640 --> 00:31:59,680

This police videotape was shot in Ontario, Canada 13 hours

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00:31:59,680 --> 00:32:01,720

after a brutal double murder.

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00:32:01,720 --> 00:32:04,200

The place, the Blind River Rest Stop,

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00:32:04,200 --> 00:32:10,640

just 85 miles from the US-Canadian border on Highway 17.

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00:32:10,640 --> 00:32:12,600

We were looking for a place to stop.

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00:32:12,600 --> 00:32:15,400

So we saw this rest area.

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00:32:15,400 --> 00:32:21,480

It was a nice, quiet river, ran along by this picnic area.

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00:32:21,480 --> 00:32:23,200

We went out and we walked around.

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00:32:23,200 --> 00:32:29,400

And we thought, gee, it's a nice, quiet little spot

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00:32:29,640 --> 00:32:30,880

we'll maybe spend the night here.

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00:32:33,440 --> 00:32:36,160

On the morning of June 28, 1991,

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00:32:36,160 --> 00:32:39,000

Gord and Jackie McAllister of Lindsay, Ontario

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00:32:39,000 --> 00:32:41,640

were the only two people in the Blind River Rest Stop.

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00:32:46,080 --> 00:32:49,320

The McAllisters, on the first leg of a vacation trip,

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00:32:49,320 --> 00:32:52,200

had decorated their new camper with family photographs

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00:32:52,200 --> 00:32:53,880

to make it as homey as possible.

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00:32:59,400 --> 00:33:02,400

The police, you gotta move this thing.

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00:33:02,400 --> 00:33:03,400

What?

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00:33:03,400 --> 00:33:05,400

Who is he?

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00:33:05,400 --> 00:33:06,400

We both got up.

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00:33:06,400 --> 00:33:08,400

And this guy was still banging on the side of it

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00:33:08,400 --> 00:33:10,400

and saying that he was a police officer

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00:33:10,400 --> 00:33:12,400

and he wanted us to open the door.

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00:33:12,400 --> 00:33:13,400

I'll get it, honey.

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00:33:13,400 --> 00:33:14,400

I'll get it.

683

00:33:14,400 --> 00:33:16,400

We should be all right here, huh?

684

00:33:16,400 --> 00:33:18,400

Oh, my God!

685

00:33:18,400 --> 00:33:20,400

I'm going to rob you, then I'm going to kill you.

686

00:33:20,400 --> 00:33:21,400

Oh, God.

687

00:33:21,400 --> 00:33:23,400

Get your things. Get them in the purse.

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00:33:23,400 --> 00:33:25,400

Get your purse. We'll give him the money.

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00:33:25,400 --> 00:33:26,400

Please.

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00:33:32,400 --> 00:33:33,400

I'm so sorry.

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00:33:33,400 --> 00:33:34,400

I'm sorry.

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00:33:34,400 --> 00:33:35,400

I'm sorry.

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00:33:35,400 --> 00:33:36,400

Let me go.

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00:33:36,400 --> 00:33:38,400

Let me go.

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00:33:38,400 --> 00:33:39,400

I'm sorry.

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00:33:39,400 --> 00:33:40,400

I'm sorry.

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00:33:40,400 --> 00:33:41,400

I'm sorry.

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00:33:41,400 --> 00:33:43,400

Let me go.

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00:33:43,400 --> 00:33:45,400

Do you want my ring?

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00:33:45,400 --> 00:33:47,400

Anything that's valuable. Put it in there.

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00:33:47,400 --> 00:33:49,400

Okay.

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00:33:49,400 --> 00:33:51,400

Please don't hurt us.

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00:33:51,400 --> 00:33:53,400

We won't tell anybody.

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00:33:53,400 --> 00:33:55,400

Be calm.

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00:33:55,400 --> 00:33:57,400

It's all right.

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00:33:57,400 --> 00:33:59,400

It's all right.

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00:33:59,400 --> 00:34:01,400

I'll pick it up.

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00:34:01,400 --> 00:34:03,400

Please.

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00:34:07,400 --> 00:34:09,400

No, no, please.

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00:34:09,400 --> 00:34:11,400

Oh, no, please.

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00:34:11,400 --> 00:34:13,400

She...

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00:34:19,400 --> 00:34:21,400

She fell and...

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00:34:25,400 --> 00:34:27,400

I made a leap to get out.

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00:34:33,400 --> 00:34:35,400

I rolled underneath the motor home

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00:34:35,400 --> 00:34:37,400

and I noticed another car

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00:34:37,400 --> 00:34:39,400

had driven in to the rest area.

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00:34:39,400 --> 00:34:41,400

And this guy

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00:34:41,400 --> 00:34:43,400

got out and was standing beside the car.

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00:35:03,400 --> 00:35:05,400

And I was laying there just praying.

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00:35:05,400 --> 00:35:07,400

I was just praying to God

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00:35:07,400 --> 00:35:09,400

that he'd keep on running.

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00:35:09,400 --> 00:35:11,400

And he did.

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00:35:11,400 --> 00:35:13,400

He was screaming.

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00:35:17,400 --> 00:35:19,400

Soon as he went by,

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00:35:19,400 --> 00:35:21,400

I rolled back out and got up

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00:35:21,400 --> 00:35:23,400

into our motor home

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00:35:23,400 --> 00:35:25,400

and drove out onto the highway.

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00:35:25,400 --> 00:35:27,400

I knew I had to get out onto the highway

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00:35:27,400 --> 00:35:29,400

to get some help.

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00:35:29,400 --> 00:35:31,400

Gord knew that his wife was horribly wounded,

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00:35:31,400 --> 00:35:33,400

but only as he stumbled to the road

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00:35:33,400 --> 00:35:35,400

did he realize that he too had been shot.

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00:35:37,400 --> 00:35:39,400

It was a race against time.

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00:35:41,400 --> 00:35:43,400

Buddy, you all right?

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00:35:43,400 --> 00:35:45,400

You gotta help me.

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00:35:45,400 --> 00:35:47,400

My wife and I have been shot.

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00:35:47,400 --> 00:35:49,400

Can you use your CV and call for help, please?

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00:35:49,400 --> 00:35:51,400

I'll get the next exit and call for help.

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00:35:51,400 --> 00:35:53,400

Okay, please.

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00:35:57,400 --> 00:35:59,400

Help did come, but it was too late.

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00:35:59,400 --> 00:36:01,400

Gord's wife, Jackie, was already dead.

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00:36:01,400 --> 00:36:03,400

We would have been married 39 years

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00:36:03,400 --> 00:36:05,400

in September of 1991.

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00:36:09,400 --> 00:36:11,400

I didn't care whether I lived or died.

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00:36:11,400 --> 00:36:13,400

I honestly didn't care.

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00:36:17,400 --> 00:36:19,400

I thought my life was over.

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00:36:23,400 --> 00:36:25,400

God lived that long with a person,

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00:36:25,400 --> 00:36:27,400

and then it's hard to carry on by myself.

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00:36:27,400 --> 00:36:29,400

I was a little bit worried.

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00:36:29,400 --> 00:36:31,400

It's hard to carry on by yourself.

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00:36:37,400 --> 00:36:39,400

The gunman's other victim, Brian Major,

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00:36:39,400 --> 00:36:41,400

also died at the scene,

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00:36:41,400 --> 00:36:43,400

less than half an hour's drive from his home.

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00:36:43,400 --> 00:36:45,400

Brian Major was 29 years old.

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00:36:45,400 --> 00:36:47,400

He left behind a wife and a young son.

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00:36:51,400 --> 00:36:53,400

Five days after the murders,

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00:36:53,400 --> 00:36:55,400

Ontario papers published a police artist's drawing

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00:36:55,400 --> 00:36:57,400

of the gunman based on

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00:36:57,400 --> 00:36:59,400

Gord McAllister's description.

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00:36:59,400 --> 00:37:01,400

Shortly thereafter, a witness came forward.

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00:37:03,400 --> 00:37:05,400

The witness said that a few minutes after 1 a.m.

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00:37:05,400 --> 00:37:07,400

on the night of the murders,

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00:37:07,400 --> 00:37:09,400

a blue late model van

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00:37:09,400 --> 00:37:11,400

peeled out of the Blind River Rest Area

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00:37:11,400 --> 00:37:13,400

and headed straight toward his car.

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00:37:15,400 --> 00:37:17,400

The van continued

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00:37:17,400 --> 00:37:19,400

dead east toward Sudbury, Ontario.

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00:37:21,400 --> 00:37:23,400

The witness' timing of what he saw

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00:37:23,400 --> 00:37:25,400

and the account of

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00:37:25,400 --> 00:37:27,400

Gord McAllister

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00:37:27,400 --> 00:37:29,400

certainly leads me to believe

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00:37:29,400 --> 00:37:31,400

that either that van was a suspects van

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00:37:33,400 --> 00:37:35,400

or it was perhaps somebody

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00:37:35,400 --> 00:37:37,400

in the rest area that had seen something

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00:37:37,400 --> 00:37:39,400

that they had left quickly.

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00:37:43,400 --> 00:37:45,400

The witness had not seen whether the van

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00:37:45,400 --> 00:37:47,400

had Canadian or U.S. license plates.

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00:37:47,400 --> 00:37:49,400

Police checked out more than

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00:37:49,400 --> 00:37:51,400

3,500 blue vans on both sides of the border.

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00:37:51,400 --> 00:37:53,400

Nothing.

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00:37:55,400 --> 00:37:57,400

The fortunate

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00:37:57,400 --> 00:37:59,400

situation here is that we do have a survivor.

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00:37:59,400 --> 00:38:01,400

Gord McAllister survived

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00:38:01,400 --> 00:38:03,400

his wounds and hopefully

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00:38:03,400 --> 00:38:05,400

he can point out the killer someday.

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00:38:07,400 --> 00:38:09,400

After Gord looked through hundreds of mugshots

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00:38:09,400 --> 00:38:11,400

to no avail, the police

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00:38:11,400 --> 00:38:13,400

turned to a sophisticated new technology

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00:38:13,400 --> 00:38:15,400

hoping to improve on the

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00:38:15,400 --> 00:38:17,400

original rough sketch of the killer.

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00:38:17,400 --> 00:38:19,400

That's close.

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00:38:19,400 --> 00:38:21,400

That's close.

793

00:38:21,400 --> 00:38:23,400

No.

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00:38:25,400 --> 00:38:27,400

For five long hours,

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00:38:27,400 --> 00:38:29,400

Gord painstakingly matched

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00:38:29,400 --> 00:38:31,400

features from the computer's files

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00:38:31,400 --> 00:38:33,400

against his indelible memories.

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00:38:35,400 --> 00:38:37,400

No.

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00:38:37,400 --> 00:38:39,400

Slowly but inexorably,

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00:38:39,400 --> 00:38:41,400

the face of his wife's killer

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00:38:41,400 --> 00:38:43,400

emerged.

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00:38:47,400 --> 00:38:49,400

Yeah, that's it.

803

00:38:51,400 --> 00:38:53,400

I'll never forget his face.

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00:38:55,400 --> 00:38:57,400

It wasn't a robbery gone bad.

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00:38:57,400 --> 00:38:59,400

There was no resistance to this guy.

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00:38:59,400 --> 00:39:01,400

He just simply was going

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00:39:01,400 --> 00:39:03,400

to kill somebody

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00:39:03,400 --> 00:39:05,400

for no reason.

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00:39:07,400 --> 00:39:09,400

I thought he was going to come after me

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00:39:09,400 --> 00:39:11,400

because I'm sure that he knows

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00:39:11,400 --> 00:39:13,400

I'm the only one that can identify him.

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00:39:15,400 --> 00:39:17,400

And I was under police protection.

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00:39:17,400 --> 00:39:19,400

For a long time,

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00:39:19,400 --> 00:39:21,400

they were watching me pretty closely.

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00:39:21,400 --> 00:39:23,400

And I thanked them for that.

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00:39:25,400 --> 00:39:27,400

But I'm

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00:39:27,400 --> 00:39:29,400

at the point now and then,

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00:39:29,400 --> 00:39:31,400

I was even at the point then where

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00:39:31,400 --> 00:39:33,400

I didn't care if he came after me.

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00:39:33,400 --> 00:39:35,400

Maybe if he killed me,

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00:39:35,400 --> 00:39:37,400

then maybe he'd get caught this time.

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00:39:39,400 --> 00:39:41,400

I don't know if he's going to kill me

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00:39:41,400 --> 00:39:43,400

or if he's going to kill me.

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00:39:43,400 --> 00:39:45,400

I don't know.

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00:39:48,400 --> 00:39:50,400

The murder of Jackie McAllister

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00:39:50,400 --> 00:39:52,400

and Brian Major is believed to be

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00:39:52,400 --> 00:39:54,400

approximately 30 years old,

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00:39:54,400 --> 00:39:56,400

about 5 feet 10 inches tall

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00:39:56,400 --> 00:39:58,400

with a slight build.

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00:39:58,400 --> 00:40:00,400

He has long, stringy, blonde hair

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00:40:00,400 --> 00:40:02,400

and a receding hairline.

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00:40:05,400 --> 00:40:07,400

Next, a man wrongfully

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00:40:07,400 --> 00:40:09,400

accused of murder is set free,

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00:40:09,400 --> 00:40:11,400

thanks in part to unsolved mysteries.

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00:40:18,400 --> 00:40:20,400

You're about to see the story

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00:40:20,400 --> 00:40:23,400

of a man who suffers from schizophrenia.

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00:40:23,400 --> 00:40:25,400

Nearly a decade ago,

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00:40:25,400 --> 00:40:27,400

he became the victim of the judicial system,

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00:40:27,400 --> 00:40:29,400

unjustly accused of a heinous crime

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00:40:29,400 --> 00:40:31,400

and imprisoned,

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00:40:31,400 --> 00:40:33,400

while the real perpetrators

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00:40:33,400 --> 00:40:35,400

walked the streets scot-free.

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00:40:37,400 --> 00:40:39,400

On November 8th, 1983,

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00:40:39,400 --> 00:40:41,400

police in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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00:40:41,400 --> 00:40:43,400

converged on the home of Susan Hamley.

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00:40:43,400 --> 00:40:45,400

They were responding to a fratty call

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00:40:45,400 --> 00:40:47,400

from one of Susan's friends,

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00:40:47,400 --> 00:40:50,400

who said Susan had not answered her phone for days.

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00:40:52,400 --> 00:40:54,400

Susan was 38 years old,

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00:40:54,400 --> 00:40:56,400

divorced and the mother of an 18-month-old

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00:40:56,400 --> 00:40:58,400

daughter, Shane.

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00:40:58,400 --> 00:41:00,400

Susan Hamley was found dead

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00:41:00,400 --> 00:41:02,400

on her kitchen floor.

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00:41:02,400 --> 00:41:04,400

She had been sexually molested,

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00:41:04,400 --> 00:41:06,400

strangled with a telephone cord

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00:41:06,400 --> 00:41:08,400

and finally stabbed through the heart

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00:41:08,400 --> 00:41:10,400

with a carving knife.

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00:41:11,400 --> 00:41:13,400

Susan had been dead for several days,

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00:41:13,400 --> 00:41:15,400

during which time a second,

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00:41:15,400 --> 00:41:18,400

nearly unspeakable tragedy had occurred.

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00:41:18,400 --> 00:41:20,400

Susan's daughter, Shane,

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00:41:20,400 --> 00:41:22,400

had died from dehydration.

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00:41:24,400 --> 00:41:26,400

Police recovered two crucial pieces

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00:41:26,400 --> 00:41:28,400

of evidence at the scene.

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00:41:28,400 --> 00:41:30,400

A bloody carving knife

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00:41:30,400 --> 00:41:32,400

with no fingerprints on it

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00:41:32,400 --> 00:41:34,400

and red human hair.

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00:41:34,400 --> 00:41:36,400

Statement? How can I state that?

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00:41:36,400 --> 00:41:39,400

The next day, detectives canvassed Susan's neighborhood.

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00:41:39,400 --> 00:41:41,400

Two doors away, they questioned

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00:41:41,400 --> 00:41:43,400

the 66-year-old Emma Jo Bartlett

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00:41:43,400 --> 00:41:46,400

and her 42-year-old red-haired son, John Purvis.

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00:41:46,400 --> 00:41:48,400

Well, I knew her a little bit.

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00:41:48,400 --> 00:41:50,400

Oh, good. Would you like to come down to the station

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00:41:50,400 --> 00:41:52,400

and give a statement?

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00:41:52,400 --> 00:41:54,400

Well, if my mama can come with me,

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00:41:54,400 --> 00:41:56,400

would you come with me, mama?

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00:41:56,400 --> 00:41:58,400

Chad, you know where we're here.

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00:41:58,400 --> 00:42:00,400

John's mother went with him to the station,

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00:42:00,400 --> 00:42:02,400

but was not allowed in the interrogation room.

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00:42:02,400 --> 00:42:04,400

The detectives who questioned John

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00:42:04,400 --> 00:42:06,400

were unaware that he suffered from schizophrenia,

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00:42:06,400 --> 00:42:08,400

a physical disease of the brain

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00:42:08,400 --> 00:42:10,400

over which the patient has no control.

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00:42:11,400 --> 00:42:14,400

Schizophrenics often cannot tell the difference

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00:42:14,400 --> 00:42:17,400

between the real world and the delusions that plague them.

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00:42:18,400 --> 00:42:21,400

Well, they asked me if I knew Susan,

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00:42:21,400 --> 00:42:24,400

and I said I just barely knew the girl at all.

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00:42:24,400 --> 00:42:27,400

Then my mother came up and she busted in the door,

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00:42:27,400 --> 00:42:29,400

and she said, you have no right

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00:42:29,400 --> 00:42:31,400

to interrogate my son like this.

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00:42:31,400 --> 00:42:34,400

She said, my son did not kill the girl.

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00:42:34,400 --> 00:42:36,400

We don't know who killed the girl.

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00:42:36,400 --> 00:42:37,400

I alright you, will continue looking for

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00:42:37,400 --> 00:42:40,400

the real victim, real killer and everything.

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

That's what she told him when she busted in everything.

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

Yeah, you get your hand on him,

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00:42:44,400 --> 00:42:46,400

if you've got something on him and lock him up.

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00:42:46,400 --> 00:42:48,400

We don't have anything on him.

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00:42:48,400 --> 00:42:50,400

Well then, let him go. Come on, get up.

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00:42:50,400 --> 00:42:53,400

That's a good question.

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00:42:55,400 --> 00:42:57,400

John's mother took him in tow and stormed out

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00:42:57,400 --> 00:42:58,400

but the police were determined to question

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00:42:58,400 --> 00:43:00,400

John Purvis alone.

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00:43:00,400 --> 00:43:02,400

Four weeks later, they got their chance.

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00:43:02,400 --> 00:43:04,400

A psychiatrist, Dr. Joel Clazz

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00:43:04,400 --> 00:43:07,000

was brought to the station to administer a personality

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00:43:07,000 --> 00:43:09,800

test using TAT cards.

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00:43:09,800 --> 00:43:11,960

These cards feature ambiguous drawings

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00:43:11,960 --> 00:43:14,200

which require interpretation.

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00:43:14,200 --> 00:43:19,440

One of the cards elicited a most unusual reaction.

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00:43:19,440 --> 00:43:21,000

There's nothing on there.

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00:43:21,000 --> 00:43:22,160

There's nothing there.

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00:43:22,160 --> 00:43:23,640

There's just people.

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00:43:23,640 --> 00:43:27,440

Will I have to go to jail or can I go to hospital?

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00:43:27,440 --> 00:43:29,080

I remember even feeling intimidated

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00:43:29,080 --> 00:43:33,280

because he showed such a strong reaction.

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00:43:33,280 --> 00:43:34,840

Do you think I did it?

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00:43:34,840 --> 00:43:38,600

And after saying several times, do you think I did it?

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00:43:38,600 --> 00:43:39,920

Do you think I did it?

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00:43:39,920 --> 00:43:42,040

And I said, I don't know because I didn't

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00:43:42,040 --> 00:43:44,960

want to use any leading comments.

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00:43:44,960 --> 00:43:47,120

And he said, I killed her.

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00:43:47,120 --> 00:43:48,640

I liked her.

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00:43:48,640 --> 00:43:51,000

And then implied that she did not respond to him

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00:43:51,000 --> 00:43:53,160

in a favorable way.

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00:43:53,160 --> 00:43:56,880

Subsequently, Purvis also confessed to the police.

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00:43:56,880 --> 00:43:59,480

Those detectives down there at the police department

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00:43:59,480 --> 00:44:02,280

told me that if you'll confess that you killed Susan,

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00:44:02,280 --> 00:44:03,640

we'll let you go home.

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00:44:03,640 --> 00:44:06,240

So I had to say something in order to get out of there.

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00:44:06,240 --> 00:44:07,280

So I just said something.

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00:44:07,280 --> 00:44:08,240

I just said, I killed her.

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00:44:08,240 --> 00:44:09,920

That was all.

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00:44:09,920 --> 00:44:12,840

I had to make something up to him.

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00:44:12,840 --> 00:44:15,600

At any time did you notice the difference?

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00:44:15,600 --> 00:44:18,480

At the trial, only the confession to Dr. Klass

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00:44:18,480 --> 00:44:20,120

was allowed into evidence.

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00:44:20,120 --> 00:44:21,920

Yes, he became very tense.

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00:44:21,920 --> 00:44:23,480

Even though that confession did not

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00:44:23,480 --> 00:44:26,880

match the details of the crime, and even though John Purvis's

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00:44:26,880 --> 00:44:29,920

hair did not match the hair found at the scene,

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00:44:29,920 --> 00:44:33,040

he was convicted of murdering Susan Hamley and her daughter

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00:44:33,040 --> 00:44:33,540

Shane.

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00:44:37,400 --> 00:44:40,480

For eight and a half years, John Purvis languished in prison

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00:44:40,480 --> 00:44:44,120

as appeals exhausted, his case apparently hopeless.

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00:44:44,120 --> 00:44:46,240

In 1987, the new defense attorney

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00:44:46,240 --> 00:44:48,120

was assigned to the case.

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00:44:48,120 --> 00:44:51,280

Last spring, he contacted unsolved mysteries.

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00:44:51,280 --> 00:44:53,200

We filmed John Purvis's story.

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00:44:53,200 --> 00:44:55,680

An interest in the case was renewed.

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00:44:55,680 --> 00:44:59,120

The Fort Lauderdale police reopened their investigation

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00:44:59,120 --> 00:45:00,160

with stunning results.

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00:45:02,960 --> 00:45:06,720

The new investigation focused on Susan Hamley's ex-husband Paul,

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00:45:06,720 --> 00:45:10,200

a wealthy real estate developer in Aspen, Colorado.

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00:45:10,200 --> 00:45:12,080

At the time of the murder, Paul Hamley

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00:45:12,080 --> 00:45:15,920

was in Aspen suffering from a broken leg.

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00:45:15,920 --> 00:45:20,160

Last summer, following up on a tip they had received in 1985,

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00:45:20,160 --> 00:45:23,440

the Fort Lauderdale police came to believe John Purvis had not

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00:45:23,440 --> 00:45:25,480

killed Susan Hamley.

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00:45:25,480 --> 00:45:28,280

In return for immunity, a man named Robert Beckett

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00:45:28,320 --> 00:45:31,400

confessed that he and an accomplice, Paul Cereo,

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00:45:31,400 --> 00:45:35,200

had been paid \$14,000 to murder Susan.

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00:45:35,200 --> 00:45:37,840

The man who hired them was Paul Hamley,

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00:45:37,840 --> 00:45:44,440

his motive to avoid paying nearly \$180,000 in alimony.

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00:45:44,440 --> 00:45:50,440

In January of 1993, Paul Hamley and Paul Cereo were arrested.

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00:45:50,440 --> 00:45:54,000

The same week after nine years spent in prison for a crime

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00:45:54,000 --> 00:45:57,080

he did not commit, John Purvis was released.

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00:45:58,280 --> 00:46:00,520

It was so good about him, everything was so good.

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00:46:00,520 --> 00:46:03,280

You say, Mom, you're not going to ever go home again.

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00:46:03,280 --> 00:46:06,680

I said, you're going to go home, John, and I know you are.

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00:46:06,680 --> 00:46:08,520

The excitement of this whole case

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00:46:08,520 --> 00:46:10,840

was John Purvis being let out.

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00:46:10,840 --> 00:46:12,640

That it's one of the most circumstantial cases

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00:46:12,640 --> 00:46:15,640

we at Fort Lauderdale have ever probably had anybody convicted

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00:46:15,640 --> 00:46:16,360

on it.

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00:46:16,360 --> 00:46:18,040

I can't sit here and think of any other crime

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00:46:18,040 --> 00:46:21,960

that a man was convicted on such circumstantial evidence.

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00:46:21,960 --> 00:46:26,120

But the problem is everybody believed it.

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00:46:26,120 --> 00:46:27,760

I can't blame anybody.

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00:46:27,760 --> 00:46:30,280

It was just on a very, very unfortunate mistake.

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00:46:34,360 --> 00:46:37,600

On February 24, 1993, John Purvis

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00:46:37,600 --> 00:46:40,560

was officially exonerated in a formal hearing.

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00:46:40,560 --> 00:46:43,080

He is now back at home with his mother.

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00:46:43,080 --> 00:46:45,480

Paul Hamley and Paul Cereo have been charged

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00:46:45,480 --> 00:46:48,760

with two counts of first degree murder.

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00:46:48,760 --> 00:47:07,680

On our next Unsolved Mysteries, for centuries,

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00:47:07,680 --> 00:47:10,200

religious pilgrims have journeyed to Mexico City

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00:47:10,200 --> 00:47:13,720

to offer prayer and thanks to our Lady of Guadalupe,

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00:47:13,720 --> 00:47:16,200

a remarkable depiction of the Virgin Mary

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00:47:16,240 --> 00:47:19,400

imprinted on a piece of rough cactus cloth.

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00:47:19,400 --> 00:47:22,920

Believers claim that the striking image is truly a miracle.

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00:47:22,920 --> 00:47:25,840

Created in 1531, when a vision of Mary

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00:47:25,840 --> 00:47:28,720

appeared to a peasant named Juan Diego,

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00:47:28,720 --> 00:47:31,080

skeptics say that while our Lady of Guadalupe

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00:47:31,080 --> 00:47:35,760

has an impressive work of art, it is hardly miraculous.

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00:47:35,760 --> 00:47:38,400

Join me next time for the celebration of the Easter

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00:47:38,400 --> 00:47:40,720

season and other intriguing cases

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00:47:40,720 --> 00:47:43,040

on another edition of Unsolved Mysteries.