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

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

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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In 1992, Wendy Camp of Oklahoma City, her young daughter and her sister-in-law vanished

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after being dropped off in a department store parking lot. Their mysterious disappearance

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was a culmination of a bitter feud between two families, which has now escalated to

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accusations of kidnapping and murder.

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Meet Joseph Prushinowski, a devout Hasidic Jew, a dedicated father of 12, and one of

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the most brilliant con men ever encountered. Authorities believe his international banking

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scams have netted illegal profits in excess of \$200 million. Su-Young Kim and his wife,

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Su-Ya, came to the United States to build a better life. Then on a fateful day in 1991,

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Su-Ya left home to go shopping. She never returned, and the Kim's American dream was

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brutally shattered.

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Also tonight, the poignant search for a remarkable teacher was patience and understanding. Revere

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change the life of one of her students. Join me. Perhaps you may be able to help solve

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the mystery.

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You're about to meet a master con artist named Joseph Prushinowski. During an astonishing

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18-year crime spree, Prushinowski is allegedly defrauded financial institutions around the

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world. Estimates of his total thefts range as high as \$200 million. But this savvy swindler

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is a study in paradox. Prushinowski belongs to a deeply religious movement of Judaism

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known as the Hasidim. When he is not orchestrating one of his grandfrauds, Prushinowski will

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as likely as not be in temple praying.

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The Hasidim pray several times a day, and out of respect to God always cover their heads.

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All forms of labor, even driving, are forbidden on the side. Hasidic men do not shave or cut

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their hair, and keeping with the tradition handed down through the centuries. In contrast

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to their austere appearance, the Hasidim believe in the joyous celebration of God's work.

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Hasidics are basically Jewish fundamentalists. They all live very, very simple lives. They

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believe in actually having a community that is apart from the surrounding world. They

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in fact rely very little on the surrounding world, and so therefore are people who by their

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own choice tend to be apart from everybody else.

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By adhering to strict religious values, the Hasidim have acquired a reputation for honesty

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and rock-solid integrity. It is a perfect camouflage for Joseph Prushinowski.

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By all accounts, Joseph Prushinowski abides by the religious dictates of the Hasidic

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Jews, except when it comes to the Eighth Commandment, the Shaltnot Steel.

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Joseph Prushinowski settled in Canada in the late 1960s. He and his family, which grew

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to include twelve children, lived in a Hasidic community near Montreal. Prushinowski supposedly

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ran an export-import business from the basement of his modest home. The reality was quite

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different.

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A 1985 swim is typical of Prushinowski's ambitious schemes. His first step was to open

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his own bank, a clerical assistant named Allen Feingold unwittingly helped with the arrangements.

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So, Allen, you have maybe from me the recommendations of the locations for the bank?

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Yes, I have everything you've been asking for. I recommend that we go with Anguilla.

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The Caribbean island of Anguilla is notorious for some of the most lenient banking standards

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in the world. Prushinowski supplied two names to be the owners or principles of his bank.

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But Allen Feingold didn't know that Prushinowski had made up the names.

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All we need now are the signatures of our principles. That's all that's required.

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Here we go.

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But these are stamps?

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Yes, but they give me the authorization to use the signatures. They're very busy men,

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you know.

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Is it proper to use stamps on forms of this kind?

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The application form required a witness. So, I witnessed the signatures, which I found

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out afterwards wasn't exactly a legally accepted procedure. One, according to the law, can only

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witness a person signing and not a signature stamp.

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Allen, you've got the checks here.

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Yes, these are the checks.

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Take a look here. Let me see here.

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Chartering an actual bank was a measure of Prushinowski's sophistication. He could now

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issue official-looking bank cashier's checks, infinitely more convincing than mere personal

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checks.

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By the way, Andes, I have a list here of checks I want you to type out. The ones with the numbers

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are the most important ones.

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The second step of Prushinowski's swindling was to write out checks and amounts of up

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to \$1 million, supposedly guaranteed by the bank in Anguilla. He would then deposit the

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checks in business accounts he had set up around the world.

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Allen, I'm going to go upstairs and have dinner with the wife and the kids. You call me if

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you need me, all right?

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All right.

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Mr. Prushinowski.

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Mr. Prushinowski would then contact the bank in person or by phone, with his phenomenal

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talent for persuasion. Prushinowski convinced the bankers to advance in large amounts of

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cash, even though the checks have not yet cleared.

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Before I endorse this, I need to cash advance at \$750,000.

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Mr. Prushinowski, it's the policy of our bank to wait 14 days after deposit before you can

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draw on your account.

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So all I'm asking for is \$750,000.

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He's a very clever, very, very persuasive man, a man who trades on his being a very religious

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person when he deals with banks.

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We're going to have to wait just a few more days.

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Very good at persuading them to cash his checks, written on funny banks in faraway places with

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strange sounding names.

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All right, Mr. Prushinowski, we're going to make an exception this time, but please, in

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the future, give us 14 days before you start drawing on your account.

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Eventually, the checks are all bounced, or most of them bounced.

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By the time the bansings stopped, the bank was a million dollars short.

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Nice to see you.

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Take that over to the window.

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Right over there.

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Thank you very much.

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Have a nice day.

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Meanwhile, Alan Feingold found himself fielding calls from angry bankers demanding their money.

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Yes.

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No, Mr. Prushinowski is not here today.

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Ultimately, a Japanese company would file a lawsuit against Prushinowski and his assistant,

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Alan Feingold.

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We have many accounts with you.

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He being sued for a million dollars was something relatively shocking to me, and I didn't understand

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what was going on here.

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I was being cited as a co-defendant.

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Feingold's faith is completely shattered in March of 1987, an agent of the Royal Canadian

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Mounted Police, ascended on an office Prushinowski kept in Montreal.

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What was your about, Mr. Prushinowski?

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I give up, Mr. Prushinowski, what is happening?

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When was the last time you saw Mr. Prushinowski?

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I saw Mr. Prushinowski here at the office yesterday afternoon.

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Are you familiar with the term bank fraud?

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Bank fraud, Mr. Feingold?

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No, no, no, Mr. Demi, nothing has happened.

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I mean, Mr. Prushinowski was...

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Alan Feingold was hired by Prushinowski when he was 21 years old.

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He was very naive.

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He knew very much about the business world.

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So he could not even contemplate the possibility that Prushinowski had a criminal mind whenever

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he was asked to do things for him.

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Alan Feingold was cleared of any involvement.

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He actively assisted efforts to unravel Prushinowski's complex rip-offs.

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This is it.

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Canadian authorities also raided Prushinowski's home but came up empty-handed.

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The basement office had been cleared out, and Prushinowski had fled,

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taking his wife and ten of his children with him.

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His oldest son and daughter were to join him later.

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Mr. Ors, do you know what sort of work your father does?

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I don't know, it's just his business.

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Do you do work with your father?

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No.

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From his Canadian operations, Prushinowski left a trail of rip-offs

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totaling more than two million dollars.

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It was just a hint of what was yet to come.

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After Joseph Prushinowski left Montreal,

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he disappears off the face of the earth.

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No one seems ever to see him, hear from him again.

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But what then happens is all of a sudden, Joseph Weiss starts to appear.

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And Joseph Weiss operates fraud on exactly the same way that Joseph Prushinowski did.

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It didn't take much to figure out that Joseph Weiss and Joseph Prushinowski were one and the same.

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But now, his symptoms are becoming almost absurdly large.

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Between 1990 and 1992, financial institutions in Sweden lost more than 19 million dollars.

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In Denmark, more than 39 million dollars.

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In the Netherlands, 32 million.

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In England, 37 million.

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30 million in the United States, and more than 35 million dollars in Australia.

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The astounding total worldwide was more than 190 million dollars.

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Finally, this master con came up with one more brilliant strategy,

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one that keeps him safely beyond the reach of the law.

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In many cases, Prushinowski brazenly negotiated to give back a portion of the stolen money.

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He knows that banks don't like to go to the police.

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They don't like to prosecute people. What they want is their money back.

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So they will settle, and what that of course does is, by and large,

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it removes the lender from being a complainant to create a criminal prosecution problem

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for Prushinowski in that particular country.

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And he's used that tactic very successfully all over the world.

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However, a few banks are unwilling to settle,

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and today, warrants for Prushinowski's arrest are outstanding in Canada and the United States.

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The stunning fact that Joseph Prushinowski is convinced one bank after another

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to hand over hundreds of millions of dollars

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naturally raises the question of what he does with all that money.

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What is unique about Joseph Prushinowski is there is no evidence

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that he is actually personally benefited in any way at all from these frauds.

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The evidence is such that you have to accept that Prushinowski's frauds

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have largely had to benefit, I believe indirectly, not directly,

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his own community and other similar Hasidic communities.

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Authorities believe Prushinowski uses a stolen fund to start up numerous legitimate businesses.

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In turn, the profits from these companies are given to the Hasidic community,

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which remains unaware of the criminal origin of the money.

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Prushinowski, I think, likes to see himself as a Robin Hood figure.

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It's a way of giving a rationalization to what he does.

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I feel that it has caused irreparable damage for the Jewish community, as I say, around the globe,

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because it helps to portray an image of religious Jewish people,

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or Jewish people in general, as being crooks and robbers,

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which, of course, is not the truth as to the basic doctrines of our faith and how we practice.

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This mugshot, the only known picture of Joseph Prushinowski,

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was taken when he was 42 years old,

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at the time, using a Connecticut prison on a fraud conviction.

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Prushinowski is now 54. His 5 feet 9 inches tall weighs around 170 pounds,

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and probably has a full beard.

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The End

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Next, charges of child abuse, kidnapping, and murder tear two families apart.

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The End

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There is no such thing as a routine disappearance.

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Last year in Oklahoma, two women and a young girl suddenly and mysteriously dropped from sight.

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When authorities began to investigate,

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they unexpectedly found themselves in the midst of a bitter dispute between two families.

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At the center of the controversy is 24-year-old Wendy Kapp.

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She, her daughter Cynthia, and her sister-in-law Renee were last seen in May of 1992.

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The truth remains tangled in an angry barrage of charges and countercharges,

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child abuse, kidnapping, and murder.

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It all began rather innocently during the spring of 1987.

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Wendy was divorced, and her daughter Cynthia was less than six months old.

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Wendy was working at an ice cream pod in Edmond, Oklahoma,

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when she fell in love with a coworker named Chad Null.

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So, uh, are we still on tonight?

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Yeah.

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They hit it off fairly quickly and started a relationship,

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and then she got pregnant with her second child.

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And, uh, he convinced her to marry him,

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and they got married about three or four weeks before Jonathan was born.

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Just one month after Jonathan's birth,

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Wendy developed a crippling case of multiple sclerosis.

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Both her health and her marriage disintegrated.

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Wendy was hospitalized for nearly a year.

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Chad filed for divorce and was awarded primary custody of Jonathan.

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Of course, along with the MS,

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I didn't think she would be able to help me raise my child.

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And instead of having two people to, or two children to deal with,

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I just decided that it was best if we got a divorce,

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and I helped her raise the child on my own.

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Reach up and put this ring on this one.

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Wendy was too ill to contest the court's decision.

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For about two years, she struggled through physical therapy

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just to regain simple skills such as eating and walking.

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During this time, friends introduced Wendy to Leon Camp.

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They were married in 1990 and set up housekeeping in Oklahoma City.

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Wendy's daughter Cynthia lived with them,

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and by all accounts, Leon proved to be the loving father she needed.

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As Wendy's condition improved,

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she began to ask her ex-husband Chad for visits with Jonathan,

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now three years old.

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Everyone agrees that at first, the visitations went smoothly.

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Jonathan spent a few weekends with Wendy and Leon in 1990.

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Then, according to Wendy's mother,

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Chad's family began to sabotage the visits.

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She would call and make an appointment with them,

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set up a time and everything for her to see him,

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and she would go there and they would not be at home.

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And then they kept moving and getting unlisted phone numbers,

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this type of thing, so it was almost impossible to keep track of them.

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Or herding, you know?

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Chad, no, remembers it differently.

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She was allowed to visit him whenever she wanted,

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and there was never really any hard feelings up until the time

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that my grandma or my mother informed me that he was being sexually molested,

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and then that's whenever the visitations were cut off.

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There was no molestation, not once, so ever.

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And the idea of them thinking, it just tore me up inside, and I was mad.

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The visitation squabble had escalated sharply,

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with Chad and his family now accusing Leon of criminal sexual abuse.

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However, the charges could neither be proven nor disproven.

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The court cited Chad for contempt,

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and ordered him to allow Wendy and Leon's visits to resume.

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For more than six months, Chad refused.

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Then on May 29, 1992, he had a sudden change of heart.

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Oh, yeah, that would be great. That would be just great.

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Chad is going to let me see Jonathan today.

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All right.

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Chad even said his mother, Beverly, know, would pick Wendy up,

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since a multiple sclerosis had left her unable to drive.

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Chad is going to let me see Jonathan today.

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Beverly is going to pick me up at the very end of the clock.

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I didn't want Wendy going by herself, because I didn't trust these people,

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and me and Chad didn't get along,

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and I was just, I was just, I was just, I was just,

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and I was just, something inside of me, I just felt like

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she better not go by herself.

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By the time Beverly arrived, Leon had convinced his sister,

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Renee Krieger, to accompany Wendy and Cynthia on the trip.

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What do you think y'all be back tonight?

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Oh, couple hours, probably around supper time.

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Well, you be careful. You make sure you call me. You hear?

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All right, I will.

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00:19:28,720 --> 00:19:29,720

All right, I love you.

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Love you too, babe.

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I kissed Wendy goodbye first, and they got in the car,

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and took off, and I waved at them, and that was the last time I seen them.

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The 115-mile drive to Chad's home in Shamrock, Oklahoma,

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took just over two hours.

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When the group arrived in town at about 1.45 p.m.,

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Wendy telephoned Leon.

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Hi, babe.

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We're fine. We're fine. We're just at the cafe.

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00:20:02,720 --> 00:20:03,720

We're waiting for Chad to get here.

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Okay, the first time she called me, that day was about

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one-something to let me know that she had made it all right.

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We sat there and visited, and she didn't even really play with Jonathan.

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Her and Jonathan and Cynthia played for a while,

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but she mostly sat there and drank coffee with me out on the porch and talked.

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Around 4.15, it was time for Wendy to say goodbye to Jonathan,

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and she, Cynthia, and Renee climbed into Beverly's car

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for their ride back to Oklahoma City.

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They were joined by Chad's grandmother, Ida Prude.

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Before leaving Shamrock, Wendy called Leon again.

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We'll be home in just a few hours. Beverly's ready to leave now.

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00:20:53,720 --> 00:20:55,720

Okay.

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At about 4.30, 4.45, she called me to let me know how the visit went.

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She said that, uh, Beverly was in a hurry,

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so she had to get off the phone, and that was the last I talked to her.

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Phone company records verify that Wendy called Leon at 4.42 p.m.,

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but virtually everything else about that afternoon has become tainted by suspicion.

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The last people known to have seen Wendy and her companions alive

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were Beverly Noe and Ida Prude, Chad's mother and grandmother.

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Beverly declined to participate in this broadcast.

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What follows is Ida Prude's account of the trip.

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The visit took place here in Shamrock.

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After taking Wendy, Cynthia, and Renee to Oklahoma City,

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Beverly was to drive back to Cushing,

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where she planned to meet Chad in a restaurant between 7 and 8 p.m.

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Now, Chad is never at the house. Chad doesn't spend any time with them.

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Chad is a good father, and he provides for his son.

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Now, there are no two of us.

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According to Ida, Wendy was unpleasant company from the very beginning.

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Apparently, he's just being with me. That's what he needs.

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He needs the justice, he needs stability in his life.

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I think he needs the stability of us,

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and I'm a little concerned about your multiple sclerosis, dear.

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Now, I know you have been-

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What he needs is to spend some time with his mother.

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And all this time, all the way to town, she's just griping on a bitch.

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And that's all she could do.

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So, after they got back in the car and everything,

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I told Beverly, I said, just take me back home.

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I said, you got to put up with this, but I don't.

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So, she brought me back home, and then she went on.

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Ida Pruitt says she was dropped off at around 5 p.m.

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She claims Beverly later told her that the bickering continued

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for the next half hour.

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And there was no reason for you to upset Ida like that.

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That was totally uncalled for, Wendy.

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She loves that little boy.

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I love him, too.

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That's why I want to spend more time with him.

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You get enough time to spend with him, but he needs me.

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He needs his grandma.

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He needs his mother.

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She said that time she got to Chandler,

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she had had just about all she could stand.

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And she pulled in Walmart and told him to get out.

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Beverly has told police that she pulled into a shopping center parking lot

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in Chandler, 45 miles from Wendy's home.

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She then ordered Wendy, Cynthia, and Rene out of the car.

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They never returned home.

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They never called.

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They never asked anyone for help.

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It was as though they had dropped off the face of the earth.

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About 8 o'clock that night, I started thinking,

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well, they should have been home by now.

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And then midnight that night, I said,

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well, it's gone too far.

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I've got to call the police.

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And I did.

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And they came out and took a brief description of everything.

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We did an aerial search, which involved four and five airplanes

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searching a five-county area.

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It also involved several search teams,

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and nothing was discovered at that time.

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The bizarre disappearance was a talk of Oklahoma City for days,

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but no other leads in the case.

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Beverly knows version of the afternoon's events became the focus

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of intense official scrutiny.

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At the time that Beverly know left Shamrock, Oklahoma,

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which would have been between 4.30 and 5.00 in the evening,

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she agreed to meet her son Chad in Cushing at a restaurant at 7.00

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that evening.

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It could not have been done in that small amount of time.

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According to authorities, Beverly had told Chad

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she would meet him just two hours after she left Shamrock.

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Even though the trip from Shamrock to Oklahoma City

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and back to Cushing would take three hours to drive,

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in addition, Beverly took the old two-lane highway

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instead of the faster superhighway.

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Wendy's family is also disturbed about Wendy's failure

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to telephone from the shopping center.

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Wendy was very, very dependent upon Leon,

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and she'd already called twice.

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She would have immediately gone in and called her husband Leon,

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or if she wasn't able to get along with him,

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00:25:23,720 --> 00:25:26,720

she would have called me.

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00:25:26,720 --> 00:25:30,720

I felt that my daughter and my granddaughter

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00:25:30,720 --> 00:25:35,720

and the sister-in-law were murdered that Friday night.

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I feel that Ida, Beverly and Chad all three are involved.

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I feel that they pretty well had their plans laid out

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on what they were going to do when they made the phone call

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to ask Wendy if she wanted to see Jonathan.

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And I figured whoever got in that car,

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they were going to do what they had planned to do.

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Beverly and I did not have nothing to do with their

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disappearances, and I know this.

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I don't care whether they know it or not, or believe it,

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but I know it.

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There is no way that I or my grandma or my mother

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00:26:12,720 --> 00:26:16,720

could kill them, or ship them off somewhere,

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or are still holding them.

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In spite of Chaz' denials, two residents of Shamrock

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have told authorities that they overheard him boasting

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that he had killed Wendy, Cynthia and Renee,

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but that no one would ever find their bodies.

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Maybe in one of my drunken stupors, I might have popped up,

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oh, yeah, yeah, I did it, but there ain't no way

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00:26:40,720 --> 00:26:46,720

and no way in ever I could have did something like that.

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I'm not a violent person.

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Despite all the bitter recriminations

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between the two families, no physical evidence has ever

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been found to indicate what happened to Wendy Kemp,

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Cynthia Brittle, and Renee Krieger.

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Three months after they disappeared,

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a woman who knows the family claimed to have seen Cynthia alive.

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Police believe the account is credible.

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However, there have been no further sightings for more than a year.

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When we return, a woman needs your help to find the body.

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When we return, a woman needs your help to find the teacher

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who turned her life around.

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45-year-old Dolores Brooks has spent much of her life

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in the same section of Brooklyn, New York

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she knew as a young girl.

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Her thoughts frequently turn to her childhood,

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and a special friend Dolores hasn't seen since she herself

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was a teenager more than 25 years ago.

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In the early 1960s, Dolores moved to Brooklyn

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from a small town in North Carolina.

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She was a shy country girl, overwhelmed by the crowds

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in the concrete jungle that was New York City.

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It was really a big culture shock in reference

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to the buildings being so tall and everything

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because in North Carolina, people used to come from miles around

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just to see a three-story building,

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so it was really a big deal.

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Dolores suffered the awkwardness common to many teenagers.

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That was complicated by strange relations at home

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and the anxiety of entering a big city school.

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The kids, they seemed to be so knowing the New York kids

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and being a southern girl, you know,

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I just didn't feel that I fit in at the time.

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As Dolores began her first semester at Decatur Junior High,

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she was shocked by her classmates' rowdy behavior.

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She never dreamed that in the midst of the chaos,

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she was about to meet the person who would change her life.

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Class, good morning.

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Hello!

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Okay, everybody take your seats.

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Thank you very much.

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My name is Miss Strauss.

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The new music teacher, Madeline Strauss,

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was an outsider just like Dolores.

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Please sit down. Excuse me.

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So she really looked like an uptown girl.

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She didn't look like the type that would be teaching at this school.

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You know, she really looked stylish.

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Now this first piece I'm going to play for you

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00:30:16,720 --> 00:30:18,720

is by a man named Wolfgang Amidou.

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A new day had dawned in music class.

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Dolores would soon discover that life offered much more than problems and conflict.

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Her eyes were open to the beauty in the world,

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thanks to Madeline Strauss.

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Now, even though she really loved music

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and she demanded that we loved it too,

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if we didn't love it, we have to be quiet about it and respect it.

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But eventually music comes through to everyone and we all did love it.

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Hi, Dolores. Come on in.

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Thanks for coming. I really appreciate it.

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By the following school year, Madeline had become a friend to Dolores,

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as well as a teacher.

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Dolores was frequently invited to visit the apartment where Madeline lived with her father.

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The first time I went to her apartment,

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it was really overwhelming, such a beautiful place and so much space.

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I couldn't get over that.

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I didn't know it was luxury. It looked just like a big museum.

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She lived at least 30 floors up.

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I don't remember how many, but it was at least 30.

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And I would look out and I could see Central Park.

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This was really a new experience for me.

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It was like walking out of one world into another.

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And I became like a changed person when I walked through those doors as the time went on.

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Over the next two years, Madeline took Dolores to chamber concerts and other musical events,

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even lending her clothing and jewelry for these occasions.

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It was a life Dolores had only dreamed of, and it slowly nurtured a new self-image.

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Once somebody cared about you, automatically your self-esteem picked up.

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It wasn't anything that I could really explain that happened,

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but I just felt better about myself.

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I walked with my head up for once in my life,

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and I just felt more relaxed and at ease because someone cared about me and I knew it.

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Graduation day, June of 1964, a day of mixed emotions for Dolores Brooks.

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Leaving junior high meant that Madeline Strauss would no longer be a daily presence in her life.

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Without that positive influence, family problems would overwhelm Dolores.

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She ran away from home, dropped out of school, and eventually became a ward of the court.

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In 1966, Dolores was stricken with what she believes was Rye's syndrome,

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a potentially fatal condition that affects the brain.

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She spent nearly a month in the hospital, most of that time in a coma.

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Dolores recovered and was left with partial amnesia.

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In the summer of 1967, Dolores was stopped on the street by a woman who seemed to know her.

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Dolores! Oh my goodness! Look at you! You look so great!

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I've missed you! How are you?

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Do I know you?

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Dolores, don't you remember me?

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It's me, Madeline, your music teacher.

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Well, I hope I was a good student. But I have to go.

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I didn't know who she was, you know.

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When I saw her maybe three to four times after that, over the next year or so,

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and I still didn't remember her, and she would hug me in the street and act so glad to see me,

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and I didn't know who she was.

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Dolores went on to complete her education and trained as a practical nurse.

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She eventually moved to Chicago, where in 1982, her memories of Madeline Strauss were reawaken.

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Excuse me. Where are you from?

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I'm from Brooklyn.

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That's what I thought you said. What section?

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Best I.

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Me too. No kidding. What school did you go to?

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Decatur Junior High School.

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Yeah, that's where I went. I remember you. We were in the same music class.

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I sat right across from you.

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Really?

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Yeah, remember the teacher?

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We started talking about our teachers and Madeline came up, and from there the memories started coming back.

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But it's a perfect to meet.

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Once the memory came back, I decided I would like to find her because I really realized how much we had in the past,

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and then when I met her on the street so many times and didn't know her,

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that I felt that I needed to see her again, to let her know that it wasn't all lost,

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the time that she put into me.

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I would like to just say thank you.

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Next, the family's dream of a better life in America ends in tragedy.

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New York City has traditionally served as a beacon for those who look to America for a new and better life.

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Nearly every country in the world has an immigrant community enriching the city,

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and to the newly arrived, New York symbolizes the American dream.

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Su-young Kim and Su-ya Yoo lived that dream.

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Born in South Korea, they worked hard and saved every penny.

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In 1981, they married and sold, then moved to the United States.

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Su-young and Su-ya worked in flea markets until they were able to open two stores,

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one in Long Island and the other in Bushman, a section of Brooklyn known for its ethnic diversity.

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My wife and I were very nervous about our opening.

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We cleaned and set up everything together.

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There was no single item in the store not touched by her.

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We worked very hard from early in the morning until late at night, seven days ago,

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and we were blessed with fortune and happiness.

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As a business grew, so did the Kim family.

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Su-young and Su-young had two sons,

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and often the whole family could be found at the Brooklyn store.

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The Kims eventually moved to a spacious apartment in Queens.

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There in the afternoon of June 29, 1991,

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just five days after Su-young and Su-ya had celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary,

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Su-ya left the boys with her grandmother while she went out shopping.

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Okay, not too much time with this, huh?

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When Su-ya walked out of the apartment that day,

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no one imagined that the Kim's American dream was about to come crashing down.

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When Su-young Kim came home from the store at 8 p.m.,

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he was worried to find that Su-ya had not returned from her shopping trip.

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He called all her friends, but no one knew where she was.

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Our family is here.

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Eventually, Su-young's brother joined the vigil.

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Su-young's concerned mother after he found Su-ya's car still parked in the garage is engine stone gold.

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My wife had never been out that late for the 10 years of our marriage.

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I was getting more and more worried.

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I could not stop thinking that something bad must have happened to her.

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I stayed up all night waiting for her, but she did not return home.

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The next day, Su-young Kim was summoned to the medical examiner's office to identify a body.

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I could not and did not want to believe what was going on.

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As soon as I recognized my wife's body, I felt that everything was over.

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The whole world seemed to crush upon me.

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I could not think of anything else except my children.

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Su-ya Kim had been stabbed nine times.

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Her body dumped in the section of Brooklyn known as Bedford Stuyvesant,

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seven miles from the Kim's apartment in Queens.

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Although she was new, there was no evidence of rape.

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Su-ya's murder appeared to be yet another senseless act of random violence.

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But unlike many random crimes, this one had a witness.

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Joe Jones was a private security guard hired to patrol an abandoned building in Bedford Stuyvesant.

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Around 3 a.m., 10 hours after Su-ya had disappeared,

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Jones noticed a man behind the building.

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Hey, yo man, you can't dump there.

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I can't dump here?

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No, you can't dump here.

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He hesitated a couple seconds.

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Then he said, what if I give you \$20?

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So I said, you're okay.

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So at that time when I'm taking the \$20, I see that he had blood on him.

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So I said, yo, how you getting blood?

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How you getting blood on you like that?

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Um, I just got into a fight.

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The man's demeanor made Joe Jones suspicious.

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He got a brief glimpse of the license plate before the car backed out.

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Gets in a car, drive away, but he stops at the corner.

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So when he stopped at the corner, I'm still standing there, you know?

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I think he thought I was gonna go back and see what he put in the gavel.

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And I really got suspicious when he drove to the corner.

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He was looking at me, and I was looking at him.

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So when I went back, I looked on the ground, I saw spots,

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spots of blood going towards the garbage can.

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Joe Jones recruited a friend who happened by.

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Together, they cautiously probed the contents of the dumpster.

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Amidst layers of debris, they saw a woman's hand.

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It was the body of Suya Kim.

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In an uncanned scene, the man was in a car.

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In uncanny coincidence, the first vehicle to pass by was an ambulance,

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but it was too late. Suya had already been dead for hours.

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Thanks to Joe Jones, police had a description of the killer and his car.

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We ran all the, um, the Nissan's that fit that description with that plate number.

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And New York City, we tried to, uh, match registered owners by using that partial plate.

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And we were able to come up with one match.

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Thank you. Could you do me a favor?

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The vehicle was registered to a Taiwanese exchange student

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at CW Post College in Long Island.

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She said she had not driven it since about 10 o'clock the night before.

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After dinner.

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You went after dinner?

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Yes.

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And what time did you get back in?

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I come home 10.

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Okay. Did you go anywhere after that?

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No, I stay home.

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Suya had been stabbed repeatedly, yet there was no blood in or on the car.

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When police checked the engine, they found that the car had in fact not been driven for hours.

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All right. Does anyone have, have an extra set of keys to your car?

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No. Only, only I.

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So you're the only driver you didn't let anyone borrow the car last night?

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No.

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At this time, we don't have any other clues.

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Okay.

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Uh, the plate number came up to a car that, there was a blue Nissan that, uh,

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fit the description that Mr. Jones told us.

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However, it wasn't the car. We don't believe it was the car at this time.

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I don't understand it. You know, it was, it is a mystery.

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You know, cause I thought once they, once I gave them the lights and plates in the car,

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they could pick them up.

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But then when they found the car, they said this wasn't the car.

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So, I don't know.

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Police now began to look at the star witness, Joe Jones, as a suspect.

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They requested that Jones take a lie detector test.

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He passed with flying colors.

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The police are positive he had nothing to do with Suya's murder.

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For nearly two years, Suyoung Kim stayed on in the United States.

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But the memories of Suya proved too painful to bear.

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In April of 1993, he shut down his business and returned with his two little boys to Korea.

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I could not stand being in the store anymore because everything there reminds me of my wife.

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Now, there are no good memories coming here in America.

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Since it happened, I lost all my hope and dream.

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I have suffered so much.

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I'm still struggling hard to get over my wife's death for the sake of our children.

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I still truly love her and miss her.

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Police have one particular theory which may help identify Suya's killer.

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The dumpster in Bedford, Stuyvesant was not easily visible from the street.

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So, police believe the killer may be a delivery man or a cab driver.

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Someone would detailed knowledge of the neighborhood.

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The suspect is in his mid-twenties, an approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall.

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He has blonde hair and blue eyes and weighs between 130 and 140 pounds.

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When last seen, he was wearing a torn and bloodstained fishnet tank top

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with blue and white jogging shorts which had yellow sailboat insignias on the leg.

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On our next Unsold Mysteries, with Halloween just around the corner,

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a ghostly tale seems in order.

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And in Lake Wales, Florida, you'll find a haunted house that apparently has it all,

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an alluring phantom, a shadowy specter and a demonic possession.

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Join me next time for this lively tour of the spirit world

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and much more on Unsold Mysteries.

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