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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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In 1935, legendary gangster Dutch Schultz was ambushed by an

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underworld rival in a tavern in New Jersey.

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On his deathbed, Schultz reportedly ran into a

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incoherently about his mother, his enemies, and his ill-gotten

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\$7 million fortune buried in rural upstate New York.

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But when Dutch died, he took the secret of his alleged lost

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treasure with him to the grave.

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When five-year-old Lauren Jackson disappeared, an eyewitness

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account led police to believe she'd been abducted by a stranger.

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Then a few months later, another witness came forward

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with a stunning accusation.

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Lauren's own deathbed was a murder.

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Lauren's own mother may have been involved in the kidnapping.

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Beware of the classifiers.

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In September of 1992, a man calling himself Tom Johnson

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answered an ad for a computer system.

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But Johnson had no intention of paying for his purchase.

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Instead, he had hatched a congame, deadly proportion.

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Just outside Dallas, Texas, a young boy and his mother were

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murdered by a ruthless, unknown assailant.

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This hope one of our viewers will recognize several items left

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behind by the killer.

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Crucial evidence that may lead to the suspect's identity and capture.

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Join me.

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Perhaps you hold the one vital clue that will help

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solve one of tonight's unsolved mysteries.

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The Man Doing All the Ways

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On a cool, moonless night some 60 years ago,

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two shadowy figures dug along the banks of Ysopas Creek,

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100 miles north of New York City.

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All right, Lou, Lou, that's enough.

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The Man Doing All the Work was Bernard Rosencrantz,

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nicknamed oddly enough, Lulu.

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His boss was the infamous Dutch Schultz,

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king of the New York underworld.

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According to legend, Dutch buried a strongbox that night

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containing a king's ransom of cash, bonds,

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unset diamonds, and gold coins.

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Today it would be worth more than \$50 million.

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That is, of course, if it ever existed.

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Like most tales of buried treasure,

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this one comes with a familiar wet blanket disclaimer.

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But let's face it, we love these tales.

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Perhaps because he often spring up around society's villains,

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its pirates, thieves, and gangsters, men just like Dutch Schultz.

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The legend of his lost treasure is rooted smack in the middle

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of one of America's most colorful periods, the Roaring Twenties.

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The decade came by his nickname honestly.

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Prohibition was passed in 1919.

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The criminal element was in its element.

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Bootleg liquor became an art form,

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whose manufacture and distribution made millions

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for ruthless gangsters like Legs Diamond,

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Lucky Luchon, Al Capone, and Dutch Schultz.

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Dutch Schultz was something of a criminal prodigy.

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Born Arthur Flegenheimer in 1902,

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he was already a force to be reckoned with by the time he was 25.

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He adopted his name from a notorious gang lord

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who had flourished in another era.

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Dutch Schultz was a very successful and widespread bootlegger,

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owned a string of speakeasies,

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and then quickly branched out into narcotics.

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The numbers racket and the protection racket.

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Schultz was an extremely dangerous gangster.

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He was reported to have had 136 people killed,

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and that's over a criminal career of less than 10 years.

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As the Roaring Twenties came to a close,

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Dutch Schultz's criminal empire was netting

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more than \$20 million a year.

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In 1933, Dutch earned a dubious distinction

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He was named public enemy number one by the Justice Department.

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Like Al Capone before him,

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Schultz was highly vulnerable to the newly enacted

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federal income tax laws.

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When he was indicted by a grand jury for income tax evasion,

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he did what gangsters do.

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He went on the land.

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At the time, Dutch Schultz was facing long prison sentence,

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and he decided that he needed a new law.

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He needed a nest egg to fall back on in case he was sent to prison.

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So he had his top lieutenants clean out of safety deposit boxes

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and gather together whatever cash they could

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from his available bank accounts.

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Beautiful. Looks good, boss.

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At a hideaway in Bridgeport, Connecticut,

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Dutch and his henchmen, including Lulu Rosengrans

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and a man named Marty Crompier rendezvoused.

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According to Gangland legend,

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they stacked bundles of \$1,000 bills in negotiable liberty bonds

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together with a trove of gold coins, unmounted diamonds

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and other gems into a steel-plated strongbox.

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Hey, Marty, I'll get me something to drink.

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Dutch Schultz had the only key.

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That very night, Dutch and the faithful Lulu

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made their fabled nocturnal journey

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across the Hudson River towards Phoenicia, New York,

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a tiny hamlet Dutch knew well from his bootlegging days.

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Dutch swore Lulu to secrecy,

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then allegedly marked the site by carving an X

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into the trunk of a nearby tree.

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But Lulu couldn't keep his mouth shut.

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He wasted no time in spilling the beans to his crony, Marty Crompier.

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I shouldn't tell you this,

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but I think it'd be good for somebody else to know.

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Know what?

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Remember that strongbox that me and Dutch buried upstate a few weeks ago?

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Yeah. What about it?

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Well, I'm gonna tell you where we buried it.

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Some say Lulu even drew Marty a map.

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I ain't got to worry about you doing anything stupid, do I?

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Me and the Dutchman were like this, and he's gonna take care of me.

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Dutch.

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As it turned out, Marty was none too good at keeping his mouth shut either.

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And just where is this nest egg?

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Lulu drew me this map, and I got it right here in my wallet.

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Listen, Marty.

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Rumors of Dutch's secret treasure filtered through New York,

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but he had other troubles to contend with.

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Specifically, Manhattan's crambusting,

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disfigged attorney, Thomas E. Dewey.

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That's the record of the present state.

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Dewey would later become famous for almost,

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but not quite beating out Harry S. Truman

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in the 1948 presidential elections.

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But in 1934, he was determined to make a career

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out of squashing Dutch Schultz and his illegal empire.

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With a pressure building, Schultz finally surrendered

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to authorities in Albany, New York.

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His first trial resulted in a hung jury.

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At his second trial, he was acquitted of all charges

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for lack of evidence.

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By Dutch's design, both trials had taken place in upstate New York,

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where he could jury tampering peace far from Thomas E. Dewey.

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After the acquittal, Dutch Schultz moved his headquarters

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to New Jersey, specifically to the palace chop house,

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a tavern he owned in Newark.

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Determined to regain control of his empire,

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Dutch went on a bloody killing spree,

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thereby alienating the powerful New York crime syndicate.

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The syndicate was a confederation of New York City mobsters

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who controlled virtually all the crime in the Manhattan area.

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And they were very afraid that he was bringing additional heat

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upon them with these killings.

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The heat came in the form of the former Schultz's old nemesis,

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Thomas E. Dewey.

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Finally, Dutch decided to get rid of Dewey.

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Hey, let me tell you something.

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Dewey's just another politician,

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and I never met a politician who couldn't be bought.

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I don't think you can buy off Dewey.

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Well, if I can't buy him off, then we'll just have to bump him off.

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What are you, crazy? You can't bump off Dewey.

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He's right, boss.

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Hey, nobody asked you your opinion, LaLusso, shut up.

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In the back room of the palace chop house,

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Dutch's trusted lieutenants tried to talk him out of it.

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Arthur, you can't go around saying you're going to bump off Dewey.

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Maybe you're right.

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I'm just going to go, uh, splash some water on my face.

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Dutch Schultz headed for the men's room.

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Perhaps he would have listened to reason when he returned,

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but it was too late.

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The syndicate had already taken matters into its own hands.

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A date was October 23rd, 1935.

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Well, they took Schultz to the hospital,

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and he lingered on until the next evening,

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and all the time issuing a delirium series of statements.

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How many shots were fired at me?

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The police actually had a court, uh, stenographer in the room with him,

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taking down everything he said,

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most of which was unintelligible.

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Kindly take my shoes off.

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I'm not going to take them off.

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I'm not going to take them off.

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It's unintelligible.

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Kindly take my shoes off.

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They're still on.

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They feel like handcuffs.

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I wonder who owns these woods.

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Dutch hung on for nearly 22 hours.

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Once he allegedly begged to be taken to Phoenicia,

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where the strongbox was buried.

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To the police, it was only the babbling of a dying man.

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Come and get me if he says anything useful.

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Dutch Schultz finally died at 8.35 p.m.

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on October 24, 1935.

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He was 33 years old.

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His trusted bodyguard, Lulu Rosenkranz,

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had died hours earlier.

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That left only one man who knew where the treasure was buried,

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Marty Krompier.

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Too late, Marty learned that the blondie at Blab 2

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was friends with Jake Shapiro,

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a mobster who had a few henchmen of his own.

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I don't believe you. Let me see it.

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The night of the chop house murders,

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the two henchmen caught up with Marty

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at a barber shop in New York City,

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gunned him down and took the map.

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Krompfer survived the attack,

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but he was never able to locate the treasure without the map.

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Jake Shapiro made several attempts

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at finding the treasure from the map,

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as did several other gangsters of the Europe.

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None were successful.

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I think buried treasure is always fascinating,

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and certainly when you add the element of the gangsters to it,

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it becomes even more of a popular story.

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Because we're interested in the gangsters,

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because they represent, unfortunately,

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a flamboyant side of our society,

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which, although evil, can be compelling to people.

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If people knew about it,

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Schultz is as close as associates.

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They told other people,

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I would suspect strongly that it had been retrieved long before now.

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I personally believe the treasure of Dutch Schultz was buried,

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and there's a good possibility that it still exists today.

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Because even though the Liberty Bonds have long since matured

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in the last 60-plus years, none have ever been redeemed.

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Did Dutch Schultz leave an ill-gotten fortune

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buried along the banks of the soapless creek in upstate New York?

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Those who believe, say, that someday, some way,

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someone will stumble across a tree,

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scarred with an axe, and hit the jackpot.

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Next, a classified ad leads two innocent people into a deadly trap.

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In today's high-tech marketplace,

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more and more people are using the classifieds to buy and sell computers.

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In September of 1992,

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a music video company in Nashville ran these notices in the local trade publication,

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hoping to sell a top-of-the-line computer system

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valued at more than \$30,000.

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At the time, it seemed inconceivable that the ads would lead to murder.

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OK, if you've got a couple minutes,

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I'd like to ask you some specific questions about it,

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because I'm really interested in...

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On October 7, 1992, a man calling himself Tom Johnson

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answered the ads.

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He said he was a freelance computer programmer

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and database consultant.

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A few days later, Johnson met with a videotape editor

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named Jeremy for a demonstration.

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I'm mainly concerned about the ads.

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I'm concerned about the ads.

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The two men eventually agreed on a price of \$31,000.

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Johnson requested that the computer system be delivered

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to his office in Marietta, Georgia, several hundred miles from Nashville.

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October 24, 1992, 1.30 a.m.

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Jeremy and his fiance, Heather Offleman,

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set off on a five-hour trek to deliver the computer to Tom Johnson.

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He said he was a freelance computer programmer

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and a freelance computer programmer.

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I'd been working for about 30 hours on another project

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and was completely exhausted.

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And I said, well, I don't know if I'm going to be able to find anybody,

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except Heather at this point, and I'd like to take her along anyway,

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because, you know, we enjoy taking trips together.

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7.30 a.m., after driving all night,

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Jeremy and Heather arrived at the station.

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They were all in the car.

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After driving all night, Jeremy and Heather arrived

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at Tom Johnson's motel in Marietta.

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Originally, we had been set to meet in an industrial park,

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but he said that the directions to the industrial park were so complex

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that he would prefer to meet us first at his motel,

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which made perfect sense to me, because I've spent a lot of time

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lost in industrial parks trying to find an unposted address somewhere.

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Come on in.

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Tom, hi. How you doing?

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This is my fiance, Heather.

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We arrived a little early, I think.

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But he said that his business partner would be along shortly,

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and he was bringing the certified check.

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He's going to bring it here, and he should be here about half an hour, 45 minutes.

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I suggested that we go and get breakfast if we had to wait for a while,

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because Heather and I were really hungry.

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So we left, and when we came back maybe half an hour later,

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he said that his business manager had called and was on the way,

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and would be there shortly.

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Yeah, I think it'll really save some time

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if we just transfer it between your car.

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Where's he coming from, you know?

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8 a.m. Johnson suggested that Jeremy and Heather load the computer into his car

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while they waited for Johnson's partner to arrive with the check.

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We so trusted this guy, it didn't strike me as being odd.

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There were absolutely no clues that this guy was anything but what he said he was.

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He was very good at making people believe that he was legitimate.

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Think about how computer technologies influenced every aspect of our society.

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The three returned to Johnson's motel room and made small talk for 20 minutes.

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Finally Jeremy grew tired of waiting.

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Tom, I've been up about 30 hours.

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If you knew where your president was, we could close this deal.

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I think we can close this deal right now.

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Are you kidding me?

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No, I'm not kidding.

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Put your money belt over there and get down on your knees.

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You, stand up.

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Take the sheet off that bed and lay it down here on the floor.

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Hurry up.

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00:17:16,200 --> 00:17:18,200

Put the sheet down here.

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Lay it on the ground.

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Why are you doing this Tom? Why'd you lie?

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00:17:21,200 --> 00:17:22,200

Shut up.

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00:17:22,200 --> 00:17:23,200

Lay down.

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The person we've been talking to before was this kind of thoughtful, introspective guy

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interested in computers and then this person who was pointing the gun was cold and calculating

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and deliberate.

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He knew exactly what he wanted to do.

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Now lay down in it.

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Roll yourself up in it.

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Your company's going to get an insurance check and I'm going to get the computer and everybody's going to be fine.

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Look away.

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Don't look at her.

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And so I turned my head away from him and then a second later I hear a sharp buzzing in my ear,

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almost like a siren and the whole room spins because he's struck me in the back of the head

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and then he moved over to Heather and I saw him raise his hand up and bring it down and when he did,

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Heather screamed this horrible screaming so he kept hitting her.

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Stop screaming and he'll leave.

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So he came back over and hit me more and then went back over and hit her more and then as he backed out of the room,

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still pointing the gun at us, he dusted the countertop for fingerprints as he walked out of the room.

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And as soon as he left I crawled over to Heather and I told her that I was going to get help and that we were going to be okay.

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And what I saw haunts me.

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You know, I can't get the picture out of my head.

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I mean that someone could so hurt such a gentle person.

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Heather and Jeremy were rushed to a nearby hospital.

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Two hours later, Heather Ruffleman died of massive skull injuries.

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I went right over to him and I called him.

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Meanwhile, the authorities questioned witnesses and searched the motel room for evidence.

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Among the few clues that Johnson left behind was the murder weapon.

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The hammer was still wrapped in plastic.

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I still had the card identifying its weight, its skew number.

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But we have not been able to trace exactly which store it was purchased from.

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This is a very unusual robbery and the fact that he would allow himself to be seen in public in daylight.

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It's unusual that he had a handgun, especially a small caliber handgun.

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I didn't use this handgun to kill the victims.

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Police learned of yet another curious circumstance that occurred approximately an hour before the attack.

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Yes, ma'am, may I help you?

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Yes, I'd like to report a disturbance down in room 332.

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An unknown woman complained of a problem in the motel room rented to Tom Johnson.

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At that time, Jeremy and Heather had gone out for breakfast.

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No, there's a lot of noise going on.

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Well, ma'am, it sounds like a domestic dispute. We're trying not to get involved in that.

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Investigators now believe that the woman may have been an accomplice of Johnson's who attempted to sabotage the scheme

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when she learned that he intended to murder his victims.

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I wouldn't have come down here if I didn't think this was urgent.

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If we could locate the mystery woman that entered into the motel that morning,

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maybe she could give us further information or anybody at the motel,

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if they would come forward and give us any further information on the vehicle,

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or this suspect called Tom Johnson,

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or if anybody has any information on the computer, it's whereabouts.

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The vehicle that Tom Johnson was driving was a Dodge Dynasty black cherry color

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with a red interior and Tennessee license plates.

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Tom Johnson is in his late 20s or early 30s, approximately six feet tall and weighing 165 pounds.

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He has sandy brown hair and may be wearing glasses.

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His last scene wearing an expensive pair of boots may have either snake or alligator skin.

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Tom Johnson is a riddle.

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He had a smile and a way of talking to you that made you feel very much at ease.

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Tom Johnson could be someone's coworker.

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He could be someone's, you know, acquaintance,

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and they would have no clue that this other side is there at all until it was too late.

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This is the same computer model, the man calling himself Tom Johnson's told from Jeremy.

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It is a Macintosh Quadra 950 used for desktop publishing or videotape editing.

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Perhaps someone in our audience purchased the unit from Tom Johnson.

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At this point the police have evidence that Johnson tried to pull a similar scam

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just one week before he murdered Heather Uffleman,

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but for some unknown reason, Johnson never showed up for the appointment.

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When we return, after a five-year-old girl disappears,

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her grieving mother finds herself a suspect.

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On a chilly October evening in 1988,

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200 rescue workers and volunteers

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swarmed into the tiny township of East Vincent, Pennsylvania.

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At a moment's notice, they had put their lives on hold to launch a search for one of their own.

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A five-year-old girl named Lauren Jackson was missing.

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At the time I was in shock,

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and I really didn't realize because I always thought she's right here.

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00:22:57,200 --> 00:23:01,200

She'll come up, you know, she'll come home mommy.

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00:23:01,200 --> 00:23:05,200

And this is all for naught.

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00:23:05,200 --> 00:23:11,200

But when daylight came, she wasn't home.

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Lauren Jackson has been missing for more than five years.

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In a case like this, anyone and everyone becomes a suspect.

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Since Lauren vanished, her case has taken a number of bizarre turns.

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And when all is said and done,

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many people believe the prime suspect is a member of Lauren's family, her own mother.

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Lauren's parents, Christina O'Donnell and Mickey Jackson, were never married.

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They split in 1987 when Lauren was four years old.

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Lauren lived with her mother.

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But in September of 1988, Christina was arrested

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for attempting to illegally obtain prescription drugs.

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Soon after, Mickey told Lauren he planned to file for custody of her.

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A month later, on October 4, 1988,

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Christina took Lauren and her other daughter out for dinner.

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The day had been so normal, it was almost mundane.

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But within two hours, Lauren Jackson would be gone.

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I remember all day asking me for a cheeseburger.

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And I finally gave in and took her down, got her a cheeseburger.

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And we ate and I let her go out and play with Brian to dig in the dirt,

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because she loved to do that.

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Brian was a six-year-old boy who lived three doors down from Lauren and Christina

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in the Park Springs apartment complex.

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I was outside sweeping, watching her.

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And I walked in.

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00:24:53,200 --> 00:24:57,200

And I put the broom in the house and cleaned up my kitchen counter.

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And someone else, she was gone.

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Lauren!

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Christina says a 20 minutes had elapsed.

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Lauren!

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She immediately went to Brian's apartment.

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According to Christina, no one was home.

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I found out later that his mom had went to the mall.

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And they left Lauren outside.

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But she wasn't out there when I went out.

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When I showed up at Park Springs that night and got out of the car,

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there was people mobilizing and fire engine trucks.

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And just a whole lot of pretty hectic.

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I was hoping for the best at the time.

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You were kind of overwhelmed by everything.

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You couldn't believe it was happening to you.

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What is all this?

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There are a lot of people out here looking for Lauren.

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At the time Lauren disappeared, Jim Cody was East Vincent's police chief.

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I had probably 250 people out going through weeds and bushes

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coming in the area looking for the child.

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Rescue units from the surrounding area.

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I cleared 19 ponds in two days.

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By the next morning, the police using blood hounds on a professional tracker

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uncovered evidence that Lauren had either wandered or been dragged towards Route 724,

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a quarter of a mile from her home.

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When an 11-year-old girl came forward with an eyewitness account,

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everyone's worst fears seemed to be confirmed.

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The girl was certain that the child she saw was Lauren.

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But the investigation soon stalled for lack of further evidence.

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Then a few months later, another witness came forward with stunning new information

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that pointed the finger of suspicion directly at Lauren's mother, Christina.

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A witness told us that Lauren was not kidnapped

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and that she saw Christina give Lauren away to a couple

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in the James Way Mall on October 4th of 1988.

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According to the witness, at around 7 p.m. she was in the mall parking lot

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when she heard a child yelling.

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Please come and get over here. No! No! No! No!

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The witness reported seeing a woman, possibly the child's mother,

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hand the young girl to a couple in a parked car.

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The day after the witness came forward, police chief Jim Cody

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showed up unannounced at Christina's apartment.

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I stopped by for the recent photo that I asked you about from Lauren.

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From across the street, the witness and FBI agents were watching.

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That's the woman. That's the woman I saw.

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She observed Christina and told us that she was 100% positive

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00:28:18,200 --> 00:28:25,200

that that was the same woman that she saw give Lauren away on October 4th of 1988.

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My whole thought is she saw my picture in the paper.

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Either maybe she mistake me for somebody else.

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Maybe she just is one of those kind of people that like to go to the police

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or the FBI. There are people like that. Why I don't know.

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Christina O'Donnell staunchly maintains that she had nothing to do

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with her daughter's disappearance and poised to a major discrepancy

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in the witness's story.

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It's so hard to believe.

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The witness placed Lauren and Christina in the parking lot at 7pm.

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However, residents of Christina's apartment complex

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clearly recall seeing Lauren playing in her front yard as late as 7.15.

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I don't doubt that she may have seen a child and a mother in the mall.

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The current East Vincent police chief, Bill Demski,

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believes the witness was mistaken.

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She's quite sure at a time she was there.

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There's other people that live in the complex where Lauren disappeared from

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that are quite sure at a times that Lauren was still in the complex.

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Mickey Jackson is convinced that Christina was involved.

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I bet my life on it that she did it.

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00:29:38,200 --> 00:29:45,200

And I feel certain that it's because the two reasons tied together.

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Number one, despite me, and number two,

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she's just overwhelmed with responsibility raising a child.

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Everyone was a suspect in the beginning.

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Mickey Jackson was a suspect.

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He can probably relate the phone conversation I had with him

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at the night of the disappearance.

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I wasn't too happy with that.

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It took offense at being an initial suspect.

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There are other suspects along the route of that long

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and tedious investigatory process.

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And you work through them.

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Christina O'Donnell, given this scenario, would be a suspect.

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Ultimately, a grand jury in East Vincent was asked to consider

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whether Christina O'Donnell should be charged in connection

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with the disappearance of her daughter.

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After four months, the grand jury declined to take action.

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Today, there is only one absolute fact in this troubling case.

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Lauren Jackson has not been seen since the day she disappeared

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more than five years ago.

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There's got to be a trail somewhere.

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Just that we were so far behind it that we're here,

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and the trail's there.

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We need somebody to put us on the trail.

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A lot of times I give up hope,

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but there's always just that glimmer that I'll see her again.

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Next, authorities in Dallas, Texas need your help

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to solve a brutal double murder.

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Just a few days before Christmas in 1981,

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the Dallas County, Texas Sheriff's Department

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was preparing for their annual holiday lunch.

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I'd like to get back on the streets.

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It was a Wednesday, December 23,

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a day that no one in the department will ever forget.

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At about 11.45 a.m., Officer Roy Baird was still on duty,

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patrolling an area 10 miles outside Dallas.

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His attention was drawn to a car parked on the wrong side

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of a dirt road with one door hanging open.

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This vehicle appeared to be suspicious to me,

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and I decided to check it out.

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And upon checking the hood, I found that the car was still warm.

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On the back seat was a pile of brightly-wrapped Christmas gifts.

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On the front seat, a blue sports bag,

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a pair of women's gloves, and a purse.

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With the instinct born of 15 years' experience,

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Officer Baird quickly concluded that someone was in dire trouble

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I felt that there was possibly a rape going on,

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or that a female had been raped.

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I then called for cover

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and made my entrance into the field on the north side of the road.

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I very slowly and costly made my way to the hospital

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I very slowly and costly made my way

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towards a tree line that was to the northeast.

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I observed a small boy that appeared to be crumpled to the ground

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and lying next to him was a white female that was covered with a blanket.

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I touched him and his body was still warm.

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I felt at that time that whoever did this was possibly still in the area.

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And I could not believe that someone had shot this little boy that's close to Christmas.

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The same day, the victims were identified as 30-year-old Roxanne Gives

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at her 5-year-old son, Christopher.

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More than 12 years have passed since the brutal double murder,

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but it still grips the investigating officers as though it happened yesterday.

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For them, the case is far from over.

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They hope that tonight one of our viewers will provide the critical information

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necessary to solve this troubling mystery.

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Roxanne Gives had moved to Dallas after a divorce.

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She worked for an insurance company and enjoyed country western dancing.

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Roxanne was engaged to be remarried in June of 1982.

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Friends describe Roxanne's son, Christopher, as happy and outgoing.

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He had turned 5 years old on Wednesday, December 23, 1981.

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The very day he was murdered.

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That morning, Roxanne and Christopher planned to embark on a special Christmas trip

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to visit relatives in Kansas.

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Concerned that her car might break down on the long journey,

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Roxanne told neighbors she planned to take along her toolbox.

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About one hour before the murders, a man authorities believed was the killer

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was seen by a neighbor outside Roxanne's apartment complex.

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It was a first of many eyewitness reports that enabled investigators

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to piece together this appalling crime.

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We located a neighbor of Roxanne's who left by the time that Christopher

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came out the door with the red toolbox.

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Matter of fact, she spoke to Christopher.

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In the process of going to her car, she saw the man carrying the toolbox

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in one hand and Christopher by the hand as they went around the corner

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where she believed Roxanne's car was parked.

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She said they looked rough, they looked nervous.

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She described them as not fitting in the complex.

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30 minutes later, at about 11 a.m., the suspect was seen again.

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This time he was with Roxanne and Christopher in their car.

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The man's female companion was no longer with him.

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He was acting kind of nervous.

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He had his hands down between his legs.

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He never looked up at me.

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He never said anything.

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He just stared at the pool board.

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You could tell that she was nervous and when I looked at her,

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she looked me right in the eyes and you could tell then she was nervous

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that something was wrong.

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Her little boy was in the back seat and I thought,

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well, he acts like everything's all right.

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Very much.

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I told one of my fellow employees, I said,

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it's going to be something if something happens to that woman

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because she acted awful straight.

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Sometime during the next half hour, Roxanne and Christopher were murdered.

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I'm afraid that she saw her son killed

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and then she and the killer had quite a struggle

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before she was initially shot twice herself.

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The bodies were still warm when Officer Baird found them at 11.45.

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He immediately called backup units to the scene.

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At the very moment support officers were arriving,

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the suspect was seen fleeing the area.

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A total of eight eyewitnesses saw the alleged killer

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either running or hitchhiking away from the scene.

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Meanwhile, less than a mile away, investigators were gathering evidence

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that may someday convict him.

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In making his quick getaway, the suspect had inadvertently left behind

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a blue sports pack, literally a bag of clues.

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A pre-World War II holster, possibly a collector's item.

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A set of burglary tools.

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A toboggan hat and finally a bottle of formaldehyde.

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It would be the first hint that the case was linked in some way to drugs.

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It was popular among heavy drug users then to lace a marijuana cigarette

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with formaldehyde.

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Locally here they called it a Sherman stick.

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Investigators were still at the murder scene

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when the suspect burst into a gas station just five miles away

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demanding to use the phone.

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Got a payphone right out there on the corner, sir.

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Right there where that little sign is.

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There's a phone right there. Let me use that phone right there.

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I'm sorry, that's a busy phone. Can't let you...

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Come on, lady.

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00:38:59,200 --> 00:39:01,200

I can't let you use that phone, sir.

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00:39:01,200 --> 00:39:04,200

If you want to make a call, you can use that payphone right out there on the corner.

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It's right out there, sir.

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He was there at the gas station for 15 to 20 minutes.

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She said that he used the telephone.

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The last time she saw him, he wandered off towards Interstate 635.

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A suspect was seen one final time.

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This sighting led authorities to believe that he may have had an accomplice.

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I've seen this man run down the hill from the service station

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and I thought he might have been a...

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He was a suspect.

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He was running down the hill from the service station

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and I thought he might have been a robbery because there was a car

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on the side of the road slowing down and stopping to pick him up.

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Roy Morris described the getaway car as a green 1955 Buick.

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The driver was a heavy set black male.

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In the wake of the murder, anonymous tips flooded police hotlines.

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Several callers made the same suggestion.

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Talked to Roxanne's brother, Army Private Kurt Gives.

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Investigators learned that before joining the service in August of 1981,

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Kurt had stayed with Roxanne and Christopher in their Dallas apartment.

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I think so. I'm going to try real hard.

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All right, I'll get you.

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When Kurt moved out to go to the Army,

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people have told us that Roxanne was relieved.

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Bye.

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We know that he was dealing in marijuana

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and at some point in time he had a disagreement with these folks

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over some of their transactions with regard to this marijuana.

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According to Roxanne's friends, late one night,

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a man showed up unexpectedly at her apartment.

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Kurt's not here.

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What do you mean he's not here?

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Police believe that when Kurt left to join the Army,

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his former associates were still angry.

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Roxanne may have found herself trapped

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in the middle of a bitter drug-related dispute.

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Kurt owed me some money and I'm going to find him

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and I will find him.

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Two years later in 1984,

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Kurt Gives was himself murdered during an attempted drug-buy.

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He had always angrily insisted that he had no information

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that might shed light on the deaths of his sister and nephew.

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This case occurred at Christmas time

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and I'm sure that myself and all the other detectives

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will never forget what we saw out there that day.

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Whoever committed that offense doesn't need to be free in our society

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and I don't intend to ever give up trying to find that person.

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On our next Unsolved Mysteries,

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two stories of death defined by overpowering love.

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In one, a mother's pain over the loss of her child was eased

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when she was contacted by what she believes was a spirit of her daughter

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and a woman raising two young sons after the death of her husband

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says she found solace when he appeared to her.

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Some say these after-death visits are pure hallucination.

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Others claim they are all too real.

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Also a case of utmost urgency,

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a serial killer is stalking and murdering young women in the Midwest.

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Perhaps you can help catch the I-70 killer.

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Join me next time.

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Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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I'm not sure if you can help me.

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I'm just a little bit worried.

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I'm just a little bit worried.