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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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Tonight, a special edition of Unsolved Mysteries

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from the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas.

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In 1830, the police were arrested

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In 1836, 189 brave men made a gallop last stand at the Alamo,

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holding off 6,000 Mexican soldiers for nearly two weeks.

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In the end, the defenders would all die.

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But according to legend, they left behind an unclaimed

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legacy, possibly a fortune in gold and silver buried

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at the bottom of an old well.

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Incredibly, some believe it was more than just a legend.

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For almost a month, a team of archaeologists and researchers

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have been excavating here in an attempt

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to uncover the secrets of the Alamo.

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What, if anything, will they find?

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A legendary hidden treasure?

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Or perhaps priceless artifacts from history

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lost for nearly 160 years?

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In the next hour, we'll bring you this fascinating story,

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as well as these intriguing mysteries.

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In South Africa, Louisiana, intruders

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broke into a comfortable suburban home

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and murdered a prominent young couple, Pam and Eric Allender.

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Four years later, Pam's father, Huey Littleton,

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is still searching for the truth behind the brutal deaths.

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The investigation has taken Huey into the depths

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of a bizarre ritualistic subculture

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and led him to believe that his daughter and son-in-law were

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killed by members of a satanic cult.

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When Denise Williams was 17, she

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fell in love with an older man named Randall Utterback.

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She says she also fell victim to a terrifying spiral

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of abuse, which allegedly culminated in a vicious attack.

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Now the authorities need your help

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to bring Randall Utterback to justice.

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Join me for this special edition,

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The Secrets of the Alamo and more on Unsolved Mysteries.

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The Last Inheritance

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Remember the Alamo, the famous battle cry that echoes across the fields of time, a lasting

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tribute to freedom, liberty and independence. But some believe a full story of the Alamo

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has yet to be told. Legend has it that in the shadow of the old mission, an intriguing

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secret remains buried, a secret which dates back to 1836, the year of the epic battle.

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That January, a group of rugged frontiersmen made their way across the vast prairie of

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southern Texas. By some accounts, they were loaded down with a fortune in silver and gold,

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legendary San Sabah treasure said to be worth millions of dollars. The men were bound for

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the Alamo. The treasure was intended to finance the Texas Revolution for independence from

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Mexico. The leader of the expedition was a man named Jim Buie, a colonel in the Texas

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Cavalry and renowned throughout the west for the hunting night which would later bear

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his name. Two months later, Buie and 188 other men, including Davey Crockett, would make

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a courageous stand against 6,000 well-trained Mexican soldiers at the Alamo. Not one of

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the defenders would live to tell the tale, but the legend of the treasure would endure.

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Say all that remains of the Alamo is the old hallowed chapel. Here on the grounds of the

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plaza history comes alive. You can almost hear the cannon shot and the charge of cavalry.

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You can also feel the excitement of discovery. Just a few feet from where I'm standing, legend

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and science have crossed paths with an unsolved mystery.

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For the past three weeks, a team of archaeologists and researchers has been excavating the story

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of the Alamo. What will they find? Perhaps nothing. Perhaps a legendary sand-saba treasure.

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Or perhaps priceless artifacts from the battle untouched for nearly 160 years. The dig is

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a culmination of a dream for Frank Buschbacher, a professional fortune-hunter and historical

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researcher. Frank's quest began in 1986. On a trip to Colima, Mexico, he was introduced

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to Maria Gomez, a respected museum curator who also had a reputation as a seer and prophetess.

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Did you know that there was a treasure buried at the Alamo? I never heard of any treasure

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surrounding the battle of the Alamo. It was just a valiant battle that was lost. Then

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she went on to describe it as gold coins, artifacts, silver artifacts, religious artifacts

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is what she described them as. Frank was told that some of the treasure had been

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removed by Mexican soldiers, but the bulk of the fortune still remained hidden at the

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Alamo. She's going to draw you a map. This is the crude map sketched out by Maria Gomez.

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She predicted that the treasure would be found here at the bottom of an old well. Even though

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Maria said she had never been to the Alamo, she had approximated the spot where a well

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was dug just prior to the siege. At the time, the Alamo grounds covered nearly three acres.

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The chapel was located in the rear of the fortification. The well was in the plaza,

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which was enclosed by stone walls up to 12 feet high. It was within those walls that

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the Texans held out for a full 13 days. The defenders repulsed one advance after another,

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but in the end, 189 men could not stave off 6,000 Mexican soldiers. Frank Buschbacher

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believed that in a final act of desperation, Jim Bowie ordered that the treasure be hidden

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at the bottom of the well, thus saving it to finance the war effort. The only way they

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preserve it is to all stick together and fight the battle out to whatever outcome it had.

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The first bank of Texas, the first catch of precious metals that would have bought them

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their arms and uniforms they needed. The reason why it's remained there is because everybody died.

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The Alamo is now preserved as an historic landmark in the heart of downtown San Antonio, Texas.

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Frank believes that the treasure will be found beneath the road that fronts the chapel. To

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many native Texans, however, Buschbacher's theory is little more than revisionist history.

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But the people of the Alamo, I don't think they were guarding a treasure. When your life is on the

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line like it was in the battle with General Santiana, I don't think you're thinking about silver or

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gold bullion. I think you're thinking about your life, and I don't think you would be polluting

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your water well because you don't know how long your siege is going to be.

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Despite the controversy, Frank Buschbacher was determined to prove his point. In 1992,

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he obtained permission to survey the area with ground penetrating radar. The test yielded intriguing

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results. So we've got a nice little area there about three to four meters down. Looks to be maybe

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a covered over cistern. That's all strictly conjectured, but this is a very good looking target.

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Three separate disturbances or anomalies were found beneath the surface. The largest,

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which Frank believes is a site of the well, is in the precise location where Maria Gomez

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predicted the treasure would be found. Further tests revealed an object 18 to 24 inches in diameter

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at a depth of approximately 13 feet. The object is metallic, but it is not a natural mineral deposit.

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It was a chill that ran down my back. It kind of brought all my research to fruition at that

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point because I knew with the map, her story, and then plugging it into Texas history that I was on

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a hot trail and all any dissension that I had within my own mind about whether I should follow this

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any further was gone. The anomalies could be caused by many things. I think it could be debris,

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debris, equipment left by the Texans, either army. I think it could be something several years later

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that was deposited there. You know, as time marches on, dust and dirt and silt and debris accumulate

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in cover very gradually so that we do not know. And I think that probably that could be part of

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what they're picking up out there. What did the ground radar detect? Is it possible that the legendary

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San Saba treasure does exist? Or could the anomaly be some long lost artifact from the battle?

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Whatever the case, Frank Buschbacher was determined to find out. Frank was spent three and a half

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years acquiring the necessary permits and financial backing to excavate the site. In 1994, the archaeology

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department at St. Mary's University in San Antonio agreed to oversee the digging. The project director

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is Professor Thomas Gouderjan. He believes that no matter what lies at the bottom of the well,

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it will have historical significance that you cannot put a price on.

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There's a whole series of possibilities of what we may find, whether it's treasure as in gold and

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silver and that sort of thing, or whether it is materials that were thrown into the well during

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the battle, materials that were thrown into the well during the cleanup after the battle. It doesn't

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make any difference to us while we're looking at it in a historical perspective. Whatever it is,

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it's a time capsule. It's the only opportunity we have that we know of to find something related to

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those few short months and the few short days of the battle itself.

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On February 1st, 1995, the moment had finally arrived. The dig was set to begin.

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Frank Buschbacher and two of his colleagues, Jim Rowe and Tim McClure, plotted last minute

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changes to the schedule. The plans call for excavating a 15 by 15-foot area directly above the well.

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A work crew must first remove three feet of flagstone in roadbed to reach the 1836 ground level,

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the top of the filled-in well. Proceeding carefully with hand tools, the workers will then

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remove decades of dirt and debris from the nine-foot deep shaft.

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One thing for certain is that there's something down there. Whether there's gold or silver or

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old rifles down there, that's not what's really important. What's really important is that we're

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going to find out about what happened. I'm interested in what he finds and if it's a treasure,

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that'll be very exciting. If it's a cannonball, part of a cannon, you know, metal like that,

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that'll be interesting to know about. It'll be another part of history. What we do know about

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that ground is it hasn't been disturbed since the battle and we have a time capsule down there no

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matter what it is. It is a treasure no matter what it is. For the entire team and hundreds of

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onlookers, it was a day of boundless joy and nervous anticipation. As layer after layer of

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history was peeled away, the archaeologists traveled back through time to the final days of the animal.

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When we return, perhaps you can help track down this man accused of kidnapping his former girlfriend.

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January 1994, an isolated country road just outside a small Missouri town with the unlikely name of

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Mexico. The young woman under attack is Denise Williams. She is 19. The man with a gun is her

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ex-boyfriend, 31-year-old Randall Utterback. They had met a year and a half earlier at a party after

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Denise's senior prom. To the naive 17-year-old schoolgirl, Randall seemed exotic and dashing,

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just dangerous enough to be exciting. So I'm glad you had a good time. I think my friend's really

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liked you. I met Randall a week before graduation. I just thought he was the cutest thing and he

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had been known around town for his motorcycles and he owned a mountain lion at the time.

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And everyone had talked to a highly of him. He was really outgoing, really spontaneous,

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for the moment, let's go do this. He would take me out to nice places and concerts.

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And then after two weeks of Randall and I being together, it all changed.

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It was gradual. He started out saying, don't wear makeup, don't wear hairspray,

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don't wear perfume. And then it grew to don't hang out with this person, don't be friends with

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her because she's a bad influence. We have to choose them or me.

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Denise Williams had gotten in way over her head. According to Denise, Randall Utterback,

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older and more worldly, quickly established an abusive pattern, denigrating her,

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rejecting her, and then putting on a great show of forgiveness. For Randall it seemed

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that love equaled possession. Once he had Denise, he was not about to let go.

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When Denise went away to college three months after meeting Randall, she hoped the distance

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would improve the relationship, but Randall only became more obsessive.

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Oh Randall, you scared me.

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Denise, I called you this morning. Where were you?

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I had to go to class. I know what you said. You'd wait for my phone call.

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Randall was very controlling and manipulative. I'd have to call Randall if I was going down

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to the cafeteria. Just in case Randall called and I wasn't there to accept his phone call,

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he'd think I'd be out with some other people or having friends doing something that I wasn't supposed

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to do. Denise's family was shocked when Randall talked to her into leaving school.

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She enrolled at a community college closer to home and closer to Randall.

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He had me convinced he was the only one there for me,

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because he had got me so isolated from my family and my friends to where he would tell me,

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I'm the only one here for you. You know, you need me in your life.

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And I got to the point where I started to believe that.

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You're doing it wrong. It's backwards. You gotta flip it over.

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00:17:36,200 --> 00:17:37,800

No, I didn't. It looks fine.

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00:17:37,800 --> 00:17:40,840

Denise, I'm just trying to help you, all right? You want my help or not?

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Several months passed. The abusive pattern continued. Finally, Denise reached her breaking point.

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Are you calling me a liar, Denise?

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I'm not calling you a liar. I'm just telling you this is the way it works.

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You're an idiot. You know that? You stupid b—

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Please call Randall if people watch it.

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Yeah? Well, I don't really care. Randall.

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I would be called names. I'd be tore down. I wasn't allowed to have an opinion with Randall.

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It's it, Denise. It's it. I've had it. We're finished.

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I was relieved. I wanted to get away from him.

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I had just had enough. I told Randall we were through.

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It's crazy.

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Better than Fitzgerald was. Yeah, man.

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Randall was stunned when Denise had not come crawling back.

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He couldn't abide her newfound independence.

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00:18:38,840 --> 00:18:40,440

I just don't want to see you anymore, okay?

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I've been upset. I can't sleep.

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No, Randall, don't you get it.

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00:18:43,320 --> 00:18:44,440

Just give me five minutes, Denise.

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Just leave me alone.

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00:18:44,840 --> 00:18:46,040

Please, just give me five minutes. I just need to talk to you.

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00:18:46,040 --> 00:18:47,000

Don't you get it. Just leave me alone.

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00:18:47,000 --> 00:18:47,560

Hey, just leave me alone.

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00:18:47,560 --> 00:18:48,920

Just get out of my way. Just leave me alone.

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Hey, just leave me alone.

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Randall let her back would not go peaceably.

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Denise says he began to follow her, to stalk her,

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waiting until she was alone and vulnerable.

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What are you doing?

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The Randall hit the back of my car when it ran me off the road.

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He come over to my car and then he drug me over to his dad's truck to go with him.

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And he told me that if I didn't take him back,

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something bad would happen to someone I love.

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He wanted me to marry him. I told Randall I wouldn't marry him.

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Randall utter back was arrested for felonious restraint and aggravated stalking.

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Listen, Sheriff said I could call my lawyer and let him down here.

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He was in jail for a week before posting bond.

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A restraining order was issued, barring him from seeing or talking to Denise.

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For a month, Randall obeyed the order.

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Denise finally began to remember what a normal life was like,

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but she had let down her guard too soon.

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I was driving home from school and I saw this black car behind me.

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I didn't think it was him. I thought it was just some school kids driving home from school.

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Next thing I know, that car pulls up beside me and it was Randall.

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What are you doing?

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A guinea is motioning me to pull over and I wouldn't. I sped up.

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And as I sped up, he sped up and went beside me again.

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00:21:01,320 --> 00:21:04,040

Denise? Denise, get out of the car.

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00:21:04,120 --> 00:21:07,560

Denise? Denise? Denise? Denise? Denise, where are you?

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00:21:09,560 --> 00:21:12,120

Denise tried to spray Randall with mace.

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00:21:12,360 --> 00:21:16,440

In the struggle, Randall allegedly bitter hand and dropped his gun.

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00:21:17,080 --> 00:21:17,800

Shut up!

220

00:21:20,120 --> 00:21:22,040

God! Randall, stop it!

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00:21:25,560 --> 00:21:29,000

Randall, would you free the police? I'm gonna get my feet in the car!

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00:21:30,040 --> 00:21:33,160

Randall, Randall, please, can I get my feet in the car?

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00:21:33,400 --> 00:21:35,560

I'm gonna decide my way inside. You scared me!

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00:21:38,200 --> 00:21:39,800

What is your problem?

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00:21:39,800 --> 00:21:44,520

I just needed to tell you, Denise, that I love you and I want you back in my life, okay?

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00:21:44,520 --> 00:21:45,960

That's all I'm asking for.

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00:21:45,960 --> 00:21:49,320

No, Randall, I can't. How can you expect me to do that after what you just did to me?

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00:21:49,320 --> 00:21:52,200

I just wanted to start over. I just want another chance and you just...

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00:21:52,200 --> 00:21:53,880

You're just not giving me another chance, right?

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00:21:53,880 --> 00:21:54,760

I'm not gonna give you another chance, Randall.

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00:21:54,760 --> 00:21:59,080

Derek, I need to start over. I need another chance. Now give it to me.

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00:21:59,960 --> 00:22:05,720

And then he said that if I wouldn't take him back, there was no need for him to live in and he

asked

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00:22:05,720 --> 00:22:11,080

me to kill him. He asked me to stab him through the heart.

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00:22:13,480 --> 00:22:17,880

Of course, Denise refused. She pleaded with Randall to stop the car.

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00:22:18,920 --> 00:22:21,000

Denise, just...just eliminate my gun.

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00:22:21,000 --> 00:22:21,960

Look at all those people.

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00:22:21,960 --> 00:22:24,040

Oh, no, Denise. I know, Denise. I just...

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00:22:24,040 --> 00:22:26,280

Wait, Denise, Denise, Denise! Shut up, Denise!

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00:22:26,360 --> 00:22:29,080

God, I hate it when you do that.

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00:22:31,880 --> 00:22:36,280

All right, look, you just understand this. If you don't say exactly what I told you to say,

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00:22:36,280 --> 00:22:39,160

I'm gonna take you out of this state and you'll never see your family again. You understand that?

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00:22:39,800 --> 00:22:42,200

Yeah, I understand.

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00:22:46,440 --> 00:22:48,200

I love you.

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00:22:56,360 --> 00:23:00,200

Denise's father and a sheriff's deputy, along with several other people,

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00:23:00,200 --> 00:23:02,440

had already gathered around Denise's car.

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00:23:02,440 --> 00:23:04,360

Oh, my God! Daddy!

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00:23:04,360 --> 00:23:07,000

Denise, honey, are you all right? Oh, my God!

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00:23:07,000 --> 00:23:07,720

Daddy!

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00:23:07,720 --> 00:23:08,680

Where's your roundup?

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00:23:09,880 --> 00:23:14,360

Even before he let her speak to her father, the deputy began to question Denise.

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00:23:14,360 --> 00:23:15,560

Randall, Daddy!

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00:23:15,560 --> 00:23:17,640

Please, Denise, we gotta come back to the back of your car.

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00:23:17,640 --> 00:23:21,320

He immediately drove Denise to the emergency room to have her checked out.

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00:23:21,320 --> 00:23:24,040

I need to go to see my dad.

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00:23:24,040 --> 00:23:25,880

He'll be over there. He'll be at the hospital when you get there.

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00:23:26,440 --> 00:23:27,400

What about you?

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00:23:27,400 --> 00:23:28,040

I'm right there.

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00:23:28,040 --> 00:23:28,600

That's Randall.

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00:23:28,600 --> 00:23:29,640

That's me. I'm right there.

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00:23:29,640 --> 00:23:30,120

All right, okay.

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00:23:33,240 --> 00:23:35,320

Just stay calm, Denise. Stay right there.

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00:23:36,600 --> 00:23:38,520

If you're going to be okay, you're going to be all right. You're fine.

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00:23:46,520 --> 00:23:47,560

What's your left hand?

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00:23:47,560 --> 00:23:48,840

Three shots. Open the door.

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00:23:48,840 --> 00:23:51,480

Give your hands in the air. Face away from me.

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00:23:51,480 --> 00:23:55,080

Randall utter back was charged with stalking, phelonious restraint,

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00:23:55,080 --> 00:23:57,160

and with three counts of armed criminal action.

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00:23:57,880 --> 00:24:00,200

He was imprisoned without bond for six months.

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00:24:01,000 --> 00:24:03,720

Then six months later, he was taken to the hospital

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00:24:03,720 --> 00:24:05,720

and in transit managed to escape.

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00:24:06,280 --> 00:24:08,120

Today, he remains at large.

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00:24:10,760 --> 00:24:12,600

As of today, I'm still living in fear.

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00:24:14,520 --> 00:24:19,800

I don't know when he'll come back, but I have a feeling he will.

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00:24:21,720 --> 00:24:23,400

I don't live with my parents anymore.

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00:24:23,640 --> 00:24:28,040

Because I have a feeling that would be the first place Randall checked for me.

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00:24:29,400 --> 00:24:31,000

I don't go anywhere by myself.

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00:24:33,240 --> 00:24:34,600

I'm just scared he's going to come back,

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00:24:34,600 --> 00:24:37,560

and I won't be able to convince him a third time to let me go.

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00:24:41,320 --> 00:24:44,600

Randall utter back's parents have issued statements asserting that their son

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00:24:44,600 --> 00:24:46,840

did not commit the acts of which he is accused.

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00:24:47,720 --> 00:24:49,720

They say that Denise and the local authorities

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00:24:49,720 --> 00:24:51,800

are out to assassinate Randall's character.

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00:24:52,760 --> 00:24:55,960

However, the Sheriff's Department and two different Missouri counties

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00:24:55,960 --> 00:25:00,200

stand firm in their position that utter back is a dangerous criminal.

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00:25:00,200 --> 00:25:21,640

Next, a father's desperate quest to find his daughter's killer.

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00:25:30,840 --> 00:25:37,080

In junior high and high school, Pam Littleton of Sulphur, Louisiana,

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00:25:37,080 --> 00:25:40,360

was voted most popular, friendliest and the prettiest girl.

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00:25:42,680 --> 00:25:45,880

She was a cheerleader. She was the homecoming queen.

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00:25:49,320 --> 00:25:53,640

After college, Pam married Eric Allender, a bright up and coming businessman.

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00:25:55,560 --> 00:25:58,200

The newlyweds bought a house near Pam's parents,

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00:25:58,200 --> 00:26:00,200

and Eric went to work for Pam's father.

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00:26:02,520 --> 00:26:05,560

A year later, Pam gave birth to a beautiful baby girl.

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00:26:06,520 --> 00:26:08,600

The family's circle was now complete.

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00:26:13,000 --> 00:26:16,360

Nearly every day, Pam walked over to her parents' house for a visit.

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00:26:17,480 --> 00:26:21,720

She didn't want her mother and father to miss a moment of their granddaughter's childhood.

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00:26:22,600 --> 00:26:24,920

Pam and I, I guess, would be...

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00:26:26,680 --> 00:26:30,680

She was the type of daughter that every father would dream of having, you know.

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00:26:31,720 --> 00:26:35,400

She had dreamed of being a housewife and a mother.

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00:26:35,400 --> 00:26:38,840

That was her ambition in life, and she was totally happy.

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00:26:38,840 --> 00:26:54,680

At 8.45 p.m., on February 11, 1991, Pam's husband, Eric, called her to say he was home from work.

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00:26:58,600 --> 00:27:00,920

Pam left her parents' house 30 minutes later.

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00:27:01,560 --> 00:27:07,000

By the next afternoon, no one in the family had heard from Pam or Eric, which was highly unusual.

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00:27:07,960 --> 00:27:11,240

Then, Huey Littleton got a phone call from his mother-in-law.

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00:27:12,920 --> 00:27:19,640

She says, Huey, I just left Pam and Eric's and something's wrong down there.

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00:27:19,640 --> 00:27:20,680

They're in their bed.

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00:27:22,120 --> 00:27:24,280

I have the baby and I'm back at your house.

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00:27:24,840 --> 00:27:26,120

Call the sheriff.

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00:27:27,160 --> 00:27:31,400

I told her, I said, I will call the sheriff and I will call an ambulance.

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00:27:31,400 --> 00:27:34,760

What appears to be the problem, she said, call the sheriff.

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00:27:37,560 --> 00:27:44,840

The sheriff's unit met us at the gate going into the yard and asked that we not go near the house.

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00:27:45,960 --> 00:27:57,720

And we learned that Pam and Eric were dead, that both of them had been brutally shot with a shotgun

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00:27:58,920 --> 00:28:01,160

and had the fatal wounds were to their head.

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00:28:01,160 --> 00:28:06,920

There was only one blessing amidst the horror.

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00:28:07,800 --> 00:28:11,400

Although traumatized, Pam and Eric's daughter was physically unharmed.

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00:28:12,600 --> 00:28:15,480

Still, the Littletons were left numb with grief.

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00:28:17,400 --> 00:28:19,880

Absolutely, total, complete shock.

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00:28:21,960 --> 00:28:23,800

Unbelief, I could not believe it.

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00:28:23,800 --> 00:28:26,920

I mean, how can you possibly believe your daughter's dead?

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00:28:27,800 --> 00:28:29,160

You totally immobilized me.

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00:28:31,160 --> 00:28:32,200

I couldn't cry.

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00:28:37,640 --> 00:28:41,320

All I could do was say why and who.

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00:28:44,440 --> 00:28:48,760

The day after the murders, 18-year-old Chris Prudin, a resident of Sulphur,

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00:28:48,760 --> 00:28:51,560

was arrested in Baton Rouge along with three friends.

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00:28:52,280 --> 00:28:56,120

They were in possession of Eric Allender's Toyota 4Runner.

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00:28:56,200 --> 00:28:57,720

Chris, where was the shotgun?

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00:28:57,720 --> 00:28:58,680

It was in a case.

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00:28:59,640 --> 00:29:02,680

Chris Prudin became the focus of the investigation.

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00:29:04,680 --> 00:29:05,640

Which gun did you use?

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00:29:07,000 --> 00:29:08,040

I thought a mag shotgun.

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00:29:08,680 --> 00:29:09,720

And did you load it?

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00:29:10,200 --> 00:29:11,240

No, it was loaded.

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00:29:13,000 --> 00:29:17,080

So what did you do after you got the gun and saw that it was loaded?

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00:29:18,120 --> 00:29:19,240

I went and shot him.

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00:29:20,040 --> 00:29:21,240

Who did you shoot first?

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00:29:22,040 --> 00:29:22,920

I shot the guy.

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00:29:23,160 --> 00:29:28,360

He confessed, under oath, that he had killed Pam and Eric,

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00:29:29,240 --> 00:29:33,800

that he had no remorse for doing so.

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00:29:33,800 --> 00:29:37,000

In fact, was glad that he did so.

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00:29:40,440 --> 00:29:44,360

17 days after the murders, Prudin was discovered hanging by the neck

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00:29:44,360 --> 00:29:45,640

in the jail's shower room.

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00:29:46,600 --> 00:29:49,480

He never regained consciousness and died in the hospital.

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00:29:49,720 --> 00:29:53,560

This suicide note was found in his cell.

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00:29:53,560 --> 00:29:58,200

In the note, Prudin took sole credit for the murders, saying, quote,

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00:29:58,200 --> 00:30:02,600

I enjoyed very much in the taking of those two individuals' lives.

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00:30:05,960 --> 00:30:09,400

As far as the sheriff's department was concerned, the case was closed.

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00:30:10,280 --> 00:30:11,400

They had made an arrest.

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00:30:11,400 --> 00:30:13,560

The suspect had confessed and hung himself.

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00:30:13,880 --> 00:30:17,480

But to Huey Littleton's experienced eye, loose ends were everywhere.

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00:30:18,040 --> 00:30:21,480

Huey is a licensed private detective and owns his own company.

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00:30:22,280 --> 00:30:26,040

Once he began to investigate, he came to believe that Chris Prudin

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00:30:26,040 --> 00:30:28,680

had belonged to a satanic cult called the Skaters,

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00:30:29,320 --> 00:30:32,920

an acronym for Satan's Kids Against the Establishment.

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00:30:34,120 --> 00:30:35,000

OK, Chris was alone.

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00:30:35,000 --> 00:30:35,480

OK.

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00:30:35,480 --> 00:30:37,240

He's by himself as long as we all understand that.

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00:30:37,240 --> 00:30:37,720

Yes.

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00:30:37,720 --> 00:30:38,920

Is he going to kill him?

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00:30:38,920 --> 00:30:39,720

No.

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00:30:39,720 --> 00:30:40,760

He's not going to kill him.

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00:30:40,760 --> 00:30:41,880

He's going to kill him.

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00:30:41,880 --> 00:30:42,840

As long as we all understand that.

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00:30:42,840 --> 00:30:43,400

Yes.

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00:30:43,400 --> 00:30:43,960

Is he going to talk?

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00:30:43,960 --> 00:30:45,240

Because I'm not going down for this.

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00:30:45,240 --> 00:30:46,360

I'm not either.

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00:30:46,360 --> 00:30:47,960

Look, he's not going to talk if he knows better.

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00:30:49,240 --> 00:30:52,440

The girlfriend of one of the skaters told Huey of a meeting

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00:30:52,440 --> 00:30:55,240

that took place the morning after Pam and Eric were killed.

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00:30:55,720 --> 00:30:57,560

So we got to come up with something.

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00:30:57,560 --> 00:30:59,640

Now we know he wasn't alone, but what about the cops?

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00:30:59,640 --> 00:31:01,400

OK, we've got to get it all straight now.

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00:31:01,400 --> 00:31:02,840

OK, so he's by himself.

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00:31:02,840 --> 00:31:03,800

He's on foot, right?

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00:31:03,800 --> 00:31:04,040

Right.

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00:31:04,040 --> 00:31:04,600

He's all high.

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00:31:04,600 --> 00:31:05,400

He doesn't know what he's doing.

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00:31:05,400 --> 00:31:05,480

Right?

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00:31:05,480 --> 00:31:05,960

Yeah.

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00:31:05,960 --> 00:31:06,360

And then what?

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00:31:06,360 --> 00:31:08,760

He's walking through this neighborhood and he sees this house.

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00:31:08,760 --> 00:31:09,320

Right.

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00:31:09,320 --> 00:31:09,720

OK.

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00:31:09,720 --> 00:31:10,600

So he busts in.

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00:31:10,600 --> 00:31:12,920

The witness said it appeared that the skaters were trying

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00:31:12,920 --> 00:31:16,360

to concoct an alibi for a person or persons who had been

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00:31:16,360 --> 00:31:19,240

with Chris Prudham when the murders occurred.

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00:31:19,240 --> 00:31:20,440

By himself, right?

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00:31:27,400 --> 00:31:29,960

She went on to say that Prudham and one accomplice

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00:31:29,960 --> 00:31:32,840

had broken into the Elendor's house only to burglarize it.

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00:31:36,120 --> 00:31:39,480

But they were high on LSD and ended up murdering Pam

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00:31:39,480 --> 00:31:40,120

and Eric.

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00:31:40,600 --> 00:31:42,200

Using one of Eric's shotguns.

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00:31:50,120 --> 00:31:55,360

I was at a bar that night and I was drinking.

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00:31:55,360 --> 00:31:57,920

Huey Littleton felt that many of the crucial facts

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00:31:57,920 --> 00:31:59,600

were still unknown.

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00:31:59,600 --> 00:32:03,760

He continued to interview witnesses, well over 100 in all.

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00:32:03,760 --> 00:32:06,880

And they mentioned something about a party,

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00:32:06,880 --> 00:32:10,280

a party that was just right up the road.

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00:32:10,280 --> 00:32:13,160

Huey was stunned when a girl named Nikki Alderson

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00:32:13,160 --> 00:32:15,160

told him that in the early morning hours,

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00:32:15,160 --> 00:32:17,200

just after the murders, the skaters

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00:32:17,200 --> 00:32:19,960

had hosted a party at the crime scene.

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00:32:19,960 --> 00:32:22,680

Jeez, they were doing a whole bunch of stuff.

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00:32:22,680 --> 00:32:26,720

When we got out of this house, I saw some people kind of

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00:32:26,720 --> 00:32:27,960

in a distance.

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00:32:27,960 --> 00:32:32,760

And when we walked up to him, I realized I knew some of them.

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00:32:32,760 --> 00:32:35,520

Nikki said one of the first people she saw at the party

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00:32:35,520 --> 00:32:36,440

was Chris Prudham.

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00:32:38,800 --> 00:32:40,120

Hey, what's up?

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00:32:40,120 --> 00:32:40,620

I'm Mike.

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00:32:40,620 --> 00:32:41,880

Whose place is this?

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00:32:41,880 --> 00:32:42,520

I don't know.

413

00:32:42,520 --> 00:32:45,040

I don't know right now.

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00:32:45,040 --> 00:32:47,240

They were all just standing around drinking and talking

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00:32:47,240 --> 00:32:52,760

and making different remarks about God and things like that.

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00:32:52,760 --> 00:32:55,800

And we went in.

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00:32:55,800 --> 00:32:57,200

There's people standing around.

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00:32:57,200 --> 00:32:58,440

There's people sitting down.

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00:33:01,440 --> 00:33:03,800

You can kind of feel from the vibes of people.

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00:33:03,800 --> 00:33:06,560

Something was kind of weird because everybody was in there,

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00:33:06,560 --> 00:33:08,560

like I said, in their own little world.

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00:33:09,200 --> 00:33:12,800

Let me see if I can get a lot.

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00:33:12,800 --> 00:33:16,400

Some were doing some drugs on the table.

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00:33:16,400 --> 00:33:20,320

Had enough drugs on there where I could see from a distance

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00:33:20,320 --> 00:33:22,840

of what they were snorting.

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00:33:22,840 --> 00:33:24,400

Hey, thanks.

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00:33:24,400 --> 00:33:26,160

That's what I want.

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00:33:26,160 --> 00:33:28,680

Nikki claims she had no idea at the time

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00:33:28,680 --> 00:33:31,800

that two dead bodies were in the house,

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00:33:31,800 --> 00:33:34,360

only the next day while watching television,

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00:33:34,360 --> 00:33:36,960

which she absorbed the full impact of the party.

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00:33:39,560 --> 00:33:42,680

I was watching the news and I saw this house.

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00:33:42,680 --> 00:33:45,440

I was like, oh my god, I was at that house.

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00:33:45,440 --> 00:33:49,720

And so I just kind of kept quiet and just watched.

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00:33:49,720 --> 00:33:54,920

And then when I saw the gentlemen that were on TV,

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00:33:54,920 --> 00:33:57,440

that were the suspects, then I knew

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00:33:57,440 --> 00:33:58,720

that was the guys that was there.

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00:33:58,720 --> 00:34:00,320

That was the people I'd seen.

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00:34:00,320 --> 00:34:04,120

And I just come to the realization that I was there.

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00:34:04,120 --> 00:34:07,520

I don't know.

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00:34:07,560 --> 00:34:10,760

We were asked by Mr. Littleton to re-look at the case

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00:34:10,760 --> 00:34:14,240

and we did and everything that he let us know about,

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00:34:14,240 --> 00:34:17,880

we checked into and found out it was not reliable information

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00:34:17,880 --> 00:34:23,120

or it didn't have factual information enough

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00:34:23,120 --> 00:34:25,320

to bring to the disc attorneys office.

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00:34:25,320 --> 00:34:28,160

Also, everything that we reviewed, the disc attorney

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00:34:28,160 --> 00:34:30,680

reviewed, and so has the attorney general of the state

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00:34:30,680 --> 00:34:32,320

Louisiana reviewed.

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00:34:32,320 --> 00:34:34,840

And it facts speak for itself.

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00:34:38,320 --> 00:34:40,840

The Sheriff's Department says they saw no evidence

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00:34:40,840 --> 00:34:43,480

that a party had been held in the house.

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00:34:43,480 --> 00:34:46,160

However, Huey Littleton found one other person

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00:34:46,160 --> 00:34:48,320

who confirmed Nikki Alderson's account.

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00:34:50,960 --> 00:34:53,840

This witness added sickening details,

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00:34:53,840 --> 00:34:56,360

claiming that the dead bodies of Pam and Eric

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00:34:56,360 --> 00:35:01,560

were molested sexually by more than one person.

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00:35:01,560 --> 00:35:05,640

Those claims are verified by this man, Chip Richard.

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00:35:05,640 --> 00:35:09,200

Chip told Huey that although he was not at the Elender House,

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00:35:09,200 --> 00:35:12,040

he had seen videotapes which were made that night.

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00:35:14,680 --> 00:35:20,280

I've seen one and I've talked to a couple of other people

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00:35:20,280 --> 00:35:20,960

that seen them.

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00:35:25,000 --> 00:35:27,640

To me, every one of them, the people I've talked to

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00:35:27,640 --> 00:35:30,200

to seen them, it's all the same.

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00:35:30,200 --> 00:35:33,880

They show on the video, what I saw on the video

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00:35:33,880 --> 00:35:37,440

was the people killing the Elenders,

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00:35:37,440 --> 00:35:40,840

having sexual contact with them.

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00:35:40,840 --> 00:35:45,080

You know, just basically everything that really goes on.

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00:35:48,280 --> 00:35:55,800

This is about as low as humanity can crawl or dig or furrow.

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00:35:59,320 --> 00:36:02,480

Where is their soul?

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00:36:02,480 --> 00:36:03,600

Where is their spirit?

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00:36:07,640 --> 00:36:10,640

Huey was now convinced that the truth behind the murder

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00:36:10,640 --> 00:36:13,680

of his daughter and son-in-law was far more sinister

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00:36:13,680 --> 00:36:16,200

than he ever imagined.

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00:36:16,200 --> 00:36:19,520

With Chris Prudham dead, 18-year-old Robert Atkins

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00:36:19,520 --> 00:36:22,280

emerges as a key figure in the case.

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Atkins was one of the three young men

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arrested with Prudham and Baton Rouge.

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Bobby took me in the backyard.

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00:36:29,280 --> 00:36:32,520

He told me that he wanted to tell me what had happened

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00:36:32,520 --> 00:36:36,560

because he needed to get off of his chest.

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00:36:36,560 --> 00:36:38,840

While out on bail, Atkins allegedly

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00:36:38,840 --> 00:36:41,880

told Sean Moody that he was present when Chris Prudham

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00:36:41,880 --> 00:36:43,800

killed the Elenders.

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00:36:43,800 --> 00:36:46,280

When we get in, we just head to street.

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He told me they were looking around for valuables, him

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00:36:49,920 --> 00:36:54,760

and Chris, and they had found a gun, a shotgun.

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And when they entered the master bedroom, the wife woke up.

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Chris shot the wife first, and then the husband had woken,

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00:37:02,240 --> 00:37:03,480

and Chris shot him.

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00:37:06,480 --> 00:37:08,600

But according to Chip Reeshar, Atkins

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00:37:08,600 --> 00:37:11,680

said that Chris Prudham had not murdered anyone.

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00:37:11,680 --> 00:37:14,120

Instead, he had volunteered to take the fall

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00:37:14,120 --> 00:37:16,160

for his fellow skaters.

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00:37:16,160 --> 00:37:17,040

Yeah.

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00:37:17,040 --> 00:37:18,440

Yeah, I was there.

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00:37:18,440 --> 00:37:19,440

What happened?

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00:37:19,440 --> 00:37:22,920

Well, Chris, he just told me that, you know,

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00:37:22,920 --> 00:37:28,000

Chris was taking the rat form because Chris was becoming

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00:37:28,000 --> 00:37:29,720

the leader in the cult.

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00:37:29,720 --> 00:37:34,080

And just basically everybody that was with him worshipped him

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00:37:34,080 --> 00:37:36,840

and would do anything for him.

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00:37:36,840 --> 00:37:41,640

And in return, he had to do for them

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00:37:41,640 --> 00:37:42,960

the same that they would do for him.

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Kim came to me about one or two days after the murders.

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00:37:50,600 --> 00:37:54,640

And she told me that she was there.

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00:37:54,680 --> 00:37:58,640

Finally, Huey Littleton found a key witness, Pearl Fruget.

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Yeah, she went into a lot of detail about everything,

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00:38:03,280 --> 00:38:07,840

about Pam and about Eric and about the baby.

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Pearl claimed that her cousin Kim

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00:38:09,440 --> 00:38:13,080

Manuel was in the house when the murders took place.

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She was definitely there.

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00:38:17,120 --> 00:38:19,280

Do you think we can get her to talk about it on tape?

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I'm not sure, but Kim's my friend.

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00:38:25,600 --> 00:38:27,360

She's my cousin.

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00:38:27,360 --> 00:38:30,520

I mean, I don't want to do anything to her behind her back.

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Chris, one other girl and another guy were in the house.

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The next day, Pearl did record a conversation

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00:38:41,280 --> 00:38:43,200

with Kim's permission.

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00:38:43,200 --> 00:38:45,360

Kim described the murders in detail,

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00:38:45,400 --> 00:38:50,560

but never admitted on the tape to being in the house herself.

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Chris bumped something and Eric woke up.

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I guess he went to grab for the gun and Chris shot him.

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Then Pam woke up and the other guy shot her.

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00:39:05,400 --> 00:39:07,080

Chris was going to kill the baby, too,

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00:39:07,080 --> 00:39:10,120

but the girl told him no.

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She took the baby and brought it into Pam and Eric's room

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and laid it down with him.

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00:39:16,720 --> 00:39:20,360

And then she went outside.

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00:39:20,360 --> 00:39:24,080

I've been getting threats about this, Pearl.

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00:39:24,080 --> 00:39:27,560

What am I supposed to do?

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Pearl thought the best thing she could do

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was present the tape before a grand jury.

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And now, the actual tape.

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Kim, what really happened that night?

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You know, he's been calling me and threatening me.

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I'm really scared.

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This to us was a pinnacle point in the investigation.

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After hearing a lot of testimony,

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I mean from many witnesses.

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The grand jury returned an indictment

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00:40:03,080 --> 00:40:10,640

of two counts of second degree murder against Kim manual.

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They went into the baby's room and I guess they could.

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Some believe the indictment was a legal maneuver

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to pressure Kim manual into identifying

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other possible suspects.

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If so, the ploy failed.

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Kim manual's court appointed public defender John Laverne

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called a press conference.

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He claimed the pearl fruget was lying,

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00:40:31,560 --> 00:40:35,120

that the tape had been scripted and rehearsed.

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She and Kim then concocted this story

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00:40:41,880 --> 00:40:44,960

that they wanted to hear.

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And then she produced the tape recorder openly

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00:40:47,200 --> 00:40:48,840

and showed it to Kim.

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And they sat there with a scripted conversation

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and recorded it and brought it back and gave it to these people,

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that being what they wanted to hear.

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Pearl Fruget stands by her story.

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We never made up the tape.

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I never lied.

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What I told them was the truth.

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And Kim knows is the truth.

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I can't change what she told me.

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00:41:12,320 --> 00:41:15,200

And I'm not going to make up another story

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00:41:15,200 --> 00:41:18,440

just to make her look good.

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One year later, the charges against Kim manual

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were dropped without prejudice, which means

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that she could be indicted again later on.

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Huey Littleton was bitterly disappointed.

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And today, he has apparently lost almost all credibility

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00:41:32,560 --> 00:41:33,520

with the authorities.

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We felt sorry for him at first, but it's

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00:41:37,880 --> 00:41:42,800

got to a point that he's gone way beyond the bounds.

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We got to deal with facts.

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When you go before a judge and a jury,

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he won't be able to bring all these accusations.

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00:41:48,920 --> 00:41:51,880

He'll have to deal with facts.

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00:41:51,880 --> 00:41:54,280

And I think any grand jury, any district attorney,

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any attorney general will agree with that.

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00:41:57,040 --> 00:42:00,280

I'm at peace with what I'm doing,

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00:42:00,280 --> 00:42:03,560

because we're doing the right thing.

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There's a lot of people out there that

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00:42:04,880 --> 00:42:07,240

don't have the resources and the knowledge

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00:42:07,240 --> 00:42:10,920

to do what I've done had they lost their child.

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00:42:10,920 --> 00:42:13,160

So I represent those people.

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00:42:13,160 --> 00:42:14,880

I represent my daughter.

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I represent my son-in-law and their child.

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00:42:18,920 --> 00:42:22,880

We just want to see those that participated

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00:42:22,880 --> 00:42:27,800

in the murders of Eric and Pam and the cover-up

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00:42:27,800 --> 00:42:35,160

and the destruction of evidence brought to justice, justice

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00:42:35,160 --> 00:42:36,160

and under the law.

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Next, a woman is reunited with her birth mother

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00:43:02,520 --> 00:43:04,640

after more than half a century apart.

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00:43:15,480 --> 00:43:18,640

Recently, we brought you the story of Meredith Atkinson, who

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is looking for her birth mother, Rosemary Lutmer.

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In 1938, Rosemary found herself pregnant and unmarried.

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She sought refuge at the home of redeeming love,

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a shelter for unwed mothers in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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It was there that Meredith was born.

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00:43:42,160 --> 00:43:44,480

Meredith, I'd like for you to keep in mind that with the doctor.

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53 years later, 1991, Meredith returned to her birthplace

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to search for clues about her past.

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00:43:51,840 --> 00:43:55,280

And open up their file to the adult adoptee.

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I found out that my mother was of Irish and German descent.

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I found out that she had one sister and four brothers.

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They were field workers.

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I would like to be able to look at her and tell her,

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00:44:19,440 --> 00:44:21,760

mother, I understand.

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00:44:21,760 --> 00:44:25,960

I know you had to do what was best for you.

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00:44:25,960 --> 00:44:28,440

And that I'd like to know you.

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00:44:28,440 --> 00:44:29,680

I'd like to get to know you.

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00:44:32,720 --> 00:44:34,720

As a direct result of our broadcast,

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00:44:34,720 --> 00:44:36,920

a private investigator named Glenda Allen

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contacted Meredith and volunteered

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00:44:38,680 --> 00:44:40,720

to take on the search.

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00:44:40,720 --> 00:44:44,640

Just one month later, Meredith received the exciting news.

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00:44:44,640 --> 00:44:48,800

Her mother, 78-year-old Rosemary Lutmer, had been found.

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Though she's been in failing health for several years,

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00:44:51,480 --> 00:44:54,320

Rosemary was anxious to see her long-lost daughter.

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00:44:55,120 --> 00:44:58,520

In September of 1994, Meredith and her two children

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00:44:58,520 --> 00:45:01,080

traveled from Arizona to Canute, Oklahoma

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00:45:01,080 --> 00:45:03,320

for the much-anticipated reunion.

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00:45:07,320 --> 00:45:08,920

Hi there, Walter.

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00:45:08,920 --> 00:45:11,720

Glad to know you, Walter.

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00:45:11,720 --> 00:45:14,360

Meredith's uncle, Walter, Rosemary's brother,

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00:45:14,360 --> 00:45:16,320

answered the door.

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And I read this.

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00:45:18,120 --> 00:45:19,320

All right, this is Rose.

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00:45:20,320 --> 00:45:21,320

Hi, Rose.

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00:45:24,320 --> 00:45:25,320

You?

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00:45:25,320 --> 00:45:27,320

Yes.

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00:45:27,320 --> 00:45:28,320

I'm Mary Ann.

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00:45:28,320 --> 00:45:29,320

Yeah.

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00:45:29,320 --> 00:45:30,320

Little Mary Ann.

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00:45:30,320 --> 00:45:31,320

Yeah.

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00:45:31,320 --> 00:45:33,320

I'm so tickled.

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00:45:33,320 --> 00:45:39,320

I think that finding my mother and seeing her and her family

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00:45:39,320 --> 00:45:43,320

has brought closure to my life.

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I needed to be with my mother.

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00:45:47,320 --> 00:45:54,320

I needed this.

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00:45:54,320 --> 00:45:57,320

You were even a great-grandma.

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00:45:57,320 --> 00:45:58,320

Do you know that?

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00:45:58,320 --> 00:45:59,320

Sure.

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00:45:59,320 --> 00:46:00,320

Yes.

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00:46:00,320 --> 00:46:01,320

We have.

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00:46:01,320 --> 00:46:06,320

Yeah, I'm just tickled to death she's here.

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00:46:06,320 --> 00:46:08,320

Yeah, I just wish we was closer together.

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00:46:08,320 --> 00:46:10,320

We could visit a little more often, you know,

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00:46:10,320 --> 00:46:13,320

but I plan to go through there and visit her in Arizona

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00:46:13,320 --> 00:46:16,320

when I go see my brothers, you know, that way.

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00:46:16,320 --> 00:46:18,320

We kind of on our way up there.

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00:46:18,320 --> 00:46:24,320

Might be a little out of the way, but it'd be worth it.

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It's like gaining a new family, and, you know,

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00:46:28,320 --> 00:46:30,320

it's like gaining new friends, too.

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00:46:30,320 --> 00:46:34,320

Well, Albert, I think you and I look alike, too.

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00:46:34,320 --> 00:46:39,320

I absolutely am going to be overjoyed to write to them

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00:46:39,320 --> 00:46:44,320

and talk to them and get to know them.

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00:46:44,320 --> 00:46:47,320

Do you care if I call you mother?

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00:46:47,320 --> 00:46:48,320

No.

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00:46:48,320 --> 00:46:49,320

No?

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00:46:49,320 --> 00:46:50,320

No?

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00:46:50,320 --> 00:46:51,320

Ha ha ha ha.

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00:46:51,320 --> 00:46:52,320

Ha ha ha ha.

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00:46:52,320 --> 00:46:53,320

Yeah.

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00:47:03,320 --> 00:47:05,320

Thanks for watching.

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Join me next time for another fascinating edition

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of Unsolved Mysteries.

