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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries.

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Just before Christmas 1955, a newborn baby girl was abandoned in a New York City subway

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40 years later, Jean Martin still dreams of finding her birth mother.

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Perhaps someone watching can make her dream come true.

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If you think sea monsters are nothing more than fanciful legends, you can't help but

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never visit Canada's Cat Borough Bay.

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You probably never heard the incredible eyewitness accounts of a mysterious creature known as

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Cat Borosaurus.

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In North Carolina, a night of drinking and joy writing suddenly turns vicious and a young

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mother is thrown to her death.

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Also a rare glimpse into the mind of a criminal.

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Franklin Floyd is serving 52 years for kidnapping, but his victim, 7-year-old Michael Hughes,

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was never found.

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Incredibly, Floyd claims a kidnap boy is alive and well, but refuses to say where he is.

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Stay with us.

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Perhaps you hold the key.

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Perhaps your call can help solve one of tonight's unsolved mysteries.

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For centuries, the stories have fascinated us.

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In Scotland, it's a Loch Ness monster.

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In New York's Lake Champlain, it's Champ.

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There's Ogo Pogo at Lake Okanagan in British Columbia, Canada.

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And finally, nearby Cat Borough Bay is the legendary Caddy.

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The thing I noticed most about it was its arm.

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The thing I noticed most about it was its eyes, that they were big and they were serpent-like.

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The odor from it was just incredible.

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It permeated, it made you want to vomit.

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It went down and a hump came up, and then it went down and another hump came up, and it was like it was moving.

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They call it Cat Borosaurus, Caddy for short, the sea monster of Cat Borough Bay.

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Many people believe this is the carcass of just such a creature.

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Computer enhancement gives us an idea of what it might have looked like when alive.

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Like the Biblical Jonah, it came from the belly of a whale.

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In 1937, there was a whaling station in the north part of British Columbia.

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And one of the whale boats harpooned this big sperm whale, about six hours run from the whaling station,

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towed it back, and the flasters got to it fairly quickly.

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Flasters are the workers who butcher the whales once they are brought to shore.

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Amazingly, a sperm whale has three enormous stomachs.

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Inside one of them, the flasters made an astonishing find.

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Instead of bringing out a big ten-foot shark or a giant squid or a ragfish or something like that,

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they came across this incredible snake-like thing.

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None of them had ever seen it before in years of whaling and flensing.

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They knew it was something different.

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The whalers took this photograph that very day.

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James Wakeland, then a 24-year-old blacksmith's assistant, is the only witness still alive who saw the creature with his own eyes.

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I don't know. I've got no idea what it is.

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I haven't got to never see anything like it.

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And I guess somebody thought, well, that's a queer-looking affair there.

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We better get the manager or go and see him about it.

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And he got it brought down and he took the pictures.

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Layed out, the creature measured some 12 feet long.

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It had a head shaped like a horse or a camel in a thin snake-like body,

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approximately 16 inches in circumference.

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Enormous detail is visible, especially in the tail region,

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which shows us that it has a pair of hind flippers that were webbed together with the tail

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to form this whale-like fluke, which undoubtedly provided the main driving force for this animal.

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The whalers sent part of the specimen to the Provincial Museum in Victoria, British Columbia.

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There, the museum director, Francis Carmo, dismissed it as a fetus of a baleen whale and tossed it out.

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Even to untrained eyes, a baleen whale fetus bears little resemblance to the carcass examined by the museum director.

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If he just stopped and thought, would these men send down a fetal baleen whale,

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they dissected hundreds of these things out of dead whale uteruses every week.

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They knew what a fetal baleen whale, so that was really not complementary to these professional whalers.

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If the whalers weren't wrong, maybe the creature was a fake.

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One of the most famous photos of the Loch Ness monster eventually proved to be a hoax.

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Skeptics claim the Cadmurosaurus photo is no different,

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but that hardly explains all the people in the 60 years since who insist they've seen a caddy-like sea monster.

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In 1968, William Hageland was sailing in a remote coale.

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As evening fell, he and his sons netted what he now believes was a baby Cadmurosaurus.

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It looked like a little garter snake, but it was a little bit more husky than that,

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but it wasn't much longer, about 16 inches long, maybe the thickness of my thumb.

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But it had a little shoulders with little flippers on its shoulders and a bit of a neck, not much,

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but and a head on it with two bright brown eyes looking at us.

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Hageland sketched the animal in detail.

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He decided to take the oddity to the nearest biology station, but he was at least a day's sail away.

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Through the evening, I could hear this little thing making quite a fuss in the bucket that we'd put it into,

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but when I shone the light down at him, he just opened his mouth and hissed at me,

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and you could see that he was quite terrified and quite put out with all of this.

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I felt that maybe if we tried to hold him over a night that he might perish,

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I just, to a great deal of soul-searching, decided to put it back in the water and leave it be.

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It was another opportunity lost for the second time what was thought to be a caddy was thrown back in the bay.

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In consultation with a paleontologist, we applied computer animation techniques to one of the original *Cadmurasaurus* photographs.

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The skeletal structure is similar to that of a snake.

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A caddy seven meters long would probably have at least 360 vertebra.

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That would give the creature enough flexibility to form the signature hoops so frequently mentioned by eye witnesses.

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Unlike a snake, which can only wiggle from side to side, a Cadmurasaurus could propel itself forward with his tail fluke

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and steer with his forefin, something like a sea lion.

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If this is truly an accurate depiction of a caddy, imagine seeing one in the wild.

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That's what a pilot spotted while flying a sea plane over Catburrow Bay.

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Two college boys saw just 20 yards from shore, and a homemaker surprised the sea monster right on the beach.

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I was walking my dog Lady, and as we were coming down the path to the beach, she was struggling to get away from me.

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She just didn't want to go to the beach.

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Come on, Lady.

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Finally, I pulled her and pulled her, and she got closer, and as I turned to look down, I saw this face looking at me.

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And it was shaped like a horse face, and there were eyes that were like a snake.

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And as I looked at it, it looked at me, and then it dropped its head below the cliff.

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It sort of took my breath away when I saw it, and I just was thinking to myself,

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did I really see what I thought I saw? What is it?

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I heard a sound, thought it was probably a whale or something, looked out, didn't see much,

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and heard it again and saw a strange head out of the water about 50, 60 feet away.

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It had the definite snout with a big, large head, really rocky looking,

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a really greeny black color, almost like a garbage bag color.

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It was a very odd looking thing.

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It was a hoop-like creature.

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It had two vertical hoops.

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As we were on approach and landing, we could see that it was moving very quickly through the water,

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and I would estimate to be about 40 miles per hour.

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And we could actually see through the two hoops.

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We could see what was on the other side of the hoop, so that was very strange.

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It was the most unique thing I've ever seen in the waters around here.

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I've seen lots of different things, but I've never seen something like that.

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It's our view that the animal does exist because of the total mass of evidence.

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If these people who act independently over a century time in 3,000 miles of coastline

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were in collusion, it would be the biggest con game in the history of science.

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There's no way that happened.

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These people are totally unknown to each other.

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Skeptics are bound, outnumbered perhaps only by believers.

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Daughters claim caddy eyewitnesses are mistaken.

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But they really saw were humpback whales, elephant seals, basking sharks,

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or perhaps a herd of sea lions.

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Hopefully the next person to get hold of a caddy

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will manage to resist the urge to dump it back in the bay.

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Perhaps then, this mystery will finally be solved.

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We'll be back in a moment with an urgent appeal from the authorities in North Carolina.

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They need your help to track down an accused killer.

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Most teenagers would do anything to avoid being with their parents.

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But to 17-year-old April Hart, nothing would be more precious

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than spending a few moments with her mother, savagely murdered when April was six.

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I just want to go back to being six so that she will be there beside me

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to play with me and I'll have her there.

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No one just, they're with me and not going like she is now.

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April's mother, Sherry, was last seen alive on a January night in 1984.

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A 24-year-old divorcee was supposed to meet a date outside a local restaurant.

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Sherry Hart did not come home that night or the next.

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Police located several friends who had seen her that evening.

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However, they found no evidence of foul play,

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no explanation for Sherry's sudden disappearance.

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For months afterwards, April heard rumors that her mother had run off to Florida with a lover.

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I just thought she hated me and didn't want to come back because she had me

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and she didn't feel like she was responsible for me.

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And I just didn't think she loved me anymore.

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Sherry!

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What do you got, dumb female?

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She's, she's been here a while.

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Yeah, she's pretty well decomposed.

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The truth was worse, far worse.

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Eleven months after Sherry vanished,

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an unrelated investigation led police down a 2,000-foot cliff.

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Locals call it the jumping off place.

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It was there that authorities found the body of Sherry Lyle Hart.

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Investigators immediately reopened the case.

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Sherry.

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Hi, guys.

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How you doing?

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Well, I was supposed to have a date just about a half hour ago, but...

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They located a witness who had seen Sherry on the night she vanished

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with two high school friends, Jeffrey Burgess and Richard Baer.

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Where were you going?

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No, we're in particular, just out cruising around.

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Cruising around?

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Police interrogated Baer and Burgess separately.

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Richard Baer's brother had once dated Sherry Hart.

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What time would that have been?

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Nine, nine o'clock.

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Are you sure about that?

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No, I'm not sure.

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It could have been nine o' five, it could have been eight fifty-five.

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I don't, I don't keep a watch on me and check in every minute, okay?

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We had witnesses that saw you together after nine o'clock.

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And Burgess gave us a different time as well, so are you sure it was nine o'clock?

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Look, look, let me tell you something.

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It was dark, it was cold.

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We dropped her off by her car.

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I don't know what time it was.

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But the stores were open.

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They were open.

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Okay.

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Richard Baer volunteered little information, so detectives pushed forward with other leads.

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We interviewed a great deal of people, many people.

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And as a result of those interviews,

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we feel that we have developed a scenario as to what occurred that evening.

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Hey.

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You guys, I don't know what more.

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So where's this place we're going anyway?

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I figure we go cruising first, a couple buddies of mine are down there, meet up with them,

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and then maybe go to the twilight club afterwards.

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Sounds good.

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At some point in time, this riding around led them to an area,

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possibly in the vicinity of a nightclub or a party.

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And during this riding around, Sherry Hart asked to make a rest stop.

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Authorities allege that Sherry and the two men pulled off the highway about one quarter of a mile from the jumping off place.

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You know what, Jeff?

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What's that?

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I think the woods are a dangerous place for a little girl.

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I think you might be right.

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Oh, hey, Sherry, Sherry, Sherry.

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I thought I said, take your time.

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Richard, come on, let's get in the car.

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No.

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Stop.

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Give me a kiss.

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No, Richard, stop it!

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Richard, come here.

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Leave me alone!

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Stop it, Richard!

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Stop it!

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Let me go!

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Let me go!

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Stop!

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Stop it!

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Stop it now!

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Help me.

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Yeah, please help me.

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She's going to hurt me.

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That night, Richard Bear was apparently carrying a handgun.

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What are you doing?

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Shut up and stay in the car, all right?

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She's hurting me.

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Shh!

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Shh!

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Don't say anything.

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Step up.

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Shh!

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Come here, look at me.

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No!

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No!

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No!

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Stop it, Richard.

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You're hurting me.

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Goodbye.

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Ah!

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Turn to your left.

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Richard Bear and Jeffrey Burgess were charged with a murder

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of Sherry Hart.

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Turn to your right.

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Conviction could have led straight to the gas chamber.

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00:17:15,000 --> 00:17:18,000

However, four months after his arrest, Richard Bear managed

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00:17:18,000 --> 00:17:20,000

to escape from the county jail.

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00:17:20,000 --> 00:17:23,000

Jeffrey Burgess was released on bail pending his friend's

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00:17:23,000 --> 00:17:25,000

recapture.

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00:17:25,000 --> 00:17:30,000

More than 10 years later, a trial has yet to begin.

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00:17:30,000 --> 00:17:33,000

We let those people down.

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00:17:33,000 --> 00:17:35,000

We let the victim down.

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00:17:35,000 --> 00:17:38,000

And we'd certainly like to have an opportunity to get him back

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00:17:38,000 --> 00:17:43,000

to let them know that we want to see, we want to see justice done.

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00:17:43,000 --> 00:17:48,000

This is probably as brutal a crime as you will ever encounter

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00:17:48,000 --> 00:17:54,000

because of the horror, the fear, the fright

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00:17:54,000 --> 00:18:02,000

that that victim had to feel for several minutes before she went

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00:18:02,000 --> 00:18:06,000

over that cliff because she would have, in my opinion,

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00:18:06,000 --> 00:18:11,000

known enough to know where she was.

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00:18:16,000 --> 00:18:19,000

She was an outgoing person.

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00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:21,000

She liked people.

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00:18:21,000 --> 00:18:24,000

She liked to have fun.

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00:18:24,000 --> 00:18:30,000

She was the mother that left her daughter very much.

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00:18:30,000 --> 00:18:34,000

She thought more of April than anybody or anything.

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00:18:37,000 --> 00:18:40,000

They won't never get behind me.

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00:18:40,000 --> 00:18:44,000

I can't take looking at her grave knowing she's down there.

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00:18:44,000 --> 00:18:48,000

I want her to be here with me so I can just give her a hug

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00:18:48,000 --> 00:18:52,000

and just have her in my life again.

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00:18:52,000 --> 00:19:04,000

The Holy Mark

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00:19:16,000 --> 00:19:19,000

Recently, we profiled a pair of cunning criminals,

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00:19:19,000 --> 00:19:22,240

Two women who in some circles had achieved near folk hero

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00:19:22,240 --> 00:19:23,600

status.

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00:19:23,600 --> 00:19:26,240

The police knew them as a real life Thelma and Louise.

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00:19:29,600 --> 00:19:31,360

If you passed them on the road, you

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00:19:31,360 --> 00:19:34,640

would think they were just best friends out for a joyride.

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00:19:34,640 --> 00:19:38,020

But over a three month period, nearly 1995,

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00:19:38,020 --> 00:19:39,920

Rose Turford and Carolyn Stevens

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00:19:39,920 --> 00:19:42,040

stole more than a quarter of a million dollars

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00:19:42,040 --> 00:19:43,160

from at least 10 men.

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00:19:44,040 --> 00:19:49,240

The Rimo was simple yet devious.

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00:19:49,240 --> 00:19:51,080

Rose and Carolyn lured their victims

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00:19:51,080 --> 00:19:53,840

to hotel rooms with the promise of an adventurous date.

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00:19:56,720 --> 00:19:59,920

Rose and Carolyn, from the onset,

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00:19:59,920 --> 00:20:03,080

wanted to be the real life Thelma and Louise.

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00:20:03,080 --> 00:20:07,520

They wanted to experience that thrill in the spontaneity.

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00:20:07,520 --> 00:20:09,400

And the only thing is, I don't believe

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00:20:09,400 --> 00:20:12,040

they ever considered what they were going to do to their family

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00:20:12,040 --> 00:20:13,280

in the first place.

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00:20:13,280 --> 00:20:16,960

They were going to do to their families.

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00:20:16,960 --> 00:20:19,720

In March of 1995, Rose and Carolyn

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00:20:19,720 --> 00:20:22,600

were finally arrested in Houston, Texas.

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00:20:22,600 --> 00:20:24,320

Their families put up almost everything

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00:20:24,320 --> 00:20:27,960

they owned to post a \$500,000 bail.

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00:20:27,960 --> 00:20:30,960

The Thelma and Louise bandits were released and promptly

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00:20:30,960 --> 00:20:31,640

disappeared.

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00:20:34,800 --> 00:20:37,040

As it turned out, our broadcast was a catalyst

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00:20:37,040 --> 00:20:39,880

for a full scale media blitz aimed at tracking down

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00:20:39,880 --> 00:20:41,240

the two women.

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00:20:41,240 --> 00:20:43,560

We'll be right back with the details.

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00:20:43,560 --> 00:20:45,760

Bob, the story of the Thelma and Louise bandits

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00:20:45,760 --> 00:20:48,440

appeared everywhere, in newspapers, magazines,

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00:20:48,440 --> 00:20:49,960

and on television.

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00:20:49,960 --> 00:20:52,320

But it was a t-shirt just like this one,

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00:20:52,320 --> 00:20:54,960

which led to their capture in Toronto, Canada,

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00:20:54,960 --> 00:20:58,520

less than five months after they had vanished.

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00:20:58,520 --> 00:21:01,720

The gentleman that gave us the tip

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00:21:01,720 --> 00:21:05,320

saw the pictures in the McLean's magazine of me holding

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00:21:05,320 --> 00:21:09,480

the t-shirt up and called the number on the t-shirt.

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00:21:09,480 --> 00:21:12,160

The tipster knew the whereabouts of Rose Turford.

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00:21:12,160 --> 00:21:15,200

She was working at a telemarketing firm in Toronto.

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00:21:15,200 --> 00:21:19,880

Within 24 hours, both of the fugitives were in custody.

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00:21:19,880 --> 00:21:23,640

Probably the weirdest thing in this whole chase

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00:21:23,640 --> 00:21:28,040

was watching those two smile, going to jail,

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00:21:28,040 --> 00:21:30,600

looking at all the time that they're looking at.

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00:21:30,600 --> 00:21:34,120

They smile for the cameras.

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00:21:34,120 --> 00:21:36,960

Turford and Stevens were extradited to Texas

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00:21:36,960 --> 00:21:39,640

and are currently being held here at the Harris County

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00:21:39,640 --> 00:21:41,960

Jail in Houston.

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00:21:41,960 --> 00:21:46,640

I think that anyone who does a series of aggravated robberies

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00:21:46,640 --> 00:21:48,520

are nothing more than criminals.

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00:21:48,520 --> 00:21:51,120

They're not anything special.

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00:21:51,120 --> 00:21:53,840

They're not anything to admire.

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00:21:53,840 --> 00:21:56,040

They're not anything to emulate.

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00:21:56,040 --> 00:21:57,160

They're just robbers.

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00:22:28,160 --> 00:22:32,320

Next, a provocative case study of a criminal mind.

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00:22:32,320 --> 00:22:36,040

Meet kidnapper Franklin Delano Floyd.

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00:22:36,040 --> 00:22:38,760

And later, the poignant tale of a baby girl

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00:22:38,760 --> 00:22:40,560

abandoned on a subway.

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00:22:40,560 --> 00:22:43,000

As a grown woman, she dreams of a Christmas

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00:22:43,000 --> 00:22:44,400

reunion with her birth mother.

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00:22:58,160 --> 00:23:00,600

This is Michael Hughes.

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00:23:00,600 --> 00:23:02,480

He is seven years old and has been missing

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00:23:02,480 --> 00:23:05,160

for more than 14 months.

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00:23:05,160 --> 00:23:08,720

In 1994, Michael was living with foster parents

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00:23:08,720 --> 00:23:13,640

when he was abducted by a man who claims to be his father.

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00:23:13,640 --> 00:23:16,120

You're acting like I walked up to a McDonald's

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00:23:16,120 --> 00:23:19,760

and took a strange boy and walked off with him.

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00:23:19,760 --> 00:23:20,880

And that's where you're wrong.

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00:23:23,440 --> 00:23:25,920

This is Franklin Delano Floyd.

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00:23:25,920 --> 00:23:29,600

In fact, he is not the father of Michael Hughes.

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00:23:29,600 --> 00:23:32,400

Today, Floyd is serving a 52-year prison sentence

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00:23:32,400 --> 00:23:34,600

for kidnapping Michael.

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00:23:34,600 --> 00:23:37,440

Floyd insists the boy is alive and safe,

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00:23:37,440 --> 00:23:40,440

but he refuses to tell anyone where Michael is

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00:23:40,440 --> 00:23:44,040

or who is sheltering him.

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00:23:44,040 --> 00:23:46,040

The case of Franklin Floyd and Michael Hughes

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00:23:46,040 --> 00:23:49,080

is one of the most bizarre we've ever profiled.

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00:23:49,080 --> 00:23:51,000

A twisted tale of deception and deceit

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00:23:51,000 --> 00:23:53,880

that truly defies rational thinking.

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00:23:53,920 --> 00:23:58,040

We now join Kevin Ogle from our NBC affiliate KFORTV

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00:23:58,040 --> 00:24:00,400

in Oklahoma City.

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00:24:00,400 --> 00:24:02,600

This is Indian Meridian Elementary School

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00:24:02,600 --> 00:24:04,680

just outside of Oklahoma City.

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00:24:04,680 --> 00:24:08,160

On September 12, 1994, Franklin Delano Floyd

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00:24:08,160 --> 00:24:10,960

walked into the office of principal James Davis.

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00:24:10,960 --> 00:24:14,360

Floyd said he was the father of six-year-old Michael Hughes.

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00:24:14,360 --> 00:24:17,800

And then Floyd said he had a gun.

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00:24:17,800 --> 00:24:18,480

He came in.

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00:24:18,480 --> 00:24:20,120

He was acting rather nervous.

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00:24:20,120 --> 00:24:23,840

He said, what I'm doing is very difficult.

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00:24:23,840 --> 00:24:25,360

He said, I think I should tell you

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00:24:25,360 --> 00:24:27,360

I've got a gun in my pocket.

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00:24:27,360 --> 00:24:30,480

At that time, he was sitting right here.

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00:24:30,480 --> 00:24:32,160

He reached in his pocket.

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00:24:32,160 --> 00:24:34,200

He pulled the gun partly out of his pocket,

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00:24:34,200 --> 00:24:37,240

enough that I could see the handle in the palm of his hand.

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00:24:37,240 --> 00:24:39,440

And then he put it back in his pocket.

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00:24:39,440 --> 00:24:41,520

He said, I'm ready to die.

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00:24:41,520 --> 00:24:43,480

If you don't help me, you won't live either.

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00:24:46,640 --> 00:24:48,960

Principal Davis led Floyd down this hallway

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00:24:48,960 --> 00:24:52,280

to Michael's classroom.

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00:24:52,280 --> 00:24:56,120

Floyd then forced both of them into Davis's pickup truck

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00:24:56,120 --> 00:24:58,520

and ordered Davis to drive out into the country.

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00:25:01,520 --> 00:25:07,480

Then when we got down here a ways, he told me to stop.

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00:25:07,480 --> 00:25:09,080

And he had me to get out of the truck

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00:25:09,080 --> 00:25:10,400

and go into the woods.

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00:25:10,400 --> 00:25:13,040

He left Michael in the truck.

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00:25:13,040 --> 00:25:16,160

And he followed me into the woods.

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00:25:16,160 --> 00:25:19,160

And sit down with that tree and put your arm

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00:25:19,160 --> 00:25:21,160

between those two trees.

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00:25:21,160 --> 00:25:24,560

So I couldn't sit, so I just did like this

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00:25:24,560 --> 00:25:26,520

and put my hands behind me.

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00:25:26,520 --> 00:25:28,880

And he handcuffed my hands behind me like this.

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00:25:31,840 --> 00:25:35,120

Five hours later, Principal Davis was rescued.

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00:25:35,120 --> 00:25:37,560

For the next two months, there was no sign of either Franklin

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00:25:37,560 --> 00:25:39,480

Floyd or Michael Hughes.

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00:25:39,480 --> 00:25:42,160

Police were out of warrant for kidnapping.

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00:25:42,160 --> 00:25:44,760

Finally, Floyd is arrested in Louisville, Kentucky.

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00:25:44,760 --> 00:25:46,680

But Michael was nowhere to be found.

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00:25:47,520 --> 00:25:50,680

The authorities began to probe into Floyd's background.

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00:25:50,680 --> 00:25:53,680

They discovered a past remarkable for its demented behavior.

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00:25:56,680 --> 00:26:01,280

In 1975, Floyd then 32 had turned up in Oklahoma City,

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00:26:01,280 --> 00:26:04,080

going by the name Trenton B. Davis.

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00:26:04,080 --> 00:26:05,920

With him was a young girl.

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00:26:05,920 --> 00:26:10,600

Floyd claimed she was his daughter, Suzanne.

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00:26:10,600 --> 00:26:12,680

Over the next decade, Suzanne and Floyd

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00:26:12,680 --> 00:26:14,680

moved from town to town to the city.

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00:26:14,680 --> 00:26:16,760

Suzanne and Floyd moved from town to town

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00:26:16,760 --> 00:26:19,400

using a variety of aliases.

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00:26:19,400 --> 00:26:25,440

In 1988, Suzanne, then 17, gave birth to his son Michael.

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00:26:25,440 --> 00:26:29,080

Incredibly, Floyd claimed to be the boy's father.

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00:26:29,080 --> 00:26:32,480

Even more incredibly, he then turned around and married

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00:26:32,480 --> 00:26:36,000

the woman he claimed was his daughter.

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00:26:36,000 --> 00:26:38,520

Then in 1990, when Michael was two,

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00:26:38,520 --> 00:26:42,200

Suzanne was killed in a mysterious hit-and-run accident.

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00:26:42,200 --> 00:26:44,880

A prime suspect, though he was never charged,

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00:26:44,880 --> 00:26:48,600

was none other than Franklin Floyd.

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00:26:48,600 --> 00:26:51,560

Floyd vanished, but only after he had left Michael

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00:26:51,560 --> 00:26:53,120

with foster care.

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00:26:53,120 --> 00:26:55,720

Michael's foster parents remember him as a child

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00:26:55,720 --> 00:26:58,600

with many difficulties.

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00:26:58,600 --> 00:27:01,520

He was not up to grade for his age.

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00:27:01,520 --> 00:27:04,480

He didn't have muscle control like he should have.

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00:27:04,480 --> 00:27:07,160

He did not talk at all.

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00:27:07,160 --> 00:27:09,280

He was very hysterical.

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00:27:09,280 --> 00:27:10,040

So he just wasn't.

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00:27:10,040 --> 00:27:11,920

He was, I want to say, mount a tree.

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00:27:11,920 --> 00:27:12,720

There ain't the right word.

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00:27:12,720 --> 00:27:17,560

He was delayed so severely that he was in an infant STEM class.

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00:27:17,560 --> 00:27:19,800

And he tested out at nine months.

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00:27:19,800 --> 00:27:20,520

When he was two?

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00:27:20,520 --> 00:27:23,880

When he was two.

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00:27:23,880 --> 00:27:25,880

Six months after abandoning Michael,

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00:27:25,880 --> 00:27:29,360

Franklin Floyd was arrested on a parole violation.

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00:27:29,360 --> 00:27:31,080

At that time, a routine blood test

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00:27:31,080 --> 00:27:33,480

delivered a stunning revelation.

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00:27:33,480 --> 00:27:39,280

Floyd was not Michael Hughes' biological father after all.

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00:27:39,280 --> 00:27:41,320

I want to plead for the return of my son,

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00:27:41,320 --> 00:27:43,160

who I love with all my heart.

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00:27:43,160 --> 00:27:45,000

I've never harmed my son in the case.

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00:27:45,000 --> 00:27:46,520

It's been reversed by the Supreme Court.

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00:27:46,520 --> 00:27:48,600

When Floyd got out of jail, he requested

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00:27:48,600 --> 00:27:52,400

that custody of Michael be returned to him.

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00:27:52,400 --> 00:27:54,240

His request was denied.

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00:27:54,240 --> 00:27:56,800

I don't need the state's money for these errors.

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00:27:56,800 --> 00:27:59,560

Six months later, Floyd would abduct Michael Hughes

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00:27:59,560 --> 00:28:01,880

from his first grade classroom.

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00:28:01,880 --> 00:28:05,360

Michael has not been seen since.

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00:28:05,360 --> 00:28:07,600

We would like to have some information from the public

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00:28:07,600 --> 00:28:09,040

indicating that this child has either

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00:28:09,040 --> 00:28:11,000

has been seen out there, is out there somewhere,

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00:28:11,000 --> 00:28:13,640

or they may know something about him being a soldier,

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00:28:13,640 --> 00:28:14,600

possibly murdered.

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00:28:14,600 --> 00:28:16,880

That's what our interest is.

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00:28:16,880 --> 00:28:18,200

Well, you know what people say.

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00:28:18,200 --> 00:28:20,400

The reason you won't tell where he is?

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00:28:20,400 --> 00:28:21,800

Yeah, because they think he's dead.

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00:28:21,800 --> 00:28:22,880

That's right.

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00:28:22,880 --> 00:28:26,080

Well, they just have no evidence of that.

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00:28:26,080 --> 00:28:28,920

Michael has not dead.

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00:28:28,920 --> 00:28:31,040

Why won't you tell us where he is?

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00:28:31,040 --> 00:28:33,800

It's none of your damn business where he's at.

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00:28:33,800 --> 00:28:36,000

You don't have a right to love him, care for him,

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00:28:36,000 --> 00:28:40,320

and cherish him because he ain't yours.

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00:28:40,320 --> 00:28:42,680

From the start, a case of young Michael Hughes

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00:28:42,680 --> 00:28:46,000

has been marked by disturbing unexpected twists.

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00:28:46,000 --> 00:28:48,320

And now there is one more.

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00:28:48,320 --> 00:28:51,040

Only recently, the police learned that Michael's mother,

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00:28:51,040 --> 00:28:55,640

Suzanne, was not Franklin Floyd's biological daughter.

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00:28:55,640 --> 00:29:00,520

In fact, she may also have been kidnapped by Floyd.

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00:29:00,520 --> 00:29:03,000

How did she come into your life as a little girl?

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00:29:03,000 --> 00:29:09,080

I very bluntly say that she was abandoned to me,

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00:29:09,080 --> 00:29:11,800

and I raised her.

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00:29:11,800 --> 00:29:13,960

If I actually told you and you believed it,

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00:29:13,960 --> 00:29:15,760

or I could prove it to you, you know what you do?

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00:29:15,760 --> 00:29:18,000

You try to pin a medal on me for taking her.

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00:29:18,000 --> 00:29:18,720

Would you come for her?

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00:29:18,720 --> 00:29:19,640

You really would.

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00:29:19,640 --> 00:29:20,720

I can't tell you that.

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00:29:20,720 --> 00:29:22,400

I wish that I could.

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00:29:22,400 --> 00:29:28,120

But I'm going to tell you right now, I did her a favor.

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00:29:28,120 --> 00:29:29,280

That's one of the biggest mysteries

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00:29:29,280 --> 00:29:31,440

that we have in this case is to who this girl is.

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00:29:31,440 --> 00:29:32,840

We have absolutely no idea.

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00:29:32,840 --> 00:29:36,920

We know that she is not the biological daughter of Mr. Floyd.

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00:29:36,920 --> 00:29:39,120

And we feel that there's a very good possibility

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00:29:39,120 --> 00:29:42,120

that this young girl may have been abducted or kidnapped

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00:29:42,120 --> 00:29:44,040

when she was probably three, four years of age.

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00:29:44,040 --> 00:29:45,920

And we would like to find out her true identity.

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00:29:45,920 --> 00:29:46,760

We don't know that.

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00:29:46,760 --> 00:30:14,360

In a moment, two armed robbers hit a small town post office

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00:30:14,360 --> 00:30:15,920

and terrorize the postmaster.

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00:30:29,520 --> 00:30:32,600

Epps, Alabama, of the population of just 300

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00:30:32,600 --> 00:30:35,920

is a very definition of off the beaten path.

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00:30:35,920 --> 00:30:38,920

The local post office is much like the town itself,

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00:30:38,920 --> 00:30:44,320

small, quiet, and friendly, a most unlikely target for robbery.

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00:30:45,080 --> 00:30:46,240

They hide in hell and far away.

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00:30:46,240 --> 00:30:50,840

October 30, 1987 began like any other day for Opal Johnson,

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00:30:50,840 --> 00:30:53,760

the postmaster in Epps.

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00:30:53,760 --> 00:30:55,280

Everyone that came into the office

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00:30:55,280 --> 00:30:59,080

was people that I knew almost except hunting season.

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00:30:59,080 --> 00:31:02,000

And then there were strangers that came into post office

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00:31:02,000 --> 00:31:03,000

quite often.

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00:31:03,000 --> 00:31:06,440

So that's why I did not really notice this guy when he came

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00:31:06,440 --> 00:31:11,880

to the window because I thought he was someone that hunting.

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00:31:11,920 --> 00:31:15,920

At around 11 AM, two strangers, one white and one black,

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00:31:15,920 --> 00:31:17,640

came in for stamps.

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00:31:17,640 --> 00:31:18,960

One stamp or the whole book.

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00:31:18,960 --> 00:31:20,440

This is a robbery.

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00:31:20,440 --> 00:31:21,240

Where it is?

493

00:31:21,240 --> 00:31:22,240

Go ahead and take it.

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00:31:22,240 --> 00:31:23,240

Get in the back.

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00:31:23,240 --> 00:31:24,240

Get in the back.

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00:31:24,240 --> 00:31:25,160

Move it, move it, move it.

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00:31:25,160 --> 00:31:27,440

After the black male jumped over the county,

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00:31:27,440 --> 00:31:30,120

he immediately began to give orders.

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00:31:30,120 --> 00:31:30,960

You the postmaster?

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00:31:30,960 --> 00:31:31,360

Yes.

501

00:31:31,360 --> 00:31:32,320

Where's the safe back?

502

00:31:32,320 --> 00:31:35,880

He seemed to be real familiar with the operations

503

00:31:35,880 --> 00:31:37,520

of a postal service.

504

00:31:37,520 --> 00:31:40,960

The black male gave all the orders.

505

00:31:40,960 --> 00:31:45,000

He told the white male everything to do.

506

00:31:45,000 --> 00:31:46,160

And he did it.

507

00:31:46,160 --> 00:31:47,080

Get over there, get over there.

508

00:31:47,080 --> 00:31:48,080

Move it, move it.

509

00:31:48,080 --> 00:31:49,080

Let's go, let's go.

510

00:31:49,080 --> 00:31:50,040

Stay calm.

511

00:31:50,040 --> 00:31:50,840

Nobody gets hurt.

512

00:31:50,840 --> 00:31:52,280

Check the purse, check the purse.

513

00:31:52,280 --> 00:31:53,280

What else is there?

514

00:31:53,280 --> 00:31:54,960

Nothing, you took it all.

515

00:31:54,960 --> 00:31:56,960

You best not be lying.

516

00:31:56,960 --> 00:31:57,960

Do whatever it says.

517

00:31:57,960 --> 00:32:00,840

There ain't no such thing.

518

00:32:00,840 --> 00:32:03,200

I never took money to work with me.

519

00:32:03,200 --> 00:32:05,800

I had a dollar and 38 cents.

520

00:32:05,800 --> 00:32:06,640

Is this all there is?

521

00:32:06,640 --> 00:32:07,520

That's all.

522

00:32:07,520 --> 00:32:08,880

I don't have much money on me.

523

00:32:08,880 --> 00:32:10,240

That's all there is.

524

00:32:10,240 --> 00:32:11,520

Killer.

525

00:32:11,520 --> 00:32:13,000

Be calm, be calm.

526

00:32:13,000 --> 00:32:14,160

Killer.

527

00:32:14,160 --> 00:32:17,920

And the white male says, man, let's don't do that.

528

00:32:17,920 --> 00:32:22,080

He says she did everything we told her to.

529

00:32:22,080 --> 00:32:25,560

He says, OK, we'll take her with us.

530

00:32:28,160 --> 00:32:32,040

The thieves made off with about \$700 in cash and stamps.

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00:32:32,040 --> 00:32:34,440

One of the men forced Opel into her car

532

00:32:34,440 --> 00:32:36,400

and followed the other out into the country.

533

00:32:37,040 --> 00:32:40,160

It would turn out to be just a 10 minute ride

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00:32:40,160 --> 00:32:44,680

for Opel, the most frightening 10 minutes of her life.

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00:32:44,680 --> 00:32:46,800

When the white boy got into the car,

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00:32:46,800 --> 00:32:51,760

he put his gun across his lap with his finger,

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00:32:51,760 --> 00:32:53,560

still on the trigger.

538

00:32:53,560 --> 00:32:56,120

And it was poking me in the side.

539

00:32:56,120 --> 00:32:58,040

And he was extremely nervous.

540

00:33:00,560 --> 00:33:01,560

What are you doing?

541

00:33:01,560 --> 00:33:02,560

You're going to shoot me.

542

00:33:02,560 --> 00:33:04,280

Don't do anything stupid or anything.

543

00:33:04,560 --> 00:33:06,800

Don't do anything stupid or it'll be all right.

544

00:33:10,760 --> 00:33:13,640

Finally, the tiny convoy pulled into a remote clearing

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00:33:13,640 --> 00:33:17,360

near Goggins Lake, three miles from town.

546

00:33:17,360 --> 00:33:19,640

Whatever you do, don't make him mad.

547

00:33:19,640 --> 00:33:21,120

I can't control him when he's mad, OK?

548

00:33:21,120 --> 00:33:22,040

Don't.

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00:33:22,040 --> 00:33:23,040

Open the trunk.

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00:33:26,040 --> 00:33:27,040

Get off the car.

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00:33:27,040 --> 00:33:27,940

Get off the car.

552

00:33:27,940 --> 00:33:28,840

What are you doing?

553

00:33:28,840 --> 00:33:29,840

What are you going to do to me?

554

00:33:29,840 --> 00:33:30,840

No, who are you?

555

00:33:30,840 --> 00:33:32,240

No, no.

556

00:33:32,240 --> 00:33:33,720

What are you doing?

557

00:33:34,160 --> 00:33:35,160

Get the trunk.

558

00:33:35,160 --> 00:33:36,160

Get the trunk now.

559

00:33:36,160 --> 00:33:37,160

No.

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00:33:37,160 --> 00:33:38,160

No.

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00:33:38,160 --> 00:33:39,160

No.

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00:33:39,160 --> 00:33:41,880

He said, give me your rings.

563

00:33:41,880 --> 00:33:44,120

I like those rings.

564

00:33:44,120 --> 00:33:46,400

And as I was taking my rings off,

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00:33:46,400 --> 00:33:48,720

I looked at him and his eyes looked

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00:33:48,720 --> 00:33:51,760

as if he hated the world.

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00:33:51,760 --> 00:33:54,120

They were just piercing and he was just angry.

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00:33:54,120 --> 00:33:58,720

It's like he was angry with everyone in the world.

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00:33:58,720 --> 00:34:01,160

I was sure that they were going to kill me.

570

00:34:01,160 --> 00:34:01,960

Well, man, let's go.

571

00:34:01,960 --> 00:34:02,880

We need to dump the car.

572

00:34:02,920 --> 00:34:05,120

I thought, well, they'll drop my car into the lake.

573

00:34:05,120 --> 00:34:06,040

He's sitting on faces.

574

00:34:06,040 --> 00:34:06,940

Who cares?

575

00:34:06,940 --> 00:34:07,840

We got to get out.

576

00:34:07,840 --> 00:34:08,840

There's people coming.

577

00:34:08,840 --> 00:34:09,840

Let's go.

578

00:34:09,840 --> 00:34:10,840

No.

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00:34:21,160 --> 00:34:23,200

They got in their car and they left.

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00:34:23,200 --> 00:34:26,120

And I could not hear it anymore.

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00:34:26,120 --> 00:34:27,840

I began to feel around in the car

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00:34:27,840 --> 00:34:31,800

and I could see if I could go into the car through the back seat

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00:34:31,800 --> 00:34:35,760

and it's metal across there, no possible way.

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00:34:35,760 --> 00:34:37,360

So then I found a tattoo.

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00:34:41,560 --> 00:34:45,440

And I took the tattoo and I began to work on that lock.

586

00:34:45,440 --> 00:34:50,760

And when I broke the lock enough, the trunk popped up.

587

00:34:50,760 --> 00:34:53,280

And I come out of that trunk running.

588

00:34:56,040 --> 00:34:58,640

Within an hour, Opel had provided police

589

00:34:58,640 --> 00:35:00,960

with a detailed description of the two men.

590

00:35:03,760 --> 00:35:06,520

The first suspect would now be in his late 20s.

591

00:35:06,520 --> 00:35:11,400

He was 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighed approximately 130 pounds.

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00:35:11,400 --> 00:35:14,000

He had brown hair and green eyes and was probably

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00:35:14,000 --> 00:35:16,840

not from the south.

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00:35:16,840 --> 00:35:20,000

The second suspect was about 6 feet tall and slender.

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00:35:20,000 --> 00:35:21,840

He would now be in his late 30s.

596

00:35:21,840 --> 00:35:25,840

He had long, heavy sideburns, greasy hair, and dark eyes.

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00:35:25,840 --> 00:35:28,760

Authorities believe he may have had family in the Epps area

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00:35:28,760 --> 00:35:31,200

and that he may have previously worked in the mail service.

599

00:35:46,200 --> 00:35:49,320

When we return, 40 years ago, a baby girl

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00:35:49,320 --> 00:35:52,480

was abandoned on the subway in New York City.

601

00:35:52,480 --> 00:35:54,960

Can you help turn a Christmas mystery

602

00:35:55,000 --> 00:35:56,280

into a Christmas miracle?

603

00:36:16,400 --> 00:36:18,560

40 years ago, the approach of Christmas

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00:36:18,560 --> 00:36:21,560

brought no joy to a lonely young woman in Brooklyn, New York.

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00:36:25,520 --> 00:36:28,560

On the afternoon of December 11, 1955,

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00:36:28,560 --> 00:36:31,840

she boarded a subway train, rode four stops,

607

00:36:31,840 --> 00:36:34,560

and exited without a word.

608

00:36:34,560 --> 00:36:38,120

For reasons unknown, she left behind a tiny baby girl.

609

00:36:41,000 --> 00:36:44,280

By the next day, the infant was something of a celebrity,

610

00:36:44,280 --> 00:36:47,360

dubbed Miss Subways by the local press.

611

00:36:47,360 --> 00:36:50,480

Despite the publicity, no one ever claimed the baby.

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00:36:50,480 --> 00:36:52,040

And a year later, she was adopted.

613

00:36:55,280 --> 00:36:58,440

Christmas means different things to different people.

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00:36:58,440 --> 00:37:00,640

For Jean Martin of Long Island, New York,

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00:37:00,640 --> 00:37:04,280

the holiday season is a time of reflection and hope.

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00:37:04,280 --> 00:37:07,520

Jean, you see, is Miss Subways, and the mysterious woman

617

00:37:07,520 --> 00:37:09,960

on the train was her birth mother.

618

00:37:09,960 --> 00:37:12,200

Perhaps tonight, someone watching

619

00:37:12,200 --> 00:37:15,240

can help Jean's Christmas dream of a reunion come true.

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00:37:18,520 --> 00:37:21,160

Jean grew up in a happy, loving home.

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00:37:21,160 --> 00:37:24,600

From an early age, she knew she had been adopted.

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00:37:24,600 --> 00:37:27,360

But through the years, Jean's questions about her past

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00:37:27,360 --> 00:37:33,120

fell on deaf ears, almost as if her parents were protecting her.

624

00:37:33,120 --> 00:37:34,520

Michael, no, no.

625

00:37:34,520 --> 00:37:36,360

Michael, I didn't hear.

626

00:37:36,360 --> 00:37:38,400

You go keep your eye on the grill.

627

00:37:38,400 --> 00:37:41,840

As her own children grew, Jean became more and more curious.

628

00:37:41,840 --> 00:37:42,600

We're fine.

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00:37:42,600 --> 00:37:44,920

We're almost ready.

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00:37:44,920 --> 00:37:48,440

Finally in July of 1992, Jean once again

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00:37:48,440 --> 00:37:52,280

pressed her mother for answers.

632

00:37:52,320 --> 00:37:55,280

You know, Ma, this may not be the best time

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00:37:55,280 --> 00:37:56,360

to bring this up again.

634

00:37:56,360 --> 00:37:57,240

Oh, no, Jean.

635

00:37:57,240 --> 00:38:00,960

But I really feel I need to, for the kids' sake,

636

00:38:00,960 --> 00:38:02,280

for medical reasons.

637

00:38:02,280 --> 00:38:03,720

You're going to hate me.

638

00:38:03,720 --> 00:38:04,840

No.

639

00:38:04,840 --> 00:38:05,920

You're going to hate me.

640

00:38:05,920 --> 00:38:06,720

No, Ma.

641

00:38:06,720 --> 00:38:07,680

I could never hate you.

642

00:38:07,680 --> 00:38:10,520

I love you.

643

00:38:10,520 --> 00:38:16,360

Jean, you were abandoned.

644

00:38:16,360 --> 00:38:18,680

Abandoned?

645

00:38:18,680 --> 00:38:19,600

On a subway.

646

00:38:22,880 --> 00:38:27,160

I was shocked at her reaction, which threw me.

647

00:38:27,160 --> 00:38:31,120

It was basically the driving home that day.

648

00:38:31,120 --> 00:38:38,200

It was a total identity crisis, because nothing belonged to me.

649

00:38:38,200 --> 00:38:39,240

There was no name.

650

00:38:39,240 --> 00:38:42,200

There was a name on the adoption papers,

651

00:38:42,200 --> 00:38:45,000

which I thought to be my birth name.

652

00:38:45,000 --> 00:38:47,080

But that wasn't mine.

653

00:38:47,080 --> 00:38:48,240

I had no birth date.

654

00:38:48,720 --> 00:38:52,120

My religion wasn't mine.

655

00:38:52,120 --> 00:38:53,720

There was nothing.

656

00:38:53,720 --> 00:38:54,680

Just nothing.

657

00:38:57,240 --> 00:39:01,240

Once she got over the initial shock, Jean began the search.

658

00:39:01,240 --> 00:39:04,600

At the local library, she spent hours in front of the microfilm

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00:39:04,600 --> 00:39:08,520

viewer, sifting through newspapers from 1955,

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00:39:08,520 --> 00:39:11,080

the year of her birth.

661

00:39:11,080 --> 00:39:13,920

I was letting the microfilm roll,

662

00:39:13,920 --> 00:39:16,320

and I saw the top of the policeman's hat,

663

00:39:16,320 --> 00:39:20,200

and it said Miss Subways, and I saw this baby.

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00:39:20,200 --> 00:39:24,200

And I was devastated.

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00:39:24,200 --> 00:39:26,200

Oh my god.

666

00:39:26,200 --> 00:39:29,680

I just felt like all the blood had just drained out of my face

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00:39:29,680 --> 00:39:30,600

and my fingers.

668

00:39:30,600 --> 00:39:31,600

I went numb.

669

00:39:31,600 --> 00:39:33,600

That's me.

670

00:39:33,600 --> 00:39:35,280

I was nauseous.

671

00:39:35,280 --> 00:39:37,040

I felt faint.

672

00:39:37,040 --> 00:39:38,040

It was incredible.

673

00:39:38,040 --> 00:39:39,040

Do you want a copy of that?

674

00:39:39,040 --> 00:39:40,040

Yes.

675

00:39:40,040 --> 00:39:41,040

Yes, I want a copy, please.

676

00:39:41,760 --> 00:39:45,400

The newspaper account gave Jean a tantalizing glimpse

677

00:39:45,400 --> 00:39:48,280

into her unknown past, a past which

678

00:39:48,280 --> 00:39:51,320

began when the lonely young woman entered the subway station

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00:39:51,320 --> 00:39:52,280

at Coney Island.

680

00:39:56,360 --> 00:40:01,040

She walked slowly and carried an old battered suitcase.

681

00:40:01,040 --> 00:40:05,560

The woman took a seat off to herself in the lead car.

682

00:40:05,560 --> 00:40:08,120

Several passengers were called to the police

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00:40:09,120 --> 00:40:11,880

and several passengers were called at the woman opened

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00:40:11,880 --> 00:40:16,560

her suitcase, shielding it from view, and took something out.

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00:40:16,560 --> 00:40:21,240

She exited the train at the Van Sickland Street Station.

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00:40:21,240 --> 00:40:22,160

Seconds later.

687

00:40:25,640 --> 00:40:26,240

Watch this.

688

00:40:29,920 --> 00:40:32,880

It was Jean, no more than five days old,

689

00:40:32,880 --> 00:40:35,840

and wrapped in a blanket with a full bottle of milk tucked

690

00:40:35,840 --> 00:40:36,760

inside.

691

00:40:36,800 --> 00:40:38,760

I left this baby on the train.

692

00:40:38,760 --> 00:40:41,080

Hey, tell the motorman not to leave the station.

693

00:40:41,080 --> 00:40:42,720

So the baby was just left on the train?

694

00:40:42,720 --> 00:40:43,520

Can you imagine that?

695

00:40:43,520 --> 00:40:44,520

I can't believe it.

696

00:40:44,520 --> 00:40:45,400

Jesus, I hope she's all right.

697

00:40:45,400 --> 00:40:46,280

Oh, you walk there.

698

00:40:46,280 --> 00:40:47,200

One right here, one in there.

699

00:40:47,200 --> 00:40:49,240

The passengers are able to provide police

700

00:40:49,240 --> 00:40:52,040

with a vague description of the young mother,

701

00:40:52,040 --> 00:40:54,600

but no one had any idea who she was

702

00:40:54,600 --> 00:40:56,360

or why she had abandoned her baby.

703

00:41:01,080 --> 00:41:03,440

The next day, the saga of missed subways

704

00:41:03,440 --> 00:41:05,960

are splashed across the front pages.

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00:41:05,960 --> 00:41:09,800

This photograph of baby Jean was seen by thousands,

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00:41:09,800 --> 00:41:14,160

but Jean's mother never came forward.

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00:41:14,160 --> 00:41:16,640

Now some 40 years later, Jean Martin

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00:41:16,640 --> 00:41:19,160

is convinced that her birth mother had her best interests

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00:41:19,160 --> 00:41:22,040

at heart, choosing to leave her in a place where she was

710

00:41:22,040 --> 00:41:25,040

certain to be quickly found and turned over to the authorities.

711

00:41:28,240 --> 00:41:32,840

My feelings are desperate people do desperate things.

712

00:41:32,840 --> 00:41:34,000

I need information.

713

00:41:34,000 --> 00:41:36,720

I need somebody who remembers something,

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00:41:36,720 --> 00:41:39,800

somebody who remembers a neighbor,

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00:41:39,800 --> 00:41:43,720

maybe even someone who was on the train who saw her,

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00:41:43,720 --> 00:41:46,040

or maybe even recognized her, but at the time

717

00:41:46,040 --> 00:41:49,720

was afraid to come forward.

718

00:41:49,720 --> 00:41:52,880

I'm ready to meet her anytime, anywhere.

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00:41:52,880 --> 00:42:06,800

From all of us at Unsolved Mysteries to all of you,

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00:42:06,800 --> 00:42:10,280

our best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season.

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00:42:10,280 --> 00:42:13,840

May peace be with you, and may all your mysteries be solved.