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

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

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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The Ouija Board. To summon an entertaining parlor game. To others a strange and wondrous

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instrument able to bridge the gap between the living and the dead. It may sound unbelievable,

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but tonight will bring you the remarkable case of Pearl Curran who claimed that through

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the Ouija Board she became the earthly conduit for a literary spirit named Patience Worth.

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September 1993. A motel manager reports an abandoned car in his parking lot. The vehicle

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belongs to Justin Bergwinkel, an army enlisted man who had apparently gone AWOL three months

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earlier. To Justin's parents, the discovery was the latest twist in a dark scenario that

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may have led to their son's death. At first it seemed like a routine drug case. A few

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grams of cocaine smuggled across state lines in a box of clothes. But then a fistful of

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suspicious hundred dollar bills put investigators on the trail of a King's ransom in bogus

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sea notes. Now authorities need your help to capture one of the most prolific counterfeiters

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in history. Join me. Perhaps you hold the key. Perhaps you may be able to help solve

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a mystery.

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The Ouija Board. Modern face of a timeless instrument, revered for nearly 3,000 years

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as a method to predict the future and contact the spirits of the dead. For all its alleged

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powers, the Ouija is disarmingly simple. Nothing more than a flat piece of wood adorned with

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letters and numbers. Hands resting lightly on a pointer, one of the participants asks

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a question. Supposedly the indicator will move of its own accord and spell out an answer.

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The Ouija Board first became popular in the United States during the 1890s when it was

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marketed as a provocative parlor game. A century later the board is still a best seller and

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still handing out answers that push the limits of scientific explanation. Consider the case

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of Gaynel Raleigh of Dunkirk, New York. Some years ago Gaynel was musing about a trip

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to Scotland when she playfully asked the Ouija Board for more details. Gaynel's husband

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looked on from the kitchen. I wonder who I'm going to go to Scotland with, who I'm

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going to cross the border with. I didn't really ask the Ouija Board that. I just said it,

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kind of sarcastic, you know, who's going to be with me when I go across the border.

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Gaynel says that without hesitation the pointer began to move. Soon the baffling answer was

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complete. J. D. McDonald. The Raleigh's did not know a single person with that last name.

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Six months later the Raleigh's were steaming across England headed for the Scottish border.

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They got the shock of a lifetime when they were approached by a fellow passenger, a stranger.

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Hi, I'm J. D. McDonald, I'm from Sydney, Australia. The minute she said it I remembered the Ouija

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Board saying it. It stunned me so that I started to kind of laugh and I must act a little strange

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because the woman kind of pulled back startled. J. D. McDonald. The Raleigh's continue to wonder

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if their startling encounter was simply a coincidence or proof positive that the Ouija Board

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has supernatural powers. The Raleigh's experience, though hardly earth-shaking,

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is nonetheless a fitting introduction to the most remarkable Ouija episode of all time.

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Beginning in 1913 and continuing for several years, the lively spirit of a 17th century English

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woman named Patience Worth reportedly spoke through the board from beyond the grave and by all

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accounts Patience wasn't content with a simple hello. She composed plays, novels and countless poems,

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an astounding body of work filling some 30 volumes that has yet to be fully explained.

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The unlikely recipient of these unworldly contacts was Pearl Curran, wife of a prosperous St. Louis

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Missouri businessman. Until Patience came calling Pearl apparently had no interest in the occult,

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no creative activities beyond a love of music. Pearl Curran had a very close friend named Emily

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Grant Hutchings who was a very active freelance writer. Mrs. Hutchings became interested in

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spiritualism and the Ouija Board. She persuaded Pearl Curran to take part in some experiments

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with the Ouija Board around 1912. As far as we know, Mrs. Curran was very reluctant. Emily,

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I think you've gotten carried away with this Ouija Board. I really do. I haven't. It's like,

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it's like ether, the gases. Once a week for nearly a year Pearl gamely played along to humor her

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friend. However, the Ouija produced little more than gibberish. On many evenings Pearl's mother

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joined the session, notebook in hand, just in case. On July 8th, 1913, the women had barely

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taken their places when the pointer suddenly began whipping across the board, selecting letters in

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a dizzying rush. To the amazement of all present, the letters formed words, the words a sentence.

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Again, I come. Patience worth my name. It's a message. Patience. That's a quicker name.

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It was a modest beginning, but soon the women truly began to believe that the spirit of patience

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worth, a young English woman dead some 250 years, was reaching out through the Ouija Board.

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Over the next few months, patients began to dictate literary works in an archaic style,

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sprinkled with words like thee and thou. Well, the language of patience worth was one of the

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many, many baffling things in this case. It apparently was an amalgam or a melange of words

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from many different times in English history, and patients was often asked, why do you speak in such

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difficult language? And her answer in effect was, I do this because if I spoke in a simpler way,

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you would assume it was Mrs. Curran speaking, and it's not Mrs. Curran speaking, it's patience

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worth speaking. And patients were speaking volumes. By 1915, when Pearl's husband, John,

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assumed the job of transcribing the sessions, patients was dictating for hours on end, producing

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from 500 to 3,000 words at a sitting. Friends and curiosity seekers flocked to St. Louis to witness

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the astounding creation of poems, plays, and novels. One of those who came to see the spectacle

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for himself was William M. Reedy, publisher of a respected literary journal.

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Patience replied with characteristic irreverence, roughly translated,

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Hello, Mr. Fat and Wide. Fat and Wide? She doesn't mean anything, she just does nonsense sometimes.

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She certainly does. Mr. Reedy, how would you like to join in and ask patients a question yourself?

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If you suppose patients would continue her work on the novel, if I have my hands on?

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Why don't we see? Well, by the end of the session William Reedy was enchanted.

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His enthusiastic articles helped propel the case to international prominence.

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We never was willing to admit that Patience Worth was indeed a spirit. He never would go that far,

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but what he did proclaim, and he proclaimed it again and again in his journal, was the literary

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merit of the writings of Patience Worth. In fact, he said that these were extremely,

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extremely remarkable writings, almost unparalleled in literary history.

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The praise continued when Patience completed a full-length novel, *The Sorry Tale*.

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Despite his mysterious origins, the book was snapped up by publishing giant Henry Holt and Company.

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The Sorry Tale was a novel about Palestine at the time of Jesus. A leading historian in St. Louis

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reviewed *The Sorry Tale* and he said unquestionably, this is the greatest book about Jesus written

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since the Gospels. Now, for a distinguished historian to write something of this kind was

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almost unheard of because he was putting his career on the line by taking this position about the

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writings of someone purporting to be a spirit. Patience Worth was a spirit from the 16th century

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as far as pure pearl curing is concerned. Stoker Hunt, author of Weege, The Most Dangerous Game.

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It's probably the best documented case of Weege work in the Western world. She did. She produced

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masterpiece after masterpiece, hailed at the time as masterpiece. Her poetry was published in very

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sophisticated books, magazines of poetry. Indeed, The New York Times gave The Sorry Tale a rousing

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review saying it was written with quote, a precision and the accuracy of a master hand.

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However, the acclaim was not universal. Some skeptics accused Pearl Curran of fraud. They

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charged that she would memorize stories all day. Then at the sessions pass off the information

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is coming from Patience Worth. The investigators and there were a number of them who really looked

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into the case very carefully found that there was just no truth in these stories. Everybody

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agreed that Pearl Curran lived the average typical life of a housewife during the day. She would

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clean her house. She would go grocery shopping. She was not pouring over books all day.

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A different theory was advanced by the scientific community. Perhaps Patience Worth and her writings

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were creations of Pearl Curran's subconscious mind.

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Pearl Curran came from working class parents. Her father was a railroad man. She quit school at the

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age of 13 and apparently neither before nor after that ever events any particular interest in reading

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or literature or anything of that kind. All of a sudden this provincial St. Louis housewife

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had a separate personality that was capable of writing works that the New York Times labeled

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the works of a genius. I just don't see how science can so readily explain this phenomenon away.

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The books and poems, incredible as they seemed, were overshadowed by yet another facet of this

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astonishing case. The Curran's, childless after nine years of marriage, finally decided to adopt

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at the persistent urging of none other than Patience Worth. In August of 1960 Pearl and John

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made arrangements with a widow who was unable to care for the baby she was expecting. A baby

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Patience predicted would be a girl. For many the episode would provide convincing evidence

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that supernatural powers were at work. One evening Patience was busily dictating when

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precisely at 8 p.m. she suddenly stopped and she said in her own words this is enough. How can I go

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on weaving which is what she called her writing when something of this importance is happening and

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she refused to continue. John I'm suddenly feeling very faint. Later that evening the Curran's received

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electrifying news. The child they planned to adopt was born at 8 p.m. Born at precisely the moment

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Patience had interrupted her Ouija dictation. Just as Patience had foretold the infant turned

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out to be a girl it was the first of several uncanny coincidences noted by the Curran's.

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They further found after visiting the child that the baby had red hair and brown eyes

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the exact coloration that Patience Worth often had claimed for herself. They also found out that the

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mother of the child had ancestry that was English Scotch and this was the very same ancestry that

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Patience Worth had claimed for herself. We're going to call her Patience. Patience Worth Curran.

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For most spirits this would have been accomplishment enough. However Patience Worth continued to

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dictate through the Ouija board and a second novel entitled Hope True Blood hit the stores in 1918.

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The communication between Pearl and Patience continued unabated for another 19 years.

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Pearl's husband John transcribed the sessions until his death in 1922.

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In 1930 at the urging of a close friend Pearl moved from St. Louis to Los Angeles.

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In November of 1937 the legacy of Patience Worth drew to a close with a disquieting prediction.

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Patience has shown me the end of the road so it's time for you to carry on as best you can.

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But I'm a bit tired and I think I'm going to go in.

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Pearl Curran was apparently healthy when she uttered those words.

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Inexplicably she fell ill within two weeks. Within another week she was dead.

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The voice of Patience Worth had been stilled.

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Over the course of 24 years Patience Worth dictated some four million words.

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Her poetry appeared in respected journals, her novels bashed in critical acclaim.

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But was Patience Worth really a ghost who communicated through Pearl Curran?

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Perhaps the best answer came from Patience herself.

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After relentless questioning by a skeptic, Patience shot back a challenge essentially.

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If you're so sure this is a trick, let's see you do it.

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Next join the hunt for a master counterfeiter who printed up millions in bogus bills.

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Day in and day out it is a never-ending battle

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along thousands of miles of border with dozens of checkpoints.

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Customs agents face long odds trying to choke off the stream of drugs

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flooding the United States from Mexico. But every now and then officials get an unexpected break.

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In January of 1995 an alert shipping clerk in the border town of Brownsville,

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Texas tipped off authorities to suspected narcotics activity.

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Investigators jumped on the lead. They never dreamed that their routine drug case

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would take a surprising twist and blow the cover of a master counterfeiter who was literally making millions.

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It all started when a man named John Vogel sent a package to his business address in Minnesota.

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What are you shipping today?

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What do you mean?

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What's inside the box?

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What? Well, what did I put on down on the form?

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You wrote down clothes.

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Yeah, that's right. Clothes.

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And it's going to Minnesota?

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00:17:56,360 --> 00:17:57,240

Yeah.

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The clerk was suspicious with Vogel's answers to the questions.

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Being that it's on a border town and being cognizant drugs do originate out of Mexico and to the United States,

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she contacted US customs officials.

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Customs officials arranged for a drug sniffing dog to come in.

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Dog lured it or hit on the package for the presence in narcotics.

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Customs officials then arranged for the package to be forwarded onto Minnesota.

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Let's see what we got here.

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Local police and customs agents were waiting for the parcel when it arrived in Minnesota.

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A search warrant allowed them to inspect the contents.

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That was a betting man.

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Inside the package they found various pieces of men's clothing and also two aerosol containers with fake bottoms.

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Inside the containers were about four grams of cocaine and 38 \$100 bills.

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And several strips of test print that she was encounter fit that reflects the Treasury seal on serial numbers.

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A four gram cocaine bust is not even a pistol shot in the war on drugs.

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This is bogus.

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But authorities have stumbled upon what would prove to be one of the biggest counterfeit operations on record.

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Investigators quickly traced the identity of the man who had sent the package.

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His name was John Bryson Vogel and he was no stranger to the law.

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Vogel had served time for armed bank robbery, captured only after a violent high-speed chase.

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Since his parole in 1991, he had operated a small printing business just outside Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Federal investigators put Vogel's cocaine and counterfeit bills back inside his package.

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Then the parcel was taken to Vogel's business.

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Special delivery courtesy of an undercover secret service agent.

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Moments after the delivery, Vogel had unexpected visitors.

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The first person to be arrested was a man who was a member of the FBI.

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Moments after the delivery, Vogel had unexpected visitors.

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You John Vogel?

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Yes.

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Search warrant, search your premises.

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Got the package.

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Mr. Vogel, you're under arrest.

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Officials found approximately \$50,000 in counterfeit money.

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Some of the counterfeit looked like it had just recently been printed.

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It was drying open on the various work benches in the shop.

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Vogel's counterfeit was described as very good or excellent.

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He used various colors of ink on the bills as well as some of the colored threads that are put into the bills for authenticity.

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Officials also searched a storage locker Vogel had rented.

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In that locker they found \$196,114 counterfeit \$100 bills.

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Holy Moses.

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John Vogel was indeed a self-made millionaire.

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The Bogus Sinos added up to an eye-popping \$19,611,000,

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the fourth largest haul in United States history.

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Vogel had been printing the bills since shortly after his release from prison.

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Vogel had served time for a 1986 armed bank robbery.

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While he was incarcerated he was assigned to the printing industry.

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There it's believed he learned the counterfeiting trade from another inmate.

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Authorities nabbed Vogel just in time.

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Though he had pressed millions in phony bills, he had circulated less than \$50,000 worth.

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Authorities learned that Vogel had logged thousands of miles criss-crossing America,

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spending his phony \$100 bills one by one.

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By the time he was arrested, Vogel's handiwork had surfaced

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at nearly half the states in the country.

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On January 17, 1995, Vogel was released on a personal recognizance bond.

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He promptly disappeared and has not been seen since.

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Next, the strange case of Justin Bergling.

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Did he run away from the army or did a secret operation lead to his death?

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The next case is a case of a death in the United States.

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The case is a case of an accident in the United States.

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The case is a case of a death in the United States.

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Justin Bergwinkle, specialist United States Army,

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he reported for duty in the summer of 1990.

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In the summer of 1993, he went AWOL absent without leave

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00:23:01,520 --> 00:23:04,520

and inexplicably disappeared.

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Three months later, Justin's car was found,

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gathering dust in the parking lot of a remote Northern California motel.

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The discovery proved to be one more indecipherable clue,

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one more dead end that left Justin's family anxiously waiting and wondering.

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I don't know if he ran away from the army.

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I don't know if he was kidnapped.

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00:23:30,220 --> 00:23:32,220

I don't know if he was murdered.

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I do not have one clue what happened to him.

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Specialist Justin Bergwinkle was respected by his superiors,

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well liked by his fellow soldiers,

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and by all accounts simply not the type to suddenly go AWOL.

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However, on several occasions,

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Justin himself hinted at a secret life of undercover operations.

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At the time, it seemed as if he was staging cloak-and-dagger theatrics

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00:23:56,920 --> 00:23:58,920

to impress his friends.

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But today, those closest to Justin,

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00:24:00,920 --> 00:24:02,920

believe the key to his disappearance

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00:24:03,620 --> 00:24:07,620

may lie somewhere in a shadowy world of intrigue and deception.

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When he enlisted,

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Justin Bergwinkle set his sights on an elite combat unit known as the Rangers.

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He scored high on army tests and began language training in Korean.

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However, within six months,

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Justin was yanked from the prestigious program

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00:24:26,620 --> 00:24:29,620

after he was implicated in a shoplifting incident.

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Ultimately, Justin was transferred to Fort Orr near Monterey, California.

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There, the would-be language specialist found himself assigned

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to kitchen duty, serving up meals of some 1,000 soldiers.

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That's the next hotspot. They're going to have nuclear weapons.

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00:24:44,320 --> 00:24:46,320

He had wanted to go in and be a ranger,

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and of course, part of being a ranger is going through the language school.

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When they took him out of there and put him in the cook section,

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00:24:52,320 --> 00:24:55,320

he really had a hard time dealing with that at first,

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00:24:55,320 --> 00:24:59,320

but then he kind of really got into the kitchen and started to get into the kitchen.

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00:25:00,020 --> 00:25:02,020

He kind of refocused himself and said,

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00:25:02,020 --> 00:25:04,020

well, you know, if I want to be a ranger,

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00:25:04,020 --> 00:25:07,020

I'm going to have to get back in there and really soldier to get back there.

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00:25:10,020 --> 00:25:12,020

Like many of his fellow soldiers,

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00:25:12,020 --> 00:25:15,020

Justin frequented area nightclubs on the weekend.

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00:25:15,020 --> 00:25:19,020

In August of 1992, he met Yolanda Antunas,

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00:25:19,020 --> 00:25:22,020

a computer science student at Santa Clara University.

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00:25:22,020 --> 00:25:24,020

Where do you want to go?

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00:25:24,020 --> 00:25:26,020

I know a good 24-hour place down the street.

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00:25:26,020 --> 00:25:28,020

Okay.

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00:25:28,720 --> 00:25:31,720

He asked me for my phone number and I gave it to him.

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00:25:31,720 --> 00:25:34,720

Then, on the weekend, he showed up at my door,

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00:25:34,720 --> 00:25:36,720

picked me up, we went to San Francisco,

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00:25:36,720 --> 00:25:38,720

and that's when we started.

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00:25:38,720 --> 00:25:42,720

We spent a whole day in San Francisco and we knew, you know, I knew that he's a great guy.

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00:25:45,720 --> 00:25:49,720

Yolanda lived here in Santa Clara, south of San Francisco.

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00:25:49,720 --> 00:25:53,720

Fort Ord was 85 miles down the coast near Monterey.

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00:25:54,420 --> 00:25:58,420

Before long, Justin was visiting Yolanda at every opportunity.

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00:25:58,420 --> 00:26:00,420

During the subsequent months,

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00:26:00,420 --> 00:26:03,420

she began to see the first signs of Justin's secretive life.

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00:26:03,420 --> 00:26:05,420

Siding urgent business,

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00:26:05,420 --> 00:26:08,420

you would interrupt his state or shuttle back and forth

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00:26:08,420 --> 00:26:10,420

between Yolanda's apartment and Monterey.

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00:26:12,420 --> 00:26:16,420

All of a sudden, he would just stop what he's doing with me in the afternoon

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00:26:16,420 --> 00:26:18,420

and he would just say, I'm sorry,

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00:26:18,420 --> 00:26:20,420

but I have to go up to Monterey and see some people,

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00:26:20,420 --> 00:26:22,420

but I'll be right back and I'll be just saying,

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00:26:23,120 --> 00:26:25,120

just like that, out of the blue.

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00:26:25,120 --> 00:26:29,120

And he said, just don't ask me what it's about, I'll just return.

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00:26:30,120 --> 00:26:33,120

And then started kind of bothering me because we would have a good day

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00:26:33,120 --> 00:26:35,120

and all of a sudden he'll leave.

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00:26:35,120 --> 00:26:37,120

And then he started getting more vague.

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00:26:37,120 --> 00:26:41,120

I can't tell you, I really can't discuss this with you right now.

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00:26:41,120 --> 00:26:44,120

It's not right for you to know and later on it became more like,

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00:26:44,120 --> 00:26:48,120

it just won't be a good thing for you to know, it won't be, you know,

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00:26:48,120 --> 00:26:52,120

you just, I'm doing something, you know, kind of secret

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00:26:52,120 --> 00:26:53,820

and I can't reveal it to you.

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00:26:53,820 --> 00:26:56,820

In February of 1993,

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00:26:56,820 --> 00:27:00,820

Justin was transferred from Fort Orr to Fort Lewis near Tacoma, Washington.

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00:27:00,820 --> 00:27:03,820

It wasn't until May some 10 weeks later

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00:27:03,820 --> 00:27:07,820

that Justin made the trip south to spend a two-week furlough with Yolanda.

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00:27:07,820 --> 00:27:12,820

She recalls a visit as a jumble of baffling incidents and odd behavior.

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00:27:14,820 --> 00:27:17,820

Justin always had a briefcase with him,

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00:27:17,820 --> 00:27:20,820

but I didn't think much of it

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00:27:20,820 --> 00:27:22,820

because a briefcase is a briefcase.

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00:27:22,820 --> 00:27:27,820

You can't make much about a briefcase, except he would be very secretive about it.

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00:27:27,820 --> 00:27:29,820

He would never open it in front of me.

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00:27:31,820 --> 00:27:33,820

Can you stay turned around?

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00:27:33,820 --> 00:27:35,820

Don't you want me to leave the room?

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00:27:35,820 --> 00:27:37,820

No, just please stay turned around.

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00:27:43,820 --> 00:27:49,820

That was this one time and I kind of angled myself just to turn and look over my shoulder

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00:27:49,820 --> 00:27:51,820

to see what he was doing.

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00:27:55,820 --> 00:28:01,820

All he's doing with that briefcase is taking pieces of paper out

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00:28:01,820 --> 00:28:07,820

and shredding them with his hands, just tearing them into little tiny, tiny pieces.

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00:28:07,820 --> 00:28:10,820

I mean, little squares this small.

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00:28:12,820 --> 00:28:16,820

Whatever Justin was involved in seemed to be veering out of control.

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00:28:16,820 --> 00:28:21,820

Yolanda says that one day she found Justin alone in the living room, sobbing.

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00:28:21,820 --> 00:28:23,820

Justin?

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00:28:25,820 --> 00:28:27,820

Justin, what's wrong?

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00:28:28,820 --> 00:28:29,820

Nothing.

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00:28:29,820 --> 00:28:31,820

No, yeah, I'm fine.

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00:28:31,820 --> 00:28:37,820

Justin never clarified the incident and it was soon eclipsed by a more mysterious episode.

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00:28:37,820 --> 00:28:39,820

Nothing.

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00:28:40,820 --> 00:28:44,820

It happened on a night when Justin was out with friends.

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00:28:44,820 --> 00:28:46,820

Hello?

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00:28:48,820 --> 00:28:50,820

Justin, no he's not. Who's this?

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00:28:52,820 --> 00:28:53,820

Okay.

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00:28:55,820 --> 00:28:56,820

What?

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00:29:00,820 --> 00:29:01,820

The mission's off.

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00:29:05,820 --> 00:29:13,820

Justin came back, I woke up because I heard him and he looked completely pale, completely frightened.

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00:29:14,820 --> 00:29:17,820

Hi Justin, Justin you had a phone call tonight.

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00:29:18,820 --> 00:29:19,820

Here?

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00:29:20,820 --> 00:29:23,820

Yeah, some guy called and said that the mission's off.

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00:29:26,820 --> 00:29:27,820

What mission?

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00:29:27,820 --> 00:29:29,820

Damn it! Damn it!

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00:29:29,820 --> 00:29:30,820

Oh.

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00:29:30,820 --> 00:29:31,820

Justin.

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00:29:31,820 --> 00:29:33,820

What time did they call?

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00:29:34,820 --> 00:29:36,820

I think it was around 9.30.

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00:29:36,820 --> 00:29:38,820

Who was it? What did they say the name was?

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00:29:39,820 --> 00:29:44,820

They didn't give a name, they just said, tell him that the mission's off and they just hung up.

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00:29:44,820 --> 00:29:48,820

Damn it! Damn it!

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00:29:48,820 --> 00:29:51,820

Justin, who are they? Who are these people?

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00:29:51,820 --> 00:29:55,820

Justin refused to discuss the call or explain the message.

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00:29:55,820 --> 00:30:01,820

Yolanda was still in the dark a few days later when Justin packed his bags and headed back to Fort Lewis.

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00:30:01,820 --> 00:30:04,820

I'm going to go down and see her next weekend, I'm going to drive down.

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00:30:04,820 --> 00:30:10,820

During his first week back at the base Justin called his parents and sounded perfectly normal and upbeat.

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00:30:10,820 --> 00:30:13,820

I'm doing good. How about you guys?

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00:30:13,820 --> 00:30:22,820

However, at around the same time for reasons that remain obscure Justin purchased two handguns and more than 100 rounds of ammunition.

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00:30:22,820 --> 00:30:35,820

Friday, June 4th, 1993, 0-4-30 hours. Private Justin Bergwinkel failed a report for kitchen duty at Fort Lewis.

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00:30:35,820 --> 00:30:42,820

The dining facility should have reported to him as being absent Friday when he didn't show up.

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00:30:42,820 --> 00:30:46,820

Because he was a good soldier he'd never been in trouble before that.

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00:30:46,820 --> 00:30:52,820

They kind of tried to protect him and say, well, we'll find out where he is and deal with it ourselves instead of turning him in.

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00:30:52,820 --> 00:30:57,820

Vice-Cinberg, Wingo?

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00:30:57,820 --> 00:31:06,820

Monday morning they realized that they couldn't protect him any longer because it had been a long time and they suspected that something out of the ordinary was going on.

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00:31:06,820 --> 00:31:12,820

Captain Heisman, this is the duty sergeant in the mess hall. Got an A-wall sir, it looks like.

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00:31:12,820 --> 00:31:19,820

For a man who had apparently gone A-wall, Justin was not making much of an effort to hide.

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00:31:19,820 --> 00:31:23,820

In fact, he had been at Yolanda's since late Friday night.

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00:31:23,820 --> 00:31:25,820

What are you doing here?

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00:31:25,820 --> 00:31:27,820

Well, I came to see you.

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00:31:27,820 --> 00:31:29,820

What time is it?

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00:31:29,820 --> 00:31:31,820

It's about three. Aren't you glad to see me?

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00:31:31,820 --> 00:31:33,820

It's three o'clock in the morning.

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00:31:33,820 --> 00:31:41,820

I don't know how he could get more time off, but I thought, well, if he was able to, that's really great and I did want to see him.

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00:31:41,820 --> 00:31:48,820

Yolanda soon learned that Justin was not exactly on vacation. She insisted that he call his parents.

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00:31:48,820 --> 00:31:59,820

No, I'm not A-wall. I wouldn't do anything like that. I'm going to call a hide-and-seek, that's a mistake. I'm going to figure that out. I'm working. Yes, I'm working.

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00:31:59,820 --> 00:32:04,820

And I said, well, what do you mean you're working? And he just said, I can't tell you anymore. He said, well, I will straighten it out.

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00:32:04,820 --> 00:32:09,820

I'll have to explain it all later and I will, okay?

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00:32:09,820 --> 00:32:15,820

I just can't. I'm doing something very important right now. All right? You've got to believe me and

I'll explain it to you later.

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00:32:15,820 --> 00:32:22,820

I said to him, at least call Captain Heintzelman. You know, at least call him and he said that he would.

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00:32:22,820 --> 00:32:35,820

Justin did call into the unit. He did indicate that he was going to come back and that he had a couple more things to do once he got them taken care of, that he was going to come back to the unit and report back in.

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00:32:36,820 --> 00:32:44,820

But Justin did not report in. Instead, he remained at Yolanda's and continued his mysterious trips to Monterey.

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00:32:44,820 --> 00:32:46,820

What's going on? Let me help you.

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00:32:46,820 --> 00:32:47,820

There's nothing you can do to help me.

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00:32:47,820 --> 00:32:49,820

Then let me go with you.

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00:32:49,820 --> 00:32:51,820

Don't make me do this right now.

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00:32:51,820 --> 00:32:52,820

Justin, please.

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00:32:52,820 --> 00:32:53,820

No, look, I have to go. Okay?

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00:32:53,820 --> 00:32:55,820

Justin!

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00:32:56,820 --> 00:32:57,820

All right, all right, all right.

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00:32:57,820 --> 00:33:00,820

What are you getting yourself into?

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00:33:00,820 --> 00:33:06,820

You know the movie, White Sands? Watch that movie, okay?

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00:33:06,820 --> 00:33:13,820

In a conversation with his parents, Justin had made the same cryptic reference to the film, White Sands.

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00:33:13,820 --> 00:33:22,820

Released in 1992, the movie plunges its viewers and its brief case-toting hero into the duplicitous world of international arms smuggling.

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00:33:23,820 --> 00:33:35,820

It's about gun-running the FBI and the CIA and this one's against this one and you don't know who the good guy is and you don't know who the bad guy is.

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00:33:35,820 --> 00:33:47,820

Then I thought, are you working for the CIA? You know, it was all too confusing, but that's the only clue, if anything, that he's ever given me about it.

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00:33:48,820 --> 00:33:49,820

See you later.

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00:33:49,820 --> 00:33:57,820

Saturday, June 12th, Justin left Yolanda's apartment at around 10 a.m. once again headed for Monterey.

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00:33:58,820 --> 00:34:02,820

But this time, Justin Bergwinkel would not come back.

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00:34:07,820 --> 00:34:17,820

The next couple of months I was on the phone with the Army, my senators, you know, anyone I could think of to call to try to get the Army to do something.

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00:34:17,820 --> 00:34:25,820

I couldn't get anybody to help me. The police wouldn't go to the girlfriend's house. I mean, nobody would do anything. Nobody ever looked for him, ever.

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00:34:29,820 --> 00:34:34,820

The winds swept out skirts of Monterey yielded one final clue in this puzzling case.

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00:34:36,820 --> 00:34:41,820

Three months after Justin vanished, his car was found in the parking lot of an isolated beachfront motel.

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00:34:42,820 --> 00:34:46,820

The Bergwinkels flew in from Massachusetts to investigate.

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00:34:47,820 --> 00:34:54,820

They learned that their son's name did not appear in the motel register, although the car had been in the parking lot for nearly three months.

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00:34:55,820 --> 00:34:58,820

The manager assumed it had been left by a guest for later pickup.

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00:35:01,820 --> 00:35:06,820

Justin's handguns were nowhere to be found, but his briefcase had been stashed in the trunk.

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00:35:07,820 --> 00:35:13,820

Curiously, his car keys were locked inside, along with his wallet, credit cards, and military ID.

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00:35:14,820 --> 00:35:21,820

You knew something was drastically wrong, and you knew, like, more or less, that he had placed everything just the way he wanted it found.

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00:35:22,820 --> 00:35:24,820

That's the way I looked at it.

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00:35:26,820 --> 00:35:34,820

Tucked in Justin's wallet was a standard-issue military dog tag. When Yolanda learned of that discovery, she recalled a chilling conversation.

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00:35:35,820 --> 00:35:42,820

We were driving down one time in his car, and Justin had his dog tags, and he said, Do you know what they're for?

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00:35:43,820 --> 00:35:47,820

I kind of had an idea, but I said, No, no, what are they for?

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00:35:48,820 --> 00:35:52,820

And he says, Well, when a soldier dies, they put in his tea so you can identify him.

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00:35:53,820 --> 00:35:54,820

I said, Okay.

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00:35:55,820 --> 00:36:02,820

He says, Well, if you ever see these, you know, lying around, you know, that means I'm dead.

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00:36:05,820 --> 00:36:09,820

Is Justin Bergwinkel dead, swallowed up by a murky, secret life?

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00:36:10,820 --> 00:36:16,820

Or did he simply run away and cover his disappearance with an elaborate fantasy, plucked from a Hollywood movie?

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00:36:18,820 --> 00:36:25,820

I really don't think it's possible that he ran away. The three things he loved, he loved his mother, he loved his girlfriend deeply, and he loved his car.

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00:36:26,820 --> 00:36:33,820

And in that day, he just threw everything away. Everything was gone. I just can't believe anybody could do that without any trace or anything.

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00:36:35,820 --> 00:36:43,820

Justin was not the type of person that would go AWOL. Very reliable, dependable. You could always count on him to get the job done.

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00:36:44,820 --> 00:36:48,820

So him going AWOL surprised everybody that I knew. It just, it just didn't happen with him.

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00:36:49,820 --> 00:36:59,820

I like to believe he's still alive. I don't like to think he's dead, but if he was, I wish I could find out, and then I could at least bury him and put it to rest.

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00:36:59,820 --> 00:37:07,820

Because the not knowing, that's about the worst thing that I can imagine, is not knowing what happened to him.

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00:37:12,820 --> 00:37:17,820

In a moment, murder in Bades of Small Town, when an unknown hitchhiker turns violent.

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00:37:18,820 --> 00:37:37,820

It was around midnight, June 22, 1991, in Harrington, Delaware. A factory worker named Charles Holden stopped by a fast food restaurant at the end of his shift.

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00:37:38,820 --> 00:37:43,820

It was a typical night for Charles, until he left the restaurant.

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00:37:47,820 --> 00:38:03,820

I went in and got my hamburger, and I was on the way across the lot. I got in my truck, started my truck, and as I proceed to get ready to back up, I noticed there was a man right at my passenger window.

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00:38:04,820 --> 00:38:09,820

I wonder if I can get a ride. I don't know, it's pretty late.

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00:38:09,820 --> 00:38:15,820

Hey, but I'm like in a big time behind me, and my sister, she's had a baby, she's up in Georgetown. I gotta get there.

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00:38:15,820 --> 00:38:18,820

I live pretty close by.

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00:38:18,820 --> 00:38:26,820

In the end, Charles relented. Harrington was a small town, mostly friendly. Charles assumed he had nothing to worry about.

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00:38:27,820 --> 00:38:36,820

Three miles down Highway 14, Charles reached the intersection, where he normally turned to go home.

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00:38:41,820 --> 00:38:46,820

I pulled off to the side, and I said, this is as far as we go, right here.

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00:38:46,820 --> 00:38:48,820

I guess this is where you have to get off.

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00:38:48,820 --> 00:38:52,820

Hey man, I gotta get down the road. I ain't getting out of this truck.

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00:38:52,820 --> 00:38:56,820

I can't go any further. I told you I could just go a few miles, you know.

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00:38:56,820 --> 00:39:00,820

Listen, I got a problem, and I ain't getting out of this truck.

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00:39:00,820 --> 00:39:04,820

I can't help you, I can't, you're gonna have to leave here. I'm sorry.

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00:39:04,820 --> 00:39:06,820

No, then I'm gonna have to take this truck.

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00:39:06,820 --> 00:39:12,820

Without warning, the stranger attacked. Charles grabbed his keys and jumped from the truck.

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00:39:16,820 --> 00:39:20,820

He come after me with a knife or screwdriver.

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00:39:20,820 --> 00:39:24,820

What you looking in there for? Ain't nobody gonna help you.

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00:39:24,820 --> 00:39:26,820

Now, let's all be taken care of.

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00:39:28,820 --> 00:39:30,820

I'm gonna kill you. I'm gonna tell you right here.

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00:39:30,820 --> 00:39:32,820

I just come down here. I want that truck.

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00:39:32,820 --> 00:39:34,820

All right, all right, I'll take you wherever you want to go. Just calm down, all right?

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I'm praying with you, I want that truck.

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Come on, we'll go. I'll take you over. Come on.

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Charles knew he had to act fast. As he and the assailant headed back to the truck, Charles made his move.

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Charles

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Charles sped off in the opposite direction of his house, so the man could not follow him home.

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Went down the road to the ways, talked around. I ain't seen no one in sight.

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Went down the other way, turned around, didn't see no word of sight.

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So I've been down rude, and when I come back to my driveway, he was at my trailer.

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Somehow, by some disturbing coincidence, the stranger had found his way to Charles' trailer.

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Now Charles had an additional concern. His trailer was adjacent to a small farmhouse where a 70-year-old mother lived.

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Charles rushed to a payphone and called the police.

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How you doing? I'm Trooper Williams with the Delaware State Police. Are you Mr. Holden?

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Yes, ma'am.

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Mr. Holden just explained to me that he had been home by his residence and saw this black male there,

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and that he needed somebody to go back with him, because his person was hanging around his mom's residence and his residence.

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Once we got there, we checked to see if the doors were locked and everything, and both the back and front door of his trailer were locked.

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Well, Mr. Holden, it looks like your house is secure here.

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All right. Could you come take a look at my mom's house?

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And we walked across the grass, because their property is adjacent to each other.

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We walked across the grass and around to the back door of the residence,

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and that's when the two of us discovered that the back window to the back door was broken.

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Mom?

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I thought something was wrong when I first heard it, because mom, she was a type of mother that she would be awake until I got in at night.

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Then she'd go to sleep.

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Mom?

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00:42:02,820 --> 00:42:09,820

In an upstairs bedroom, Charles Holden found the body of his mother, Dorothy Donovan.

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Dorothy had been stabbed repeatedly in the chest, arms, and face.

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The police found nothing missing from Dorothy's house and ruled out robbery as a motive.

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When investigators heard Charles' story, their first instinct was that they had been found in the house.

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I can't, I just drove around. I'm scared.

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OK, Charles, you're going to need to come down the street with us.

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We're going to have to talk about this a little further. OK?

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Just the mere coincidence of what he said happened was difficult for the investigators to believe.

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He picks this guy up, takes him a couple of miles, drops him off, and next thing you know, he's at his mom's house,

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never having met this lady or Charles before, killing this, killing Dorothy Donovan.

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It just was very hard to believe, and it wasn't until we were able to go back and interview the people at the fast food restaurant

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were we able to, you know, see that, yes, this black male did exist.

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If I could ask you ladies to do me like a really big favor, I'm trying to get up to Georgetown.

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Also later that day we were able to obtain certain physical evidence at the scene of being a bloody palm print.

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And we also have found two sources of DNA inside the residence.

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Neither of this physical evidence comes back to Charles Holden.

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So therefore, because of these things, we were able to eliminate Charles as a suspect.

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The whole story seemed like a big nightmare to me.

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It's just like in some kind of a dream, you don't think it really happened.

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You think you could drive over to my mom's house and she'd be there, you know, but I know that's not going to happen.

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She met the world to me. She called me every morning, and they were even saying goodnight to us.

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That's the friend I've ever had. I miss that dearly.

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If she had been killed in an automobile wreck or had a medical problem, I could accept that.

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And I don't think anybody has a right to kill someone and to take their life away like that.

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The End

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