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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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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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00:00:16,280 --> 00:00:19,200

In San Francisco, the murder of a wealthy businessman

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00:00:19,200 --> 00:00:21,760

has baffled police for over a year.

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With the investigation stalled, the lead detective

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tried a novel approach.

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He opened his case files to a handful of volunteer sluice

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00:00:29,960 --> 00:00:33,360

and rolled in a course called Murder 101.

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Tonight you'll see whether the students came up

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00:00:35,360 --> 00:00:38,280

with new clues that might actually help solve the case.

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00:00:40,920 --> 00:00:44,080

In Rhode Island, a fiery car crash leaves a young mother

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00:00:44,080 --> 00:00:46,000

paralyzed and unconscious.

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00:00:46,000 --> 00:00:49,600

Now she needs your help to find the two anonymous heroes who

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00:00:49,600 --> 00:00:51,800

saved her life.

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00:00:51,800 --> 00:00:55,720

In 1984, the police found a man who was a victim of a murder

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00:00:56,400 --> 00:01:00,000

seven-year-old Gary Grant Jr. The son of a police officer

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was found murdered in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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Incredibly, the prime suspect was just a boy himself

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00:01:06,680 --> 00:01:10,440

who confessed to the crime and then recanted it.

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00:01:10,440 --> 00:01:11,920

Join me tonight.

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00:01:11,920 --> 00:01:14,240

You may be able to help solve a mystery.

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00:01:56,120 --> 00:02:02,720

San Francisco, California, December 1993.

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A prosperous businessman who supplied noodles

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00:02:05,440 --> 00:02:07,720

to dozens of Chinatown restaurants is stabbed to death.

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00:02:10,720 --> 00:02:14,720

Case file number 931-8613.

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The suspect was found in a car crash.

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The suspect was found in a car crash.

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00:02:18,720 --> 00:02:20,720

The suspect was found in a car crash.

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00:02:20,720 --> 00:02:22,720

The suspect was found in a car crash.

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File number 931-86131.

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00:02:26,720 --> 00:02:28,220

Current status, unsolved.

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00:02:31,440 --> 00:02:34,600

The Chinatown case has just won a thousands of unsolved murders

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00:02:34,600 --> 00:02:37,920

that plague police departments across the country.

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00:02:37,920 --> 00:02:39,920

With no immediate solution in sight,

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00:02:39,920 --> 00:02:43,480

the detective in charge tried an unconventional approach.

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00:02:43,480 --> 00:02:45,840

He opened his case files to a college class called

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00:02:45,840 --> 00:02:47,840

Murder We Solve.

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00:02:47,840 --> 00:02:50,480

Created by a woman named Brooke Stewart,

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00:02:50,480 --> 00:02:53,400

the class had already helped close one case, the slaying

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00:02:53,400 --> 00:02:56,520

of a taxi driver in 1992.

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00:02:56,520 --> 00:02:59,040

Tonight, we invite you to join another group of students

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00:02:59,040 --> 00:03:02,400

as they try to unravel the peculiar case of the murdered

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00:03:02,400 --> 00:03:03,800

Chinatown businessman.

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00:03:03,800 --> 00:03:05,760

How many of you ever thought that you

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00:03:05,760 --> 00:03:10,520

would be sitting here today solving an actual murder?

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00:03:10,520 --> 00:03:13,840

When Brooke Stewart's class met in December of 1994,

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00:03:13,840 --> 00:03:16,560

the would-be detectives included a ballet teacher,

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00:03:16,560 --> 00:03:19,200

a housewife, and several writers.

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00:03:19,240 --> 00:03:22,040

San Francisco police inspector, Prentice Sanders,

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00:03:22,040 --> 00:03:25,080

briefed the students on the case.

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00:03:25,080 --> 00:03:26,480

Good morning.

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00:03:26,480 --> 00:03:29,920

So you want to be homicide detectives, huh?

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00:03:29,920 --> 00:03:33,680

Well, first, you've got to buy yourself a hat like this.

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00:03:33,680 --> 00:03:37,040

I've been working on this case now almost a year.

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00:03:37,040 --> 00:03:43,440

And certainly, I have believed that once you've become stymied,

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00:03:43,440 --> 00:03:46,560

you take the case and look at it from an entirely different

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00:03:46,560 --> 00:03:48,920

angle, open it up and start all over again

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00:03:48,920 --> 00:03:52,160

and the class gave me an opportunity to do that.

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00:03:52,160 --> 00:03:54,560

Let me introduce you to your victim.

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00:03:54,560 --> 00:03:57,320

Jim Fang was a 42-year-old businessman,

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00:03:57,320 --> 00:03:59,600

owner of two noodle factories.

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00:03:59,600 --> 00:04:03,240

On December 18, 1993, he and an employee

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00:04:03,240 --> 00:04:05,600

were attacked by a pair of assailants.

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00:04:05,600 --> 00:04:07,280

Jim Fang was stabbed to death.

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00:04:11,520 --> 00:04:16,280

Inspector Sanders was called to the scene around 1.30 AM.

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00:04:16,280 --> 00:04:18,720

How do you have your room?

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00:04:19,640 --> 00:04:23,880

A rear window of Mr. Fang's van was broken.

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00:04:23,880 --> 00:04:26,400

The van's interior ransacked.

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00:04:26,400 --> 00:04:29,440

No fingerprints were found, but the murder weapon

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00:04:29,440 --> 00:04:31,800

had been left behind.

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00:04:31,800 --> 00:04:34,520

In the van, we found the knife.

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00:04:34,520 --> 00:04:39,880

The knife turned out to be a regular, cheap, kitchen,

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00:04:39,880 --> 00:04:41,840

steak knife.

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00:04:41,840 --> 00:04:47,440

It's one that you would pay \$0.99 for at the \$0.99 store.

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00:04:47,480 --> 00:04:52,840

And it was very worn, as if it had been washed 100 times

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00:04:52,840 --> 00:04:55,040

or more.

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00:04:55,040 --> 00:04:58,000

Authorities also recovered this BB gun.

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00:04:58,000 --> 00:05:00,840

However, they weren't certain it had been used in the assault

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00:05:00,840 --> 00:05:03,360

until they interviewed the only witness to the crime.

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00:05:06,080 --> 00:05:07,960

The evening of the murder, Jim Fang

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00:05:07,960 --> 00:05:10,720

had offered a ride home to one of his supervisors,

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00:05:10,720 --> 00:05:13,800

Mrs. Yi Sung.

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00:05:13,800 --> 00:05:19,000

Shortly after midnight, they exited the building,

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00:05:19,000 --> 00:05:21,720

left and went outside, just outside,

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00:05:21,720 --> 00:05:27,600

and got into Mr. Fang's van.

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00:05:27,600 --> 00:05:31,960

The window was broken out, and Mr. Fang did not

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00:05:31,960 --> 00:05:35,080

notice that his window was broken.

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00:05:35,080 --> 00:05:37,360

He and his passenger entered the van,

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00:05:37,360 --> 00:05:39,360

and he drove about 100 feet.

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00:05:44,360 --> 00:05:46,720

What are you doing?

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00:05:46,720 --> 00:05:48,000

Who are you?

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00:05:48,000 --> 00:05:49,520

Get out of the way.

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00:05:49,520 --> 00:05:51,800

What are you doing?

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00:05:51,800 --> 00:05:55,520

According to Mrs. Yi, the two young men

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00:05:55,520 --> 00:05:58,720

spoke in fluent Cantonese.

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00:05:58,720 --> 00:06:01,600

They demanded the money.

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00:06:01,600 --> 00:06:04,440

Where is the money?

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00:06:04,440 --> 00:06:09,440

The man with the gun struck Mrs. Yi

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00:06:09,440 --> 00:06:12,480

along the side of the head with the gun,

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00:06:12,520 --> 00:06:15,480

demanding that she not turn around nor look.

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00:06:24,000 --> 00:06:26,080

Mrs. Yi said the terrifying episode

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00:06:26,080 --> 00:06:30,160

lasted more than half an hour, far longer than most robberies.

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00:06:30,160 --> 00:06:32,800

During that time, the two men ripped apart the van's

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00:06:32,800 --> 00:06:35,960

interior, repeating over and over their demand

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00:06:35,960 --> 00:06:37,760

for the money, the money.

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00:06:43,480 --> 00:06:46,600

The killer struck with brutal accuracy.

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00:06:46,600 --> 00:06:48,800

A single plunge of the knife sliced directly

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00:06:48,800 --> 00:06:51,880

into Mr. Fang's heart.

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00:06:51,880 --> 00:06:55,120

Either this stabber is very lucky

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00:06:55,120 --> 00:07:01,160

to hit such a vital spot, or he is very experienced

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00:07:01,160 --> 00:07:05,240

in knowing where the vital spot is.

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00:07:05,240 --> 00:07:07,400

Before fleeing, the assailants threatened

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00:07:07,400 --> 00:07:11,160

to kill Mrs. Yi if she called for help.

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00:07:11,160 --> 00:07:14,400

She stayed there about two hours,

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00:07:14,400 --> 00:07:19,760

afraid to move because of the threat.

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00:07:19,760 --> 00:07:23,240

She didn't hear a car leave, and did she

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00:07:23,240 --> 00:07:26,280

didn't hear anyone running.

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00:07:26,280 --> 00:07:28,200

We're now open for questions.

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00:07:28,200 --> 00:07:29,560

Just before I go into the kitchen.

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00:07:29,560 --> 00:07:33,160

The case review provoked a number of insightful questions.

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00:07:33,160 --> 00:07:34,560

One of the things that keeps bothering me

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00:07:34,560 --> 00:07:35,960

is the murder weapon.

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00:07:35,960 --> 00:07:39,520

It's a cheesy little kitchen knife that's all worn out.

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00:07:39,520 --> 00:07:41,360

And if I was going to go get serious with somebody,

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00:07:41,360 --> 00:07:44,320

I wouldn't take a beat up old kitchen knife.

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00:07:44,320 --> 00:07:46,720

Have you checked to see if that kind of cheap knife that

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00:07:46,720 --> 00:07:48,840

was used is used at any of the restaurants

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00:07:48,840 --> 00:07:50,320

where he has clients?

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00:07:50,320 --> 00:07:55,080

Mrs. Yi kept saying they kept asking where the money is.

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00:07:55,080 --> 00:07:55,560

Right.

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00:07:55,560 --> 00:07:58,040

They were looking for a large quantity of money.

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00:07:58,040 --> 00:08:01,240

They thought he had a large amount of money.

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00:08:01,240 --> 00:08:04,160

What do his personal and business bank records show?

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00:08:04,160 --> 00:08:07,560

Any recent large money that went in and out

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00:08:07,560 --> 00:08:10,240

that might be what the question where is the money

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00:08:10,240 --> 00:08:12,160

referred to?

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00:08:12,160 --> 00:08:15,280

That's an excellent question, and I tell you why.

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00:08:15,280 --> 00:08:18,120

Inspector Sanders told the class what he knew about Mr.

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00:08:18,120 --> 00:08:21,080

Fang's daily activities.

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00:08:21,080 --> 00:08:22,480

Hello, Tantai.

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00:08:22,480 --> 00:08:23,720

Hello, how are you?

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00:08:23,720 --> 00:08:25,400

In times accompanied by his wife,

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00:08:25,400 --> 00:08:28,680

Fang had personally collected money from his customers.

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00:08:28,680 --> 00:08:32,680

A typical day would net up to \$1,000 in cash.

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00:08:32,680 --> 00:08:34,360

\$300?

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00:08:34,360 --> 00:08:35,120

Good price.

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00:08:35,120 --> 00:08:36,040

Best price in the city.

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00:08:36,040 --> 00:08:38,200

Every time you come in, your price goes up.

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00:08:38,200 --> 00:08:39,120

Here's your \$300.

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00:08:39,120 --> 00:08:41,800

I have a hard time with the thought

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00:08:41,800 --> 00:08:44,800

that Mr. Fang made the routes himself,

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00:08:44,800 --> 00:08:47,280

collecting the receipts and collecting the money.

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00:08:47,280 --> 00:08:49,680

There wasn't something else involved for him doing this

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00:08:49,680 --> 00:08:51,120

as a successful businessman.

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00:08:51,120 --> 00:08:53,240

Why wouldn't he have somebody else here?

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00:08:53,240 --> 00:08:55,160

Well, that's a good question.

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00:08:55,160 --> 00:08:57,880

But he routinely did it himself.

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00:08:57,880 --> 00:09:01,000

Now, you may be, I, that thought has crossed my mind.

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00:09:01,000 --> 00:09:03,160

Maybe he's frugal.

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00:09:03,160 --> 00:09:04,840

Is it that he is frugal?

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00:09:04,840 --> 00:09:08,040

Or is it that there is something else going on?

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00:09:08,040 --> 00:09:08,960

That's what we have to find out.

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00:09:08,960 --> 00:09:10,720

In fact, there was evidence that the case

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00:09:10,720 --> 00:09:12,880

had another dimension.

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00:09:12,880 --> 00:09:15,040

Three weeks after the slaying, Sanders

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00:09:15,040 --> 00:09:19,000

received a call from a mysterious tipster.

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00:09:19,000 --> 00:09:20,600

Who's this?

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00:09:20,600 --> 00:09:21,880

Oh, OK, OK.

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00:09:21,880 --> 00:09:22,920

No, I don't care who you are.

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00:09:22,920 --> 00:09:23,800

OK.

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00:09:23,800 --> 00:09:28,960

Inform and advise that I should look into the gambling angle

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00:09:28,960 --> 00:09:30,120

with Mr. Fang.

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00:09:30,120 --> 00:09:34,200

That Mr. Fang was, in fact, an avid gambler

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00:09:34,240 --> 00:09:40,760

and had connections in the Chinese community for gambling.

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00:09:40,760 --> 00:09:44,720

And that that was likely the motive for his murder

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00:09:44,720 --> 00:09:48,080

rather than petty robbery.

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00:09:48,080 --> 00:09:49,920

If the caller was to be believed,

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00:09:49,920 --> 00:09:52,640

Jin Fang had been a key figure in the shadowy world

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00:09:52,640 --> 00:09:56,000

of illegal gambling, both as a better and as a bookmaker.

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00:09:56,000 --> 00:09:57,360

This week should be even better.

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00:09:57,360 --> 00:09:59,200

I want to put \$20,000 on the Dallas case.

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00:09:59,200 --> 00:10:01,520

That's four times what you did last week.

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00:10:01,520 --> 00:10:02,120

I know that.

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00:10:02,120 --> 00:10:03,320

I'm good for it, you know.

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00:10:03,320 --> 00:10:05,600

The informant claimed that on the day of his death,

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00:10:05,600 --> 00:10:11,760

Mr. Fang had collected an eye opening \$25,000 in cash.

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00:10:11,760 --> 00:10:13,960

That \$25,000?

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00:10:13,960 --> 00:10:14,920

How do you know that?

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00:10:14,920 --> 00:10:17,440

It was an extremely promising lead.

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00:10:17,440 --> 00:10:20,280

However, none of the information could be corroborated,

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00:10:20,280 --> 00:10:22,800

and Sanders found himself back at square one.

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00:10:26,200 --> 00:10:28,160

By the end of the class, each student

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00:10:28,160 --> 00:10:31,600

had heard the baffling mix of evidence, leads, and rumors

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00:10:31,600 --> 00:10:33,560

in the case of Jin Fang.

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00:10:33,560 --> 00:10:37,240

And each student came back with a theory.

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00:10:37,240 --> 00:10:42,520

My scenario of the thing was that somebody that on his route,

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00:10:42,520 --> 00:10:44,200

he had a bet with, he won the money

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00:10:44,200 --> 00:10:46,040

from the person on the route.

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00:10:46,040 --> 00:10:48,040

The person on the route was very ticked off

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00:10:48,040 --> 00:10:51,840

that he lost the money, sent somebody out there

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00:10:51,840 --> 00:10:55,360

to get the money back, and in the process, killed him.

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00:10:55,360 --> 00:10:57,640

I think maybe somebody overheard something.

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00:10:57,640 --> 00:11:01,120

It seems like maybe a crime of opportunity

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00:11:01,120 --> 00:11:04,680

or possibly it could have been planned

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00:11:04,680 --> 00:11:07,480

and made to look like a robbery.

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00:11:07,480 --> 00:11:10,400

I think there may be a link with Mrs. Yi,

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00:11:10,400 --> 00:11:13,720

because we don't have as much information from her.

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00:11:13,720 --> 00:11:19,720

So it looks to me like with them moving their arms and things

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00:11:19,720 --> 00:11:23,920

around to kill him in the front, that she would have been able

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00:11:23,920 --> 00:11:27,320

to identify something more about them.

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00:11:27,320 --> 00:11:30,720

I think what's real exciting for me with this class

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00:11:30,720 --> 00:11:33,760

is it was a completely unique idea.

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00:11:33,760 --> 00:11:36,840

It's never been tried anywhere to my knowledge.

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00:11:36,840 --> 00:11:39,560

And it's actually become successful.

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00:11:39,560 --> 00:11:42,240

We're finding that this class is actually

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00:11:42,240 --> 00:11:46,320

coming up with ideas, with leads, that are helping

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00:11:46,320 --> 00:11:49,800

to facilitate the investigation.

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00:11:49,800 --> 00:11:53,240

The students were given a week to submit a written analysis.

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00:11:53,240 --> 00:11:56,080

Some, like Nick Dalby, took their investigation

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00:11:56,080 --> 00:11:58,800

to the streets.

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00:11:58,840 --> 00:12:00,640

Another student, Carol Llewellyn,

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00:12:00,640 --> 00:12:03,360

questioned a friend of hers who had lived in Chinatown

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00:12:03,360 --> 00:12:04,200

for many years.

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00:12:07,440 --> 00:12:10,000

Kara and Nick later went to police headquarters

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00:12:10,000 --> 00:12:14,400

to try out their theories on Inspector Sanders.

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00:12:14,400 --> 00:12:18,200

I was thinking that this was more of an amateurish job.

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00:12:18,200 --> 00:12:20,560

I sort of think it's some gang wannabes

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00:12:20,560 --> 00:12:22,760

from new immigrants to the country.

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00:12:22,760 --> 00:12:27,320

Doesn't seem to fit to me the traditional sort of signature,

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00:12:27,360 --> 00:12:30,720

if you will, of the Chinese gangs in Chinatown.

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00:12:30,720 --> 00:12:31,720

Well, what about your dad?

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00:12:31,720 --> 00:12:34,360

Kara's friend had told her about a different network

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00:12:34,360 --> 00:12:37,800

of gangs that operated within the Chinese community.

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00:12:37,800 --> 00:12:41,520

I think the Vietnamese gangs are very different.

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00:12:41,520 --> 00:12:42,520

They're different.

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00:12:42,520 --> 00:12:47,240

They're ethnic Chinese, but they're more ruthless.

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00:12:47,240 --> 00:12:49,560

Kara learned that many Vietnamese immigrants

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00:12:49,560 --> 00:12:51,480

are well-versed in Cantonese.

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00:12:51,480 --> 00:12:54,680

And some of the newcomers might be eager to prove themselves

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00:12:54,680 --> 00:12:57,280

to longtime gang members.

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00:12:58,240 --> 00:12:59,640

Hello, Chen Tai.

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00:12:59,640 --> 00:13:01,640

Hello, how are you?

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00:13:01,640 --> 00:13:02,840

We're OK.

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00:13:02,840 --> 00:13:07,360

Maybe some young wannabes thought this guy has money.

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00:13:07,360 --> 00:13:08,680

They noticed that he has jewelry.

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00:13:08,680 --> 00:13:11,080

He's kind of a high roller by the clothes that he wears,

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00:13:11,080 --> 00:13:14,720

and that they thought he would be a good mark.

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00:13:14,720 --> 00:13:15,720

Give me 100 pounds.

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00:13:15,720 --> 00:13:16,720

100 pounds?

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00:13:16,720 --> 00:13:17,720

Nick, why don't you jump in?

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00:13:17,720 --> 00:13:20,600

Nick Dalby proposed a scenario that was totally

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00:13:20,600 --> 00:13:22,120

at odds with Kara's.

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00:13:22,120 --> 00:13:25,960

I think Mr. Fang's assailants knew

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00:13:25,960 --> 00:13:29,160

Mr. Fang knew his routine.

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00:13:29,160 --> 00:13:33,800

I think Mr. Fang was into gambling in a very high level.

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00:13:33,800 --> 00:13:38,640

I think it was one of the fun things he liked to do.

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00:13:38,640 --> 00:13:44,440

They overheard Mr. Fang either taking or making a large bet.

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00:13:44,440 --> 00:13:48,040

They knew that he was going to collect a large sum of money.

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00:13:48,040 --> 00:13:51,960

They expected that he had that money that day.

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00:13:51,960 --> 00:13:54,400

And they were disappointed and surprised when they found out

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00:13:54,400 --> 00:13:56,040

that there was nothing in the van.

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00:13:56,040 --> 00:13:57,760

He didn't have it on him.

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00:13:57,760 --> 00:14:02,200

And I don't think they killed Mr. Fang deliberately.

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00:14:02,200 --> 00:14:07,480

When he started struggling, that's when they killed it.

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00:14:07,480 --> 00:14:09,320

So Nick, you feel that the robbers

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00:14:09,320 --> 00:14:13,360

expected to find more money than they actually found

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00:14:13,360 --> 00:14:15,680

on Mr. Fang's person.

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00:14:15,680 --> 00:14:19,400

Talking to Kara and Nick and the other students, too,

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00:14:19,400 --> 00:14:21,200

is very stimulating.

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00:14:21,200 --> 00:14:24,560

It caused me to think and rethink some ideas

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00:14:24,560 --> 00:14:28,880

that I had entertained during the course of the last year

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00:14:28,880 --> 00:14:30,320

that I've been working on this case.

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00:14:33,200 --> 00:14:37,120

So which scenario lies at the heart of Jim Fang's murder?

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00:14:37,120 --> 00:14:38,800

Soon after briefing the students,

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00:14:38,800 --> 00:14:42,720

Inspector Sanders was contacted by a second anonymous informant

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00:14:42,720 --> 00:14:46,400

who argued that the murder was tied to illicit betting.

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00:14:46,400 --> 00:14:49,280

Inspector Sanders believes a tip to be credible,

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00:14:49,320 --> 00:14:51,440

but only time and further investigation

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00:14:51,440 --> 00:14:53,080

will enable the police to close in

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00:14:53,080 --> 00:14:55,360

on the illusive killers of Jim Fang.

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00:14:59,040 --> 00:15:02,000

Next, an accident victim is searching for the two

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00:15:02,000 --> 00:15:03,440

men who saved her life.

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00:15:13,440 --> 00:15:15,400

Hi, Colleen.

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00:15:15,400 --> 00:15:16,440

Welcome to our class.

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00:15:16,440 --> 00:15:18,480

This is Colleen Frangione.

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00:15:18,480 --> 00:15:22,120

She is 41 years old, the mother of two grown sons.

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00:15:22,120 --> 00:15:25,200

She has been paralyzed since 1978.

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00:15:25,200 --> 00:15:29,960

Colleen is a very special woman, but a very simple message.

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00:15:29,960 --> 00:15:30,840

Buckle up.

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00:15:30,840 --> 00:15:31,440

I didn't.

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00:15:31,440 --> 00:15:33,480

It's my slogan, my motto.

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00:15:33,480 --> 00:15:35,600

Over the last 15 years, Colleen has

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00:15:35,600 --> 00:15:38,680

spoken to more than 10,000 high school and junior high school

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00:15:38,680 --> 00:15:39,960

students.

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00:15:39,960 --> 00:15:42,200

Working in both Rhode Island and Florida,

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00:15:42,200 --> 00:15:45,000

she has erected billboards and distributed pamphlets

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00:15:45,000 --> 00:15:47,000

on a tireless one woman crusade.

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00:15:49,520 --> 00:15:52,040

Colleen Frangione has earned high praise for her efforts

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00:15:52,040 --> 00:15:55,280

from several citizens groups, but seat belt safety

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00:15:55,280 --> 00:15:57,280

is not her only mission.

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00:15:57,280 --> 00:15:59,600

Colleen is also searching for two heroes,

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00:15:59,600 --> 00:16:01,680

the man who saved her life.

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00:16:01,680 --> 00:16:03,240

On the night she was paralyzed, they

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00:16:03,240 --> 00:16:06,520

snatched her from a burning car and from certain death.

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00:16:06,520 --> 00:16:08,480

Colleen herself remembers nothing.

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00:16:09,240 --> 00:16:16,120

In 1978, Colleen was 26 years old, recently divorced,

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00:16:16,120 --> 00:16:20,320

and struggling to support two young sons.

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00:16:20,320 --> 00:16:22,920

On September 23 of that year, Colleen

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00:16:22,920 --> 00:16:25,040

drove home from a rare night out,

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00:16:25,040 --> 00:16:28,040

dancing at the Naval Officers Club in Newport, Rhode Island.

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00:16:30,840 --> 00:16:34,720

Just before 1 AM, Colleen was turning on a Rogers road.

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00:16:34,720 --> 00:16:37,720

She came to a full stop, but tragically,

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00:16:37,720 --> 00:16:40,480

a carload of teenagers behind her did not.

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00:16:52,840 --> 00:16:57,520

The hit of that second car just twisted me beyond the normal

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00:16:57,520 --> 00:17:00,440

range, and that twist was so forceful

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00:17:00,440 --> 00:17:06,280

that it broke too low of vertebrae and severed my spinal cord.

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00:17:06,280 --> 00:17:08,360

And I'm glad I don't remember.

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00:17:10,840 --> 00:17:14,560

Colleen lay unconscious as flames engulfed her car.

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00:17:14,560 --> 00:17:17,520

Patty and Joe Tripharo, who lived across the street,

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00:17:17,520 --> 00:17:19,600

rushed to help.

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00:17:19,600 --> 00:17:21,680

No, the door's locked.

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00:17:21,680 --> 00:17:22,880

The door's down, Joe.

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00:17:22,880 --> 00:17:23,880

It won't open.

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00:17:23,880 --> 00:17:24,880

Joe, stop.

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00:17:24,880 --> 00:17:25,680

I am.

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00:17:25,680 --> 00:17:26,680

It's stuck.

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00:17:26,680 --> 00:17:27,680

I can't get this open.

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00:17:27,680 --> 00:17:28,680

We've got to get out.

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00:17:28,680 --> 00:17:30,600

The fire was spreading really fast.

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00:17:30,600 --> 00:17:32,040

The whole back of the car was on fire.

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00:17:32,040 --> 00:17:33,880

The back seat was on fire.

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00:17:33,880 --> 00:17:36,360

And as we were trying to pull open the doors,

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00:17:36,360 --> 00:17:39,280

they wouldn't open because of the crash.

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00:17:39,280 --> 00:17:40,440

They were jammed.

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00:17:40,440 --> 00:17:44,640

And I heard in the background, get a crowbar.

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00:17:44,640 --> 00:17:46,440

Get a crowbar!

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00:17:46,440 --> 00:17:49,720

I glanced over to my right, and there were two men standing there.

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00:17:49,720 --> 00:17:53,640

My wife and I ran to our garage to get a crowbar.

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00:17:53,640 --> 00:17:55,480

The time when we were gone, I believe,

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00:17:55,480 --> 00:17:57,280

either one or both of those gentlemen

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00:17:57,280 --> 00:18:00,320

pulled Colleen from the car and brought her up onto the sidewalk.

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00:18:01,160 --> 00:18:06,680

They were the only two I felt that were physically able to have

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00:18:06,680 --> 00:18:09,760

gotten her out of the car at that point.

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00:18:09,760 --> 00:18:12,880

By now, a third rescuer had appeared.

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00:18:12,880 --> 00:18:15,880

She apparently took charge of the situation.

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00:18:15,880 --> 00:18:17,080

She's in shock, guys.

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00:18:17,080 --> 00:18:18,520

Call 911 and get a blanket.

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00:18:18,520 --> 00:18:19,520

Hurry.

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00:18:19,520 --> 00:18:23,320

OK.

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00:18:23,320 --> 00:18:26,920

When we returned, there was a woman there.

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00:18:26,920 --> 00:18:29,560

Must have had some type of nursing back then.

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00:18:29,600 --> 00:18:30,680

Nursing background.

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00:18:30,680 --> 00:18:34,320

That said that she was in shock to get her feet up.

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00:18:34,320 --> 00:18:37,440

And shortly after that, the entire car was in flames.

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00:18:44,920 --> 00:18:48,080

Amazingly, no one else was seriously injured.

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00:18:48,080 --> 00:18:50,800

But during the intense effort to put out the fire,

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00:18:50,800 --> 00:18:54,120

both of the men who had pulled Colleen to safety vanished.

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00:18:54,640 --> 00:19:00,480

But 10 days, Colleen hovered between life and death.

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00:19:00,480 --> 00:19:02,880

She awoke to the terrifying reality

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00:19:02,880 --> 00:19:06,440

that she was paralyzed from the waist down.

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00:19:06,440 --> 00:19:10,000

Once I had to deal with not being able to walk,

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00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:10,760

I was hurt.

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00:19:10,760 --> 00:19:12,480

It was like I was heartbroken.

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00:19:12,480 --> 00:19:15,920

That was my first feeling inside.

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00:19:15,920 --> 00:19:19,160

And then it went from that to how am I

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00:19:19,160 --> 00:19:22,560

going to do everything that I never even thought about,

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00:19:22,560 --> 00:19:28,640

sitting up, putting a shoe on, getting dressed.

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00:19:28,640 --> 00:19:31,160

But Colleen's spirit was indomitable.

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00:19:31,160 --> 00:19:34,680

She was discharged from the hospital after four months.

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00:19:34,680 --> 00:19:37,840

Colleen went on to raise her two sons as a single parent.

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00:19:37,840 --> 00:19:40,840

And in 1985, she married again.

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00:19:40,840 --> 00:19:43,120

Yet not a day goes by that Colleen doesn't

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00:19:43,120 --> 00:19:46,640

think about the accident and the two men who saved her life.

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00:19:53,440 --> 00:19:57,840

How lucky only to be paralyzed.

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00:19:57,840 --> 00:20:01,840

And now I'm saving lives because they pulled me from the car.

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00:20:01,840 --> 00:20:05,440

I just believe we're all meant to meet.

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00:20:05,440 --> 00:20:08,840

I would have been killed if it wasn't for you guys.

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00:20:08,840 --> 00:20:12,560

And I want to thank you both, or just one of you, whichever

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00:20:12,560 --> 00:20:14,040

won.

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00:20:14,040 --> 00:20:16,920

So even if you can just give me a call,

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00:20:16,920 --> 00:20:18,640

I would really appreciate it.

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00:20:23,560 --> 00:20:26,400

When Colleen's appeal aired, luck was with her.

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00:20:26,400 --> 00:20:28,720

Both men called her a phone center.

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00:20:28,720 --> 00:20:31,680

Their names are Ray Myers and Mike Cain.

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00:20:31,680 --> 00:20:34,400

Though they both live in the Providence, Rhode Island area,

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00:20:34,400 --> 00:20:36,000

they had seen each other only once

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00:20:36,000 --> 00:20:38,680

in the aftermath of Colleen's accident.

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00:20:38,680 --> 00:20:41,040

Colleen was thrilled to learn that her rescuers had been

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00:20:41,040 --> 00:20:44,960

found after more than 15 years.

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00:20:44,960 --> 00:20:46,720

What Anselm tried to do was the tip

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00:20:46,720 --> 00:20:50,480

lady called me, told me that she had heard from one of them,

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00:20:50,480 --> 00:20:51,880

and gave me his number.

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00:20:51,880 --> 00:20:54,480

Because of course, they didn't want to give out my number.

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00:20:54,480 --> 00:20:56,520

So I called him.

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00:20:56,520 --> 00:20:57,520

I said who I was.

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00:20:57,520 --> 00:20:59,240

And it was just so nice.

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00:20:59,240 --> 00:21:00,760

In fact, we talked so long that night,

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00:21:00,760 --> 00:21:02,280

my husband fell asleep.

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00:21:02,280 --> 00:21:05,040

We were in bed, and my husband fell sound asleep.

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00:21:05,040 --> 00:21:06,960

While him and I were just talking about,

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00:21:06,960 --> 00:21:11,160

he was telling me things that I had no idea.

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00:21:11,160 --> 00:21:14,520

On December 27, 1993, Colleen finally

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00:21:14,520 --> 00:21:17,280

was able to meet her heroes in person.

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00:21:17,280 --> 00:21:19,120

Ray Myers was the first to arrive.

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00:21:20,480 --> 00:21:21,600

Oh, my God.

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00:21:21,600 --> 00:21:22,600

Oh, my God.

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00:21:22,600 --> 00:21:23,600

Oh, my God.

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00:21:23,600 --> 00:21:24,600

Oh, my God.

411

00:21:24,600 --> 00:21:28,600

I can't believe I could really touch you.

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00:21:28,600 --> 00:21:33,600

I really didn't think that you exist as any human.

413

00:21:33,600 --> 00:21:34,600

Oh, my God.

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00:21:34,600 --> 00:21:35,600

I was in shock.

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00:21:35,600 --> 00:21:36,600

What's it up?

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00:21:36,600 --> 00:21:38,360

I couldn't believe it was me.

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00:21:38,360 --> 00:21:39,840

You know, I mean, I knew it was me,

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00:21:39,840 --> 00:21:44,080

but it's like, it's incredible.

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00:21:44,080 --> 00:21:45,480

That's how I feel about this whole thing.

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00:21:45,480 --> 00:21:48,880

I think it's incredible.

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00:21:48,920 --> 00:21:52,480

Half an hour later, it was Mike Kane's turn.

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00:21:52,480 --> 00:21:53,480

Hi.

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00:21:53,480 --> 00:21:54,480

Hi.

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00:21:54,480 --> 00:21:55,480

Mike.

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00:21:55,480 --> 00:21:56,480

Oh, gosh.

426

00:21:56,480 --> 00:21:57,480

How nice to meet you.

427

00:21:57,480 --> 00:21:59,480

Thank you so much.

428

00:21:59,480 --> 00:22:01,120

Oh, gosh.

429

00:22:01,120 --> 00:22:03,280

You know, I tried to imagine what you looked like,

430

00:22:03,280 --> 00:22:06,920

and I can't do that when I don't know a person.

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00:22:06,920 --> 00:22:07,920

No surprise.

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00:22:07,920 --> 00:22:09,760

You know, why 15 years later?

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00:22:09,760 --> 00:22:11,000

Oh, I just can't tell you much.

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00:22:11,000 --> 00:22:12,000

I appreciate it.

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00:22:12,000 --> 00:22:13,000

Why?

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00:22:13,000 --> 00:22:14,000

You know, why?

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00:22:14,000 --> 00:22:15,000

So important.

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00:22:15,000 --> 00:22:17,040

But when she said she wanted to thank the people,

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00:22:17,040 --> 00:22:20,160

after I spoke to her on the phone, it was like,

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00:22:20,160 --> 00:22:23,400

this lady is really sincere, you know?

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00:22:23,400 --> 00:22:24,400

And that's what she wanted.

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00:22:24,400 --> 00:22:25,400

She wanted to thank us.

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00:22:25,400 --> 00:22:26,400

It's your name.

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00:22:26,400 --> 00:22:27,400

Right.

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00:22:27,400 --> 00:22:30,920

I feel the whole circle, it's all completed.

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00:22:30,920 --> 00:22:36,080

All the pieces of the puzzle are all put together now.

447

00:22:36,080 --> 00:22:40,160

And it's a real peaceful feeling inside.

448

00:22:40,160 --> 00:22:43,800

That's, to me, in fact, how many times have I said in the last

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00:22:43,800 --> 00:22:47,440

six weeks, how many people get to meet their guardian angels?

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00:22:47,440 --> 00:22:48,640

And this is how I feel.

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00:22:53,120 --> 00:22:56,360

When we return, a police officer's painful search

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00:22:56,360 --> 00:22:59,720

for answers in the murder of his own seven-year-old son.

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00:23:00,720 --> 00:23:15,720

Thursday, January 12, 1984, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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00:23:15,720 --> 00:23:16,720

Morning, Gary.

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00:23:16,720 --> 00:23:18,720

You must have been really tired last night.

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00:23:18,720 --> 00:23:19,720

You slept.

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00:23:19,720 --> 00:23:22,280

It was a rare midweek holiday for seven-year-old Gary Grant

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00:23:22,280 --> 00:23:26,640

Jr. There was no school because of a teacher's conference.

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00:23:26,640 --> 00:23:28,800

Gary lived with his mother, May.

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00:23:28,840 --> 00:23:32,160

She and Gary's father, an Atlantic City police detective,

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00:23:32,160 --> 00:23:35,520

had been separated for nearly a year.

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00:23:35,520 --> 00:23:37,320

And after breakfast, are you going to go out and play

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00:23:37,320 --> 00:23:38,320

with your friends?

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00:23:41,080 --> 00:23:41,880

No, Mom.

465

00:23:41,880 --> 00:23:42,720

Not tonight.

466

00:23:42,720 --> 00:23:44,400

Why not?

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00:23:44,400 --> 00:23:47,280

I have an appointment this afternoon at 2.30.

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00:23:47,280 --> 00:23:48,560

Wow, sounds important.

469

00:23:48,560 --> 00:23:50,280

What kind of appointment is it?

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00:23:50,280 --> 00:23:52,800

Nothing, just an appointment.

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00:23:52,800 --> 00:23:53,680

Who's this appointment with?

472

00:23:53,680 --> 00:23:56,360

I was asking him with who, and he said it was a secret.

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00:23:56,400 --> 00:23:58,880

So I thought, you know, it's silly.

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00:23:58,880 --> 00:24:00,840

You know, he's a little boy, something

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00:24:00,840 --> 00:24:02,880

to do maybe with his little girlfriend around the corner

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00:24:02,880 --> 00:24:03,480

or something.

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00:24:03,480 --> 00:24:05,560

So I kind of left it at that.

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00:24:05,560 --> 00:24:09,120

And he wanted to go out and play, so he got dressed,

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00:24:09,120 --> 00:24:10,000

and he went out to play.

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00:24:13,280 --> 00:24:15,560

Around noon, Gary left home.

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00:24:15,560 --> 00:24:18,840

He said he would be back by 4 PM before it got dark.

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00:24:22,120 --> 00:24:25,760

It got to be like 4.30, and he still

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00:24:25,800 --> 00:24:28,000

hadn't showed up for dinner, and he liked his dinner.

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00:24:28,000 --> 00:24:29,360

He never missed.

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00:24:29,360 --> 00:24:33,080

And he still hadn't showed up, so I started getting worried.

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00:24:33,080 --> 00:24:37,840

And I went down to where two girls that Gary played with.

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00:24:37,840 --> 00:24:39,720

There were friends of his.

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00:24:39,720 --> 00:24:42,440

And he asked them if they had seen Gary.

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00:24:42,440 --> 00:24:44,760

No, I'm just looking for Gary.

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00:24:44,760 --> 00:24:47,280

Well, he was here in the afternoon,

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00:24:47,280 --> 00:24:50,120

but he left around 4.30 to go home.

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00:24:50,120 --> 00:24:53,200

OK, well, if you see him, will you please tell Gary to come home?

493

00:24:53,200 --> 00:24:54,600

OK, Mrs. Grant, I'll tell him.

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00:24:54,600 --> 00:24:55,360

Thanks.

495

00:24:55,360 --> 00:24:58,040

Bye.

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00:24:58,040 --> 00:25:01,000

When another two hours passed with no sign of Gary,

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00:25:01,000 --> 00:25:04,600

May telephoned her husband.

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00:25:04,600 --> 00:25:07,400

I searched until well after midnight, probably

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00:25:07,400 --> 00:25:08,840

around 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning,

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00:25:08,840 --> 00:25:09,840

I walked around.

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00:25:09,840 --> 00:25:12,560

As a matter of fact, I called out from work that night.

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00:25:12,560 --> 00:25:14,760

I was due to go into work at midnight.

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00:25:14,760 --> 00:25:17,560

And I had called my sergeant and advised him

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00:25:17,560 --> 00:25:18,640

that I wouldn't be coming in.

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00:25:21,400 --> 00:25:24,520

By the next morning, Friday, the Atlantic City Police

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00:25:24,560 --> 00:25:28,200

Department was engaged in an all-out search.

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00:25:28,200 --> 00:25:30,280

Regulations prevented Detective Grant

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00:25:30,280 --> 00:25:33,040

from taking part in the official investigation.

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00:25:33,040 --> 00:25:38,120

But as a father, he was unwilling to stand by and do nothing.

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00:25:38,120 --> 00:25:40,600

I started searching every possible place I could think of.

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00:25:40,600 --> 00:25:43,440

I started searching abandoned houses.

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00:25:43,440 --> 00:25:45,560

I started searching underneath the boardwalk.

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00:25:45,560 --> 00:25:48,120

I started searching arcades and questioning people

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00:25:48,120 --> 00:25:49,520

who were working in the arcades.

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00:25:49,520 --> 00:25:51,760

Officer Gary Grant, have you seen this boy's been missing?

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00:25:51,760 --> 00:25:54,240

Take a good look, please.

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00:25:55,040 --> 00:25:58,280

There was a couple of people that worked in one of the arcades

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00:25:58,280 --> 00:26:01,320

that said that they had seen him on Friday,

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00:26:01,320 --> 00:26:03,400

or early on Friday.

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00:26:03,400 --> 00:26:07,000

So I'm thinking, well, he's still somewhere around

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00:26:07,000 --> 00:26:07,800

on the streets.

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00:26:11,000 --> 00:26:14,400

By Friday night, it started getting dark again,

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00:26:14,400 --> 00:26:17,400

and still no signs or no word of Gary.

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00:26:17,400 --> 00:26:21,240

I started then looking up in alleyways and trash cans

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00:26:21,240 --> 00:26:22,480

and dumpsters.

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00:26:22,680 --> 00:26:25,360

The streets can be pretty mean now for an adult, let alone

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00:26:25,360 --> 00:26:27,440

for a seven-year-old child.

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00:26:27,440 --> 00:26:31,920

And by that time, I was fearing the worst.

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00:26:39,680 --> 00:26:43,520

At 3.30 the next afternoon, the body of Gary Grant Jr.

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00:26:43,520 --> 00:26:46,160

was found in a vacant weed-infested lot,

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00:26:46,160 --> 00:26:48,440

less than two blocks from his home.

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00:26:48,440 --> 00:26:50,280

He had to go to the hospital.

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00:26:50,320 --> 00:26:55,240

In two blocks from his home, he had been bludgeoned to death.

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00:26:55,240 --> 00:26:58,120

Nearby lay a short length of heavy pipe, probably

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00:26:58,120 --> 00:27:00,040

the murder weapon.

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00:27:00,040 --> 00:27:02,680

The police immediately imposed a radio silence

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00:27:02,680 --> 00:27:04,760

until the boy's family could be notified.

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00:27:09,160 --> 00:27:12,680

At virtually that same moment, Detective Grant, exhausted,

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00:27:12,680 --> 00:27:17,560

and on the verge of collapse, happened upon the scene.

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00:27:17,560 --> 00:27:20,280

So I really didn't know what was going on.

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00:27:20,280 --> 00:27:22,800

But I got a knot in my stomach, and then

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00:27:22,800 --> 00:27:25,640

something just told me that it's a very good possibility

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00:27:25,640 --> 00:27:26,640

that they found Gary.

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00:27:26,640 --> 00:27:27,540

Hey, Sergeant.

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00:27:27,540 --> 00:27:28,440

What's happening?

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00:27:28,440 --> 00:27:29,340

Hey, Gary.

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00:27:29,340 --> 00:27:30,160

Did you get a radio call?

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00:27:30,160 --> 00:27:31,240

No, I saw the patrol cars.

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00:27:31,240 --> 00:27:32,400

I wanted to see what's happening.

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00:27:32,400 --> 00:27:33,280

Where'd you find out?

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00:27:33,280 --> 00:27:36,160

Gary, you don't want to know.

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00:27:36,160 --> 00:27:40,160

Driving around for three days, no sleep, looking for my son.

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00:27:40,160 --> 00:27:41,080

I want to know something.

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00:27:41,080 --> 00:27:42,960

Gary, we found your son.

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00:27:42,960 --> 00:27:43,960

He's dead.

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00:27:44,960 --> 00:27:46,960

I want to see my son.

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00:27:46,960 --> 00:27:47,960

I want to see my son.

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00:27:47,960 --> 00:27:48,960

I don't want to.

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00:27:48,960 --> 00:27:49,960

I want to help him.

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00:27:49,960 --> 00:27:50,960

I don't want to help him.

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00:27:50,960 --> 00:27:53,960

I didn't want to believe that it was him.

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00:27:53,960 --> 00:27:55,960

In my mind, I knew that they were on him.

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00:27:55,960 --> 00:27:58,440

Why would they lie to me about something like that?

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00:27:58,440 --> 00:28:02,120

But at the same time, being a father,

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00:28:02,120 --> 00:28:03,680

you don't want to believe it.

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00:28:03,680 --> 00:28:06,960

You don't want to believe that your kid is lying back there

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00:28:06,960 --> 00:28:10,800

somewhere, and he's never going to get up again.

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00:28:10,800 --> 00:28:16,360

When they told me that Gary was dead,

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00:28:16,360 --> 00:28:19,360

I just went totally numb, my whole body.

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00:28:19,360 --> 00:28:22,280

I didn't want to believe it.

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00:28:22,280 --> 00:28:23,960

I just can't imagine why would someone

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00:28:23,960 --> 00:28:27,280

would do that to a seven-year-old boy, any seven-year-old boy.

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00:28:33,320 --> 00:28:36,000

The investigation began like all others,

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00:28:36,000 --> 00:28:38,880

with detectives tracing the victim's final hours

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00:28:38,880 --> 00:28:40,960

and talking to those who knew him best.

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00:28:40,960 --> 00:28:42,600

Do you know Gary Grant?

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00:28:42,600 --> 00:28:43,500

Sure.

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00:28:43,500 --> 00:28:45,160

He lived around here, over an Arctic.

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00:28:45,160 --> 00:28:47,560

When was the last time you saw him?

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00:28:47,560 --> 00:28:49,320

Couple days ago.

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00:28:49,320 --> 00:28:50,960

That would be Thursday.

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00:28:50,960 --> 00:28:52,680

Where was that?

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00:28:52,680 --> 00:28:55,120

He was down by the junior high.

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00:28:55,120 --> 00:28:56,880

Who was he with?

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00:28:56,880 --> 00:28:58,480

He was with Boo.

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00:28:58,480 --> 00:29:01,920

Would that be Boo Mason?

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00:29:01,920 --> 00:29:05,920

Carl Mason, nicknamed Boo, was a mildly retarded 12-year-old

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00:29:05,920 --> 00:29:08,320

with an IQ of 65.

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00:29:08,320 --> 00:29:10,440

Though Boo is five years older than Gary,

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00:29:10,440 --> 00:29:13,600

he was smaller in height and weight.

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00:29:13,600 --> 00:29:16,600

The two boys were good friends and often played together.

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00:29:16,600 --> 00:29:17,520

Hello, young man.

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00:29:17,520 --> 00:29:19,960

We're with the Atlantic City Police Department.

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00:29:19,960 --> 00:29:22,120

We need to ask you a few questions.

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00:29:22,120 --> 00:29:24,080

Did you know this Gary Grant kid?

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00:29:24,080 --> 00:29:25,800

Sure, I knew Gary.

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00:29:25,800 --> 00:29:28,240

When did you last see him?

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00:29:28,240 --> 00:29:29,880

Wednesday, after school.

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00:29:29,880 --> 00:29:31,560

What did you two do?

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00:29:31,560 --> 00:29:35,760

We were at the park, over on Texas.

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00:29:35,760 --> 00:29:38,000

You sure you didn't see him on Thursday?

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00:29:38,000 --> 00:29:39,080

Nope.

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00:29:39,080 --> 00:29:40,600

You're sure it was Wednesday?

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00:29:40,600 --> 00:29:42,800

Yeah, we were supposed to meet on Thursday,

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00:29:42,800 --> 00:29:45,320

but Gary never showed up.

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00:29:45,320 --> 00:29:46,440

OK, kid, thanks.

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00:29:46,440 --> 00:29:49,040

Boo said he hadn't been with Gary.

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00:29:49,040 --> 00:29:51,800

But detectives canvassing the neighborhood

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00:29:51,800 --> 00:29:54,520

kept coming back with stories that he had in fact

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00:29:54,520 --> 00:29:56,200

been with Gary.

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00:29:56,200 --> 00:29:58,600

So they didn't know what to do.

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00:29:58,600 --> 00:30:00,400

There was this conflict.

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00:30:00,400 --> 00:30:03,000

Boo seemed like such a harmless character.

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00:30:03,000 --> 00:30:07,360

He was edgably retarded.

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00:30:07,400 --> 00:30:10,120

He was known as a scaredy cat in the neighborhood.

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00:30:10,120 --> 00:30:15,720

But they just couldn't reconcile the conflict.

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00:30:15,720 --> 00:30:17,720

They were like, we'd like to ask you some questions.

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00:30:17,720 --> 00:30:18,720

And I came outside.

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00:30:18,720 --> 00:30:21,000

Carl Mason is now 21 years old.

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00:30:21,000 --> 00:30:23,480

These questions, like have I seen Gary at all today?

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00:30:23,480 --> 00:30:26,360

I said, no, I've seen him the day before.

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00:30:26,360 --> 00:30:27,800

And that was it.

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00:30:27,800 --> 00:30:29,160

The name is.

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00:30:29,160 --> 00:30:31,640

Said, OK, and they were asking me some other questions.

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00:30:31,640 --> 00:30:32,720

But I don't remember.

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00:30:32,720 --> 00:30:35,920

Then later on that night, they came back and they took me.

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00:30:36,920 --> 00:30:40,640

At midnight on Saturday, Boo, accompanied by his grandmother,

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00:30:40,640 --> 00:30:42,040

was driven to police headquarters.

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00:30:45,200 --> 00:30:48,480

Once there, Boo was separated from his grandmother

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00:30:48,480 --> 00:30:49,640

and led into a small room.

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00:30:52,800 --> 00:30:57,640

Look, just tell us the truth and we can all go home.

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00:30:57,640 --> 00:31:01,200

What happened when you and Gary left the school gym?

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00:31:01,200 --> 00:31:03,720

We went to the park over on Texas.

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00:31:03,760 --> 00:31:05,960

But that was on Wednesday.

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00:31:05,960 --> 00:31:07,800

What did you do at the park?

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00:31:07,800 --> 00:31:09,880

We played on the swings.

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00:31:09,880 --> 00:31:13,880

Wait, those swings were taken down for cleaning last week?

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00:31:15,240 --> 00:31:17,160

I didn't see Gary on Thursday.

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00:31:17,160 --> 00:31:18,880

He didn't show up.

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00:31:18,880 --> 00:31:23,480

In questioning, Boo, his stories were inconsistent.

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00:31:23,480 --> 00:31:26,040

And the detectives wrestled around with it

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00:31:26,040 --> 00:31:31,640

until finally around 3 o'clock, one version of the story

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00:31:31,680 --> 00:31:35,200

he acknowledged being with the victim at the crime scene.

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00:31:35,200 --> 00:31:38,160

And that he, in fact, hit him with the pipe.

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00:31:38,160 --> 00:31:41,800

I hit him with a leg, but he threw a rock at me.

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00:31:44,800 --> 00:31:47,560

This was in the playground on Thursday.

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00:31:47,560 --> 00:31:50,400

I didn't see him on Thursday.

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00:31:50,400 --> 00:31:52,440

And what did you do after you hit him?

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00:31:52,440 --> 00:31:58,560

Well, once he fell and he didn't get up, so I just left.

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00:31:58,560 --> 00:31:59,560

He was in the car.

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00:31:59,560 --> 00:32:01,440

I just left.

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00:32:01,440 --> 00:32:05,640

He was telling police what they felt were details that only

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00:32:05,640 --> 00:32:07,200

the killer could have known.

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00:32:07,200 --> 00:32:10,600

And that sort of got everything into high gear,

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00:32:10,600 --> 00:32:15,320

because they realized that Boo was now the suspect.

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00:32:15,320 --> 00:32:16,720

Everybody knew what happened to him.

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00:32:16,720 --> 00:32:18,000

They found the body.

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00:32:18,000 --> 00:32:21,640

Then, like, that day, they found the weapon.

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00:32:21,640 --> 00:32:23,560

Those are all different stories, what happened to him,

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00:32:23,560 --> 00:32:26,400

I guess, you might as well say.

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00:32:26,400 --> 00:32:28,000

We're bringing your grandma in.

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00:32:28,000 --> 00:32:29,480

We'll just be another minute.

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00:32:29,520 --> 00:32:31,600

After three grueling hours, police

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00:32:31,600 --> 00:32:34,520

believe they had an admission of guilt.

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00:32:34,520 --> 00:32:37,920

What we did is had your confession typed up.

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00:32:37,920 --> 00:32:41,920

We need you to read it and sign it with you and your grandma.

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00:32:44,880 --> 00:32:48,520

A confession was drawn up based on the interrogation.

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00:32:48,520 --> 00:32:50,240

Boo signed the document.

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00:32:50,240 --> 00:32:54,720

Even as he was insisting, he had not murdered his friend.

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00:32:54,720 --> 00:32:56,440

Have you told us the truth now?

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00:32:56,440 --> 00:32:57,800

Yes, but I didn't do it.

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00:33:00,480 --> 00:33:02,880

Boo Mason was charged with murder

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00:33:02,880 --> 00:33:06,360

and remanded to a juvenile detention center.

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00:33:06,360 --> 00:33:10,960

I was not with Gary Grant the day when he was missing.

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00:33:10,960 --> 00:33:15,360

And I did not have anything to do with his murder.

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00:33:15,360 --> 00:33:18,840

The one cop said, if you admit that you did it,

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00:33:18,840 --> 00:33:19,760

we'll let you go home.

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00:33:19,760 --> 00:33:22,880

So me at the age of 12, I was so tired, I said,

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00:33:22,880 --> 00:33:24,120

if you say so, but I didn't.

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00:33:24,120 --> 00:33:28,800

And then the next thing I knew, I winded up in the home.

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00:33:29,040 --> 00:33:31,360

Do you live in Atlantic City?

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00:33:31,360 --> 00:33:32,480

Yes.

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00:33:32,480 --> 00:33:36,640

On Sunday, January 15th, Boo was given a polygraph exam.

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00:33:36,640 --> 00:33:38,960

The results were inconclusive.

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00:33:38,960 --> 00:33:42,200

Three days later, a second test was administered.

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00:33:42,200 --> 00:33:44,040

Did you hurt Gary Grant?

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00:33:44,040 --> 00:33:44,920

No.

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00:33:44,920 --> 00:33:49,320

In both the first and second lie detector tests,

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00:33:49,320 --> 00:33:52,720

it was determined that Boo had answered truthfully when

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00:33:52,720 --> 00:33:55,920

he said that he did not kill Gary Grant.

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00:33:55,920 --> 00:33:58,640

Did you see Gary Grant get killed?

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00:33:59,600 --> 00:34:01,400

There was some doubt as to whether he had been

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00:34:01,400 --> 00:34:02,440

at the scene, however.

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00:34:02,440 --> 00:34:06,120

You now told the entire truth about Gary Grant's murder.

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00:34:06,120 --> 00:34:07,520

Yes.

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00:34:07,520 --> 00:34:10,360

I feel that he very easily could have been intimidated

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00:34:10,360 --> 00:34:14,920

by the person who did it or who was there when it was done.

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00:34:14,920 --> 00:34:17,160

Could have told him, hey, if you say anything

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00:34:17,160 --> 00:34:19,400

to anybody, you're next.

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00:34:19,400 --> 00:34:22,520

Now, I have completed three and a half days of testimony.

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00:34:22,520 --> 00:34:24,760

A month after Boo Mason was arrested,

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00:34:24,760 --> 00:34:27,800

a hearing was held to determine whether his confession was

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00:34:27,840 --> 00:34:29,920

admissible in court.

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00:34:29,920 --> 00:34:32,560

And this court cannot find beyond a reasonable doubt

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00:34:32,560 --> 00:34:35,040

that any of the statements made by the juvenile

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00:34:35,040 --> 00:34:37,360

were voluntary statements.

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00:34:37,360 --> 00:34:39,520

The charges against Boo Mason were dropped,

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00:34:39,520 --> 00:34:43,080

and police never came up with another viable suspect.

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00:34:43,080 --> 00:34:45,360

But two years later, it became obvious

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00:34:45,360 --> 00:34:51,760

that someone had not forgotten Gary Grant, Jr.

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00:34:51,760 --> 00:34:55,720

At approximately 3 AM on January 4, 1986,

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00:34:55,720 --> 00:34:57,640

a vandal painted a chilling message

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00:34:57,640 --> 00:35:00,960

on the side of an Atlantic City patrol car.

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00:35:00,960 --> 00:35:02,600

Gary Grant's dead.

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00:35:02,600 --> 00:35:04,000

I am living.

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00:35:04,000 --> 00:35:09,080

Another will die on the 1,1286 if all goes right.

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00:35:09,080 --> 00:35:11,960

January 12 would have been the second anniversary

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00:35:11,960 --> 00:35:14,960

of Gary Grant's murder.

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00:35:14,960 --> 00:35:17,480

I was called via police radio to come over here

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00:35:17,480 --> 00:35:19,240

and take a look at the car.

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00:35:19,240 --> 00:35:20,040

And I did.

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00:35:20,040 --> 00:35:22,920

And from what I observed on the car,

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00:35:22,920 --> 00:35:25,880

it appeared to me that it was written on there by an adult.

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00:35:25,880 --> 00:35:29,840

However, as far as ever finding out who did that,

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00:35:29,840 --> 00:35:31,880

no one ever, we've never found that out.

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00:35:34,760 --> 00:35:37,160

A few weeks later, a second cryptic message

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00:35:37,160 --> 00:35:39,400

was scratched on a sidewalk.

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00:35:39,400 --> 00:35:41,480

Gary Grant, Jr. lives.

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00:35:41,480 --> 00:35:43,000

I still killed him.

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00:35:43,000 --> 00:35:45,080

Son of a pig officer.

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00:35:45,080 --> 00:35:49,280

Payback is a MF. This second message

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00:35:49,280 --> 00:35:51,200

led to speculation that Gary had been

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00:35:51,200 --> 00:35:54,280

murdered as retribution, possibly for an arrest

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00:35:54,280 --> 00:35:56,600

his father had made.

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00:35:56,600 --> 00:35:58,520

Well, that thought has gone through my mind 1,000

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00:35:58,520 --> 00:36:00,480

million times.

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00:36:00,480 --> 00:36:02,720

But there's not one thing that stands out

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00:36:02,720 --> 00:36:04,480

that I could think of because I've never

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00:36:04,480 --> 00:36:06,960

had anybody look at me in the face and say to me,

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00:36:06,960 --> 00:36:08,480

I'm going to get even with you for this.

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00:36:13,320 --> 00:36:16,880

Nine years have passed since Gary Grant, Jr. was murdered.

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00:36:16,880 --> 00:36:19,200

His father is still looking for information,

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00:36:19,200 --> 00:36:21,680

still passing out flyers, and still

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00:36:21,680 --> 00:36:23,960

barred from officially working on the case.

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00:36:26,520 --> 00:36:27,640

Somebody knows something.

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00:36:27,640 --> 00:36:29,720

There's no doubt in my mind.

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00:36:29,720 --> 00:36:31,800

It's just not possible something like that

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00:36:31,800 --> 00:36:34,880

could happen without somebody seeing or hearing something.

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00:36:34,880 --> 00:36:36,520

Or even within the last nine years,

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00:36:36,520 --> 00:36:40,920

somebody saying something to somebody about it.

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00:36:40,920 --> 00:36:46,520

I would like to see the person or persons who are out there

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00:36:46,520 --> 00:36:50,640

and they know who they are to come forward.

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00:36:50,640 --> 00:36:55,800

So I could have a little peace too in my mind and my heart.

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00:37:08,560 --> 00:37:11,360

Morrill Bay, California is a kind of small town

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00:37:11,360 --> 00:37:14,280

Alfred Hitchcock might have loved.

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00:37:14,280 --> 00:37:17,080

On the surface of picture postcard seaside fishing

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00:37:17,080 --> 00:37:19,680

village, peeled back a layer, though,

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00:37:19,680 --> 00:37:23,160

and a quirky cast of characters emerges.

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00:37:23,160 --> 00:37:25,680

So does a murder mystery, or maybe two.

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00:37:29,200 --> 00:37:32,200

Fishing is Morrill Bay's main industry.

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00:37:32,200 --> 00:37:35,680

In the 70s and 80s, work was irregular at best.

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00:37:35,680 --> 00:37:38,920

That suited Hugh Harlan just fine.

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00:37:38,920 --> 00:37:41,560

He had pared his life down to the basics.

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00:37:41,560 --> 00:37:44,520

Hugh thought you should work for the sheer joy of working,

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00:37:44,520 --> 00:37:46,480

if and when the spirit moved you.

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00:37:46,480 --> 00:37:50,240

That made 16,000.

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00:37:50,240 --> 00:37:52,800

There were a number of times that he

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00:37:52,800 --> 00:37:54,920

would stop by our business.

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00:37:54,920 --> 00:37:56,880

And we'd be unloading fish, and we'd

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00:37:56,880 --> 00:37:58,560

have been at it for quite a while.

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00:37:58,560 --> 00:38:01,760

And he'd roll up his sleeves and pitch in.

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00:38:01,760 --> 00:38:05,800

And six or seven to 10 hours later, when we're finally done,

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00:38:05,800 --> 00:38:08,920

Hugh wouldn't take any money for his help.

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00:38:08,920 --> 00:38:11,800

He wasn't just a weirdo.

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00:38:11,800 --> 00:38:16,840

He might have been weird at times, but he wasn't a weirdo.

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00:38:16,840 --> 00:38:19,600

Hugh Harlan's high-minded notions about work and money

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00:38:19,600 --> 00:38:21,120

were all well and good.

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00:38:21,120 --> 00:38:26,240

But he hit a roadblock when it came to his wife, Diane.

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00:38:26,240 --> 00:38:28,960

Diane Harlan was generous to a fault.

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00:38:28,960 --> 00:38:31,120

She squandered what little money Hugh gave her

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00:38:31,120 --> 00:38:34,600

on beggars, on her friends, and on her dogs.

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00:38:34,600 --> 00:38:36,200

Well, I'm going down to the docks.

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00:38:36,200 --> 00:38:37,240

Yeah, leave me some money, Hugh.

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00:38:37,240 --> 00:38:39,640

It led to more than one bitter argument.

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00:38:39,640 --> 00:38:40,880

Groceries, food.

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00:38:40,880 --> 00:38:43,040

What'd you do with the money I gave you yesterday?

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00:38:43,040 --> 00:38:44,400

I spent it, OK?

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00:38:44,400 --> 00:38:46,040

They weren't getting along very well.

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00:38:46,040 --> 00:38:48,880

And Diane would do bizarre things,

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00:38:48,880 --> 00:38:51,600

including opening a can of dog food

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00:38:51,600 --> 00:38:54,280

and serving it to Hugh for dinner.

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00:38:54,280 --> 00:38:58,400

Lisa, Jimmy, the dogs, I can't support the entire county.

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00:38:58,400 --> 00:38:59,560

Hugh, you want dinner or not?

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00:38:59,560 --> 00:39:00,920

It's as simple as that, OK?

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00:39:00,920 --> 00:39:01,720

Don't walk away.

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00:39:01,720 --> 00:39:03,600

Hey, don't you touch me.

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00:39:03,600 --> 00:39:07,120

Brumer had it that Diane not only served dog food in the can,

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00:39:07,120 --> 00:39:09,840

but that once she even baked it into a casserole

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00:39:09,840 --> 00:39:13,200

for her unsuspecting husband.

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00:39:13,200 --> 00:39:17,800

It seemed Diane cared more for her dogs than she did for Hugh.

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00:39:17,800 --> 00:39:21,520

In fact, around Morro Bay, Diane was known as the dog lady.

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00:39:29,160 --> 00:39:34,000

October 13, 1982, a badly decomposed body of a woman

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00:39:34,000 --> 00:39:37,520

was found just off the beach at Morro Bay.

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00:39:37,520 --> 00:39:41,560

A jade bracelet and a silver bracelet lay nearby.

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00:39:41,560 --> 00:39:43,640

Police could not identify the woman,

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00:39:43,640 --> 00:39:46,320

but they could identify the murder weapon.

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00:39:46,320 --> 00:39:50,920

The victim had been strangled with a dog leash.

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00:39:50,920 --> 00:39:55,160

The investigators immediately put out a news media release

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00:39:55,160 --> 00:39:58,120

with a description asking for the public's assistance

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00:39:58,120 --> 00:39:59,840

identifying this individual.

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00:40:00,160 --> 00:40:03,080

Later in the evening, the department

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00:40:03,080 --> 00:40:05,960

was contacted by Hugh Harlan.

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00:40:05,960 --> 00:40:07,760

Hugh, you recognize this?

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00:40:07,760 --> 00:40:10,800

Hugh Harlan was shown several pieces of jewelry,

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00:40:10,800 --> 00:40:15,400

and he identified that jewelry as belonging to his wife, Diane.

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00:40:15,400 --> 00:40:17,840

Yeah, that silver one was hers.

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00:40:17,840 --> 00:40:20,240

That was hers for sure, yeah.

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00:40:20,240 --> 00:40:22,800

When was the last time you saw Diane, Hugh?

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00:40:22,800 --> 00:40:25,640

Hugh Harlan told police that Diane had been away from home

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00:40:25,640 --> 00:40:27,040

for 12 days.

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00:40:27,040 --> 00:40:28,720

He said he wanted to be seen.

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00:40:29,280 --> 00:40:33,040

He said he wasn't worried until he heard about the body.

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00:40:33,040 --> 00:40:34,920

I came home about 7 o'clock.

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00:40:34,920 --> 00:40:36,480

She wasn't home.

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00:40:36,480 --> 00:40:39,840

Why'd you wait almost two weeks to report her missing?

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00:40:39,840 --> 00:40:42,800

Didn't seem unusual to me for her not to come home.

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00:40:42,800 --> 00:40:44,360

She'd done it occasionally.

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00:40:44,360 --> 00:40:45,920

She's done this before?

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00:40:45,920 --> 00:40:47,680

Very now, man, yeah.

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00:40:47,680 --> 00:40:50,640

You remember what time the dogs came home that night?

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00:40:50,640 --> 00:40:54,920

Yeah, it was about 1130.

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00:40:54,920 --> 00:40:57,520

Can you remember if they were wearing their leashes or not?

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00:40:57,520 --> 00:41:00,680

Yeah, they had their leashes on that night.

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00:41:04,680 --> 00:41:06,880

What's this, Hugh?

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00:41:06,880 --> 00:41:08,560

I don't know. What is it?

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00:41:08,560 --> 00:41:10,800

Found it's tied around Diane's neck.

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00:41:10,800 --> 00:41:12,080

Looks like a dog leash, doesn't it?

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00:41:14,880 --> 00:41:16,640

That's right.

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00:41:16,640 --> 00:41:18,280

Dogs came home.

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00:41:18,280 --> 00:41:20,040

They didn't have their leashes.

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00:41:20,040 --> 00:41:21,320

Well, which way is it, Hugh?

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00:41:21,320 --> 00:41:22,880

Did they come home with their leashes

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00:41:22,880 --> 00:41:24,640

or without their leashes?

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00:41:24,640 --> 00:41:27,400

When Hugh Harlan changed his story,

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00:41:27,440 --> 00:41:30,200

the investigators began to look more closely at him

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00:41:30,200 --> 00:41:31,560

as a possible suspect.

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00:41:31,560 --> 00:41:33,400

Can I go now?

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00:41:33,400 --> 00:41:39,560

I asked him, I said, Hugh, a lot of people suspect you.

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00:41:39,560 --> 00:41:41,160

Did you kill her?

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00:41:41,160 --> 00:41:44,320

I know she's bizarre, and I know she tried to push your buttons.

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00:41:44,320 --> 00:41:46,480

Did you do it?

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00:41:46,480 --> 00:41:49,720

And I knew when he answered that question,

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00:41:49,720 --> 00:41:53,360

he was telling the truth, that he didn't do it.

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00:41:53,360 --> 00:41:54,560

I mean, he said he didn't do it.

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00:41:54,920 --> 00:42:00,760

Diane Harlan was 43 years old when she was murdered.

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00:42:00,760 --> 00:42:04,760

No charges against Hugh or anyone else were ever filed.

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00:42:04,760 --> 00:42:07,240

To this day, the case remains unsolved.

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00:42:11,400 --> 00:42:13,000

Four years passed.

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00:42:13,000 --> 00:42:14,800

Hugh Harlan's life went on much as it

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00:42:14,800 --> 00:42:22,200

had before Diane's death, until November 1st, 1986.

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00:42:22,240 --> 00:42:24,600

That day, Hugh went to a friend's house

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00:42:24,600 --> 00:42:27,040

to borrow some tools for a two-day construction

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00:42:27,040 --> 00:42:29,680

job up the road in San Simeon.

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00:42:29,680 --> 00:42:31,280

You probably need these hand tools.

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00:42:31,280 --> 00:42:33,080

Yeah, throw them up in there.

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00:42:33,080 --> 00:42:34,360

Let me get the gate for you.

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00:42:34,360 --> 00:42:35,360

Yeah, thanks.

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00:42:35,360 --> 00:42:38,320

Hugh Harlan set off for San Simeon, 27 miles

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00:42:38,320 --> 00:42:40,920

north of Morrill Bay before dark.

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00:42:40,920 --> 00:42:42,600

You're all set, you ready?

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00:42:42,600 --> 00:42:43,760

What it is, bro?

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00:42:43,760 --> 00:42:45,280

What in word?

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00:42:45,280 --> 00:42:48,240

Have a good one.

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00:42:48,240 --> 00:42:51,120

But soon the mystery would take yet another twist

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00:42:51,160 --> 00:42:52,280

near the town of Cambria.

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00:42:55,480 --> 00:42:57,400

The next thing we knew, I'd gotten

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00:42:57,400 --> 00:43:00,960

a call from a mutual friend in Cambria,

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00:43:00,960 --> 00:43:04,200

wondering why Hugh's truck was setting off the side of the road

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00:43:04,200 --> 00:43:07,880

and had been for a day or so.

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00:43:07,880 --> 00:43:10,440

Steve Matthew and a friend, Eddie Grimes,

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00:43:10,440 --> 00:43:13,320

drove to Cambria to check out Hugh's abandoned truck.

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00:43:18,000 --> 00:43:19,080

What a wheelbarrow there.

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00:43:21,560 --> 00:43:23,160

No keys in the truck.

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00:43:23,160 --> 00:43:27,120

I got curious as to what was going on.

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00:43:27,120 --> 00:43:28,680

I took a look inside.

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00:43:28,680 --> 00:43:32,440

I saw Hugh's glasses on the dash.

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00:43:32,440 --> 00:43:36,280

I saw a couple of tins on the dash.

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00:43:36,280 --> 00:43:40,480

One with tobacco and one with some ragweed pot

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

that he smoked quite regularly.

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00:43:43,480 --> 00:43:47,080

All of these things weren't really adding up to me

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00:43:47,080 --> 00:43:49,760

since three days or so had transpired

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00:43:49,760 --> 00:43:52,840

since the last time I'd seen him.

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00:43:52,840 --> 00:43:57,240

And this is basically the way he had left.

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00:43:57,240 --> 00:43:59,360

The mystery did not end there.

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00:43:59,360 --> 00:44:01,840

Before Steve and Eddie left to look for Hugh,

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00:44:01,840 --> 00:44:05,080

Steve walked over to make a pit stop at the edge of the woods.

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00:44:07,640 --> 00:44:09,560

Hey, Eddie.

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00:44:09,560 --> 00:44:11,240

Here's the keys.

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00:44:11,240 --> 00:44:12,880

What the hell are they doing there?

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00:44:12,880 --> 00:44:14,840

It was at that point that I decided

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00:44:14,840 --> 00:44:17,320

that there were just too many elements involved here

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00:44:17,320 --> 00:44:19,480

to be a straight up situation.

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00:44:19,520 --> 00:44:21,800

I think we ought to call cops.

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00:44:21,800 --> 00:44:22,680

I think you're right.

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00:44:22,680 --> 00:44:24,240

Let me lock it up.

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00:44:24,240 --> 00:44:26,480

What could have happened to Hugh Harlan?

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00:44:26,480 --> 00:44:29,320

Did he meet with foul play, or did he simply

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00:44:29,320 --> 00:44:32,480

decide to disappear?

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00:44:32,480 --> 00:44:34,440

There are several possibilities as to what

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00:44:34,440 --> 00:44:37,160

could have happened to Mr. Harlan.

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00:44:37,160 --> 00:44:39,080

Number one, he simply could have possibly

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00:44:39,080 --> 00:44:41,640

staged his disappearance.

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00:44:41,640 --> 00:44:44,080

He knows he had been at one time questioned

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00:44:44,080 --> 00:44:46,280

regarding the homicide of his wife.

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00:44:50,480 --> 00:44:56,000

I totally believe that Hugh was smart enough and crafty enough

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00:44:56,000 --> 00:44:59,560

to engineer his own disappearance.

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00:44:59,560 --> 00:45:05,160

And just in exactly this manner, if he so wanted to,

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00:45:05,160 --> 00:45:07,320

the thing that I've never been able to decide

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00:45:07,320 --> 00:45:10,880

is if that's actually what he did,

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00:45:10,880 --> 00:45:13,920

or if there was some foul play here.

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00:45:13,920 --> 00:45:17,720

If he wanted to disappear, Hugh's the kind of person

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00:45:17,760 --> 00:45:20,640

that would have left his truck with somebody

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00:45:20,640 --> 00:45:22,480

he wanted to have it.

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00:45:22,480 --> 00:45:27,360

He wouldn't have left it by the side of the road like that.

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00:45:27,360 --> 00:45:30,720

Indeed, why would Hugh Harlan want to disappear?

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00:45:30,720 --> 00:45:33,640

After four years, police no longer considered him

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00:45:33,640 --> 00:45:36,320

a suspect in his wife's murder.

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00:45:36,320 --> 00:45:39,480

Authorities now fear that Hugh might have had a deadly encounter

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00:45:39,480 --> 00:45:42,360

with the same person or persons who killed Diane.

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00:45:43,360 --> 00:45:46,560

Hugh Harlan knew, I believe, and I

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00:45:46,560 --> 00:45:48,880

think the investigators of the time

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00:45:48,880 --> 00:45:56,760

believe, knew more about the case than he was telling them.

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00:45:56,760 --> 00:46:01,600

And my concern is, possibly, he was harmed by some individual

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00:46:01,600 --> 00:46:03,000

who may very well have harmed Diane Harlan.

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00:46:06,000 --> 00:46:09,200

The case of Diane and Hugh Harlan is multilayered.

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00:46:09,200 --> 00:46:10,840

Mystery on top of mystery.

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00:46:12,480 --> 00:46:15,920

Disappearance on top of death.

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00:46:15,920 --> 00:46:18,880

Years after the fact, people around Morrill Bay

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00:46:18,880 --> 00:46:22,120

still talk about Diane's murder and Hugh's disappearance

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00:46:22,120 --> 00:46:25,160

as if they happened only yesterday.

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00:46:25,160 --> 00:46:28,400

The key to the mystery lies in finding Hugh Harlan

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00:46:28,400 --> 00:46:29,400

if he is alive.

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00:46:31,800 --> 00:46:34,800

At the time of his disappearance in 1986,

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00:46:34,800 --> 00:46:40,880

Hugh was 51 years old and weighed between 130 and 150 pounds.

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00:46:40,880 --> 00:46:44,760

He is 5 feet 6 inches tall and is missing the thumb and forefinger

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00:46:44,760 --> 00:46:45,680

on his left hand.

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00:46:55,160 --> 00:46:58,000

Next week on Unsolved Mysteries,

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a controversial story of two American servicemen

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whose untimely deaths are under investigation by Congress.

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00:47:06,000 --> 00:47:08,920

Army Sergeant Billy Ray Hartrow and Mike Carmichael

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00:47:08,920 --> 00:47:12,120

were the best of friends and both wanted to spend the rest

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00:47:12,120 --> 00:47:14,120

of their lives in the military.

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00:47:14,120 --> 00:47:17,200

But in 1992, just six weeks apart,

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00:47:17,200 --> 00:47:20,840

Hargrove and Carmichael were both found hung to death.

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00:47:20,840 --> 00:47:23,920

The army ruled that the two men had committed suicide,

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00:47:23,920 --> 00:47:27,600

but their families are convinced they were murdered.

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00:47:27,600 --> 00:47:31,440

Join me next time for this intriguing case and more

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