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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries

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It was a dark September morning in Puerto Rico,

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when a young man had a terrifying encounter behind his house.

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So begins the bizarre saga of a beast called Chupacabras.

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They say money doesn't grow on trees,

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but occasionally it does drop from the sky.

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They asked the young couple who found an unexpected treasure

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in their backyard.

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More than 30 years ago, a baby girl was left at the doorstep

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of an orphanage in Vietnam.

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Today Kim Shad is an American citizen,

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and she needs your help to find the two childhood friends

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she loved as sisters.

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In life, tobacco heiress Doris Duke was celebrated

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for her extravagance and envied for her billion-dollar fortune.

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In death, Duke's memory has been eclipsed by a simmering controversy

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over control of her estate, an improbable tale of intrigue,

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deception, and some say murder.

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Also you'll see how a woman's search for her long-lost foster son

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culminated not one, but two heartwarming reunions.

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Join me for another edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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I want you to understand that I have no family.

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March 4, 1993, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California.

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I've been many, many years since I was divorced.

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80-year-old Doris Duke prepares to change the terms of her will,

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but hers is not just any will.

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Doris Duke is one of the wealthiest women in America,

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worth more than \$1.2 billion.

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Waiting in the wings was a person who arguably stood to gain the most,

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Doris Duke's butler Bernard Lafferty.

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Within a year, Duke would be dead, the bulk of her fortune left to charity.

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But as sole individual executor of the estate,

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Bernard Lafferty was given considerable financial control.

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In addition to an executor fee estimated to be \$5 million,

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Lafferty was designated to receive a bequest of \$500,000 a year for life.

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I cannot believe she would have put that kind of trust into Bernard.

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It's just not, it's not possible.

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There had to be some collusion.

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There was a manipulation between, in my feeling,

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between Bernard Lafferty, the doctors and the lawyers.

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Bernard Lafferty, the doctors and the lawyers.

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That's the bizarre case of Doris Duke in a nutshell.

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Since Duke's death, six different lawsuits have been filed challenging her will.

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Everyone you're about to meet has an agenda.

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Perhaps a truth may be found buried in the Byzantine events of Doris Duke's final days.

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Days which some believe may have ended in murder.

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Doris Duke was the only child of tobacco tycoon James Buchanan Duke.

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Doris was just 12 when her father died, leaving her \$100 million, a third of his holdings.

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The press dubbed her the richest girl in the world.

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As Doris grew up, the fortune also grew, from the millions to over a billion.

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She personified the rich during the Great Depression.

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She was a cross between Princess Di and Madonna in the press.

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People treated her as if she were a major, major star.

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Doris Duke led an eccentric and lavish lifestyle.

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She married twice, divorced twice, and reportedly had dozens of lovers.

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Among them, movie idol Errol Flynn, General George S. Patton, and Olympic swimming champion Duke Kohanamoku.

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Kohanamoku allegedly fathered Doris's only child, a daughter who died at birth in 1940.

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Nearly half a century later, when she was well past 70, Miss Duke adopted, but not a child, a 35-year-old woman named Shandy Hefner.

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In 1987, Duke rewrote her will to name Shandy as executor of her estate.

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Eventually, Shandy would fall out of favor, but not before she introduced Miss Duke to Bernard Lafferty.

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He was an alcoholic. He had a tremendous drinking problem.

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Doris told other family members that she was pretty disgusted with him.

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She used to call him Rafferty instead of Lafferty.

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She would purposely mispronounce his name. She made fun of him.

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That's why so many family members were so surprised when, in the end, he was in control.

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In 1991, Duke removed Shandy as executor and replaced her with Dr. Harry Damopoulos, a self-styled longevity specialist.

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When I went over with her, who were the list of possible candidates for executor?

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And she mentioned Dr. Damopoulos. She mentioned her nephew.

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She mentioned her business manager at the time, Erwin Blum.

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And we considered the list together. Bernard wasn't even on the B list.

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He wasn't on the A list. He wasn't on the B list.

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Within a year, that had changed.

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Dr. Damopoulos was dropped and replaced by Duke's accountant,

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who was himself replaced by Duke's half-nephew along with a butler Bernard Lafferty.

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When Harry Damopoulos and I heard that, we said,

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this isn't the Miss Duke that we know.

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This cannot have been a Miss Duke who was acting in her right mind at the time.

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Bernard Lafferty has various supporters who say he was a natural choice for co-executor.

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They claim he was Miss Duke's closest confidant and was looking out for her best interests.

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However, Duke's former housekeeper and her personal chef were both suing Lafferty

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for harassment and breach of contract disagree.

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Bernard is definitely a manipulator. Bernard let people in and let them out.

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He picked up the phone. So after a while, he had control of who got in touch with Miss Duke.

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He would instruct other employees of Miss Duke to have conversations with Miss Duke

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about how devoted he was to her.

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He was trying to win her trust and affections in an obsessive kind of way.

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Within days of appointing Lafferty as co-executor, Doris Duke, then 78,

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elected to undergo extensive cosmetic surgery.

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The surgeon, Dr. Harry Glassman, was reportedly recommended by Bernard Lafferty.

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Through the autumn of 1991, Miss Duke clearly was failing mentally.

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It was at this time Bernard pressured her and coerced her and coaxed her

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into getting involved with Dr. Harry Glassman,

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who was going to lift her depression by making her young and glamorous again in a minute.

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Just two days after the cosmetic surgery, Miss Duke fell at home and broke her hip.

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Dr. Glassman referred to Beverly Hills physician Dr. Charles Kivowitz,

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who became Duke's primary physician.

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Over the next year, Miss Duke was in and out of the hospital several times.

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By early March of 1993, medical records indicate that she was suffering from bouts of mild confusion.

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Around this time, Miss Duke apparently decided both to change her will

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and to give Bernard Lafferty power of attorney.

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Papers were drawn up by attorneys Alan Crowell and William Doyle,

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who had been recommended by Dr. Glassman.

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Miss Duke, we've prepared your will.

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The signing took place at Cedars Sinai Medical Center.

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Ann Bostich was in the room.

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Claims Miss Duke did not know what she was signing.

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She couldn't really sign it.

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Just sat there like wooden statue.

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And Bill Doyle lifted the will up and put his briefcase underneath to raise it up.

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And she still couldn't sign it.

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So he slid his hand under her wrist and sort of propelled her hand along

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so she could scrawl her name.

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And I stood there and I was totally shocked.

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I thought there's something really wrong here.

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In a sworn deposition, William Doyle claims Miss Duke was of sound mind

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and signed of her own volition.

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A few weeks later, Bernard Lafferty was also named sole individual executor of the estate.

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He allegedly went on a spending spree, \$60,000 in Armani clothing,

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\$25,000 on jewelry, and several thousand more on flowers and gifts.

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All of the purchases were reportedly charged to the estate.

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In July of 1993, Doris Duke suffered a stroke.

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She returned home after two months in the hospital.

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Her bedroom had been transformed into an intensive care unit

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around the clock nursing supervision.

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Miss Duke? Miss Duke?

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Dr. Charles Kivowits stated the following in an affidavit given after Duke's death.

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Doris Duke's medical situation while she was at home in late September 1993 was terminal.

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Although upon her discharge from the hospital,

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I had initially hoped that she would improve for several months.

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Shortly after she returned home, her condition began to deteriorate.

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No, she's resting comfortably.

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One of Miss Duke's nurses was Tammy Payette.

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In an affidavit filed in January of 1995, Payette stated...

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We're glad you're stable this morning.

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Within a short period of time after she arrived home,

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Miss Duke's physical therapy was cut off

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and she was placed on a massive sedation regime by Dr. Kivowits

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at the request of Bernard Lafferty, Miss Duke's butler.

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The rehab is discontinued and the drugs go up.

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She's kept down. She's sedated.

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And at that point, it seems to me,

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Lafferty and the others have taken control of her life.

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Tammy Payette's credibility, however, has been called into serious question.

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Recently, she was sentenced to eight years in prison

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for stealing nearly a million dollars' worth of valuables

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from several of her patients.

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They get her to come up with an affidavit 18 months after Doris Duke's death,

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saying, my God, Doris Duke is being mistreated here.

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She could have lived for five years.

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The medication was too great.

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Where was she when Doris Duke was alive?

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On October 7th, Dr. Kivowits began to administer demoral by injection,

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even though Tammy Payette claims Miss Duke was not in pain.

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Payette further claims that Duke's request to return to the hospital was ignored.

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They've got her home. She's signed the will.

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If they let her out, if they let her meet a friend,

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if they let somebody come in there and they rehab her,

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she may sign other wills.

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This is the time for Miss Duke to die.

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She made the decision in full possession of her faculties

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that she no longer wanted to go to Cedar Sinai or anywhere else.

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She wanted to remain comfortable and pain-free there in her house.

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That's where, if she was going to die, she wanted to die.

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And Dr. Kivowits followed her orders.

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He would have followed any orders she had given him.

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Nine days later, Dr. Kivowits ordered that Miss Duke be given demoral

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by continuous intravenous drip rather than injection.

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In his affidavit, Kivowits explained,

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By October 26, 1993, I believe to a reasonable degree of medical certainty

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that Miss Duke was near death.

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The next day, a parcel was delivered to the Duke mansion,

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addressed to one of the nurses.

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A package arrived and it was from a drug company somewhere.

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And Benoit jumped out of the chair and he ran over and he grabbed the box

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and he looked at it and then took it downstairs.

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And then a few minutes later, he could say,

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Oh, Miss Duke is going to die tonight.

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And he said it with definitive finality.

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It wasn't like the other times where he was saying,

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Oh, I think she's dying.

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In his affidavit, Dr. Kivowits acknowledged a change in medication.

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That afternoon, he substituted morphine for demoral.

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In her affidavit, Pammy Payette made note of Bernard Lafferty's reaction

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to the day's events.

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Later that evening, Bernard became very excited and impatient

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because Miss Duke was lingering and called Dr. Kivowits

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explaining that Miss Duke had not expired.

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Right, thank you very much.

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Yes, goodbye.

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Records indicate that Dr. Kivowits then returned to the mansion

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and administered another 10 milligrams of morphine by intravenous push.

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He recorded that the patient was in a state of advanced pulmonary edema,

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a fluid buildup in the lungs.

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Pammy Payette's affidavit paints a different picture.

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Eventually, as a result of the morphine IV, Miss Duke's kidneys began to fail.

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Her lungs filled up with fluid and her circulation began to deteriorate.

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Miss Duke did not have pulmonary edema

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and no doctor had diagnosed pulmonary edema.

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Everybody there knew that Miss Duke was going to be dying

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with the addition of that morphine and you can see the lockstep relationship.

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Increased doses, drip, drip, drip into Miss Duke,

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down goes the breathing, down goes the heartbeat,

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until we're at a flat line.

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Miss Duke?

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Miss Duke, can you hear me?

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At 4 a.m. on October 28th, Doris Duke was clinging to life.

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Miss Duke, can you hear me?

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Her respirations had decreased to 4 to 5 per minute.

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Miss Duke?

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According to the nurse's records, written by Tammy Payette,

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Dr. Kibowitz phoned and increased the morphine dosage.

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I asked in the deposition of the doctor, was she in pain?

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Of course not, she's unconscious and yet we're increasing the morphine.

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There's no reason other than pain or terminating a patient

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to increase the morphine at that point and that's what happened with Miss Duke.

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Dr. Kibowitz said everything he could to keep her pain free and comfortable

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and whenever he gave Nurse Payette the discretion to increase the medication,

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if necessary, Nurse Payette increased it far beyond what he authorized,

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then claimed 18 months later that he was the one over medicating her.

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It doesn't make sense.

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At 5.15 a.m., according to notes from another nurse,

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a 100 milligram dose of dimmer all was added to the morphine drip

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by quote telephone order of Dr. Glassman per Dr. Kibowitz.

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An hour later, Doris Duke was dead.

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I believe that woman wanted every chance possible to live.

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She had a strong constitution and a will and I know she wanted to live.

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And I know they killed her.

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I mean she went to these doctors because she wanted to dance again.

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She wanted to go and be photographed shopping in Paris.

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And what happens is a year and a half later,

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they're hooking her up to machines giving her amounts of drugs that would drop Napoleon's army.

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If you look at the facts here, at the care that was given by Dr. Kibowitz,

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at the money at stake, you realize there's only one motive here.

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And that's to get their hands on part of the estate of Doris Duke

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and to do so they will drag any innocent people into it that they feel it's necessary.

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And unfortunately Dr. Kibowitz is one of those innocent people.

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Her father told her, Doris, you have more money than anyone else.

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People are never going to love you except for your money.

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She did not trust people.

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Her father had told her that.

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And so Bernard Lafferty was able to fill a void.

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He came into a vacuum.

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He then found a group of opportunists.

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He found medical doctors and he found lawyers who saw him as someone who they could control.

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So while he used Ms. Duke, he was also, I think, used by those around him who had something to gain.

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The next

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Next, Kili Shea Smith reports from the phone center.

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See how your calls brought about two joyous reunions.

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Also, with your help, a poignant tale of lost friendship that began in Vietnam three decades ago could end tonight, here in the United States.

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And later, we'll take you to Puerto Rico where some residents claim that a frightening predator is roaming the countryside.

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Here at Unsolved Mysteries, we've learned to expect the unexpected.

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Tonight's update is a perfect example.

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May 7th, 1964, Queens, New York.

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Jean and Don Warren rush to greet the newest member of their family, a two-year-old foster child named Roger Linsley.

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Hello, Roger.

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Hello.

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Hello, Roger.

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Welcome to our family.

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I fell in love with him immediately.

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There was something about him that drew me to him, and I said to myself, this is going to be my son.

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Over the next three years, Roger became just that, the fourth child and only son in a warm and loving household.

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I think adjusting in our family was the best thing for Roger.

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Whatever we did, he was there with us.

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And each day, I was loving this child more and more and more.

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But in 1967, Jean and her husband had to move to Ohio.

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They were heartbroken to learn that they could not take Roger with them.

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Jean will never forget the morning the social worker came to take Roger away.

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When she took him to the car, he looked at us and looked at me and I remember putting out his hand and crying, I don't want to go.

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I don't want to go.

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You'd be a good boy, Roger.

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I could only say, Roger, be good.

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Take care of yourself, and I love you, and I'll always remember you.

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Jean Warren remained true to her word.

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She never stopped looking for Roger.

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Here's Keely Shea Smith to tell you how she found him.

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Bob, the night of our broadcast, we received a call from a very excited Roger Linsley.

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He was thrilled to learn that Jean was looking for him.

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Normally, that would have been enough, but a few minutes later, we were stunned to hear from a man named James Linsley,

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who turned out to be Roger's long-lost brother.

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Suddenly, the stage was set for a remarkable double reunion.

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On March 8, 1996, 30 years after they were separated, Roger Linsley finally came home to Jean Warren, the woman he still calls mom.

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I was ecstatic.

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When my heart started pounding, I would like him and his wife to be a part of our family.

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It's so nice to hear him call me mom. That makes it all worthwhile.

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I feel so much love for that woman.

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She has changed my life.

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I got a family overnight.

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Open night, I got a family. I'm a happy man.

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The reunion with Jean was a rousing success, but there was more to come. Much more.

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Roger's brother James was on the way.

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They hadn't seen each other in nearly three decades.

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That's unbelievable. There's no feeling in the world you could imagine.

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It's not to have a family, and then 30 years later in your life, you see somebody that's like you is indescribable.

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I'm overwhelmed. I found my foster mother, my brother. We were separated as infants.

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I couldn't see leave in this world without knowing where I came from. Now I know.

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Believe it or not, there was still more to come.

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In the weeks since their reunion, Roger and James have found both their brother Philip and their father Philip Sr.

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For one family, a happy ending and a new beginning.

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The snapshot is a window to another place and time.

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The Regina Pacis Catholic Orphanage in Vietnam, circa 1967.

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For a woman named Kim Shad, shown here at the age of eight, the picture is one of the few tangible links to her childhood friends,

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both in the name of the Rock and Young Singh.

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Kim hopes that tonight they will all be reunited here in the United States after a separation of nearly 30 years.

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I feel that growing up together in the Orphanage, they're the only roots that I've known, and I would like to find them again.

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Kim's ancestral roots were lost forever in the land of her birth, swept away by history and circumstance.

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As an infant, Kim was left for the nuns of the Orphanage to find.

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It was a parish priest who christened her Tron Thi Kim Ha.

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She joined some 80 other girls at the Orphanage, and there she came of age.

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By the time Kim turned five, she and her friends Nock and Young Singh were inseparable.

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Young Singh and I, we would always try to sit together in the classroom, and during recess we would go out and we would play in the playground together.

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We just seemed to always be together.

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We didn't really think about parents because we were raised in the Orphanage and we feel that's like family.

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Kim's life was far from luxurious, but she was sheltered from the winds of wars stirring beyond the Orphanage walls.

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By the mid-sixties, Saigon was flooded with American troops.

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Some found their way to the Orphanage.

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They would hand us out lifesavers, raw cherry lifesavers. I remember that because that was like my favorite candy.

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Nock, Young Singh and I, we would talk about this. We hoped that someday an American family would adopt us, bring us to America where we could live free and live happy.

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With the war escalating around them, the nuns redoubled their efforts to find permanent homes for the girls.

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Kim's chance came during the spring of 1967.

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Can you come with me? There's someone I want you to meet.

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Lawrence Shooter was a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel. He and his wife had already adopted two boys. Now they wanted a little girl.

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Call me Larry.

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Hi, Larry.

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Before an adoption could move forward, the nuns wanted Kim and the Shooter family to get acquainted.

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Now I have something special for you. What do you think it is?

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There you go.

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You want to drive that thing? I'll show you how. Come on.

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Nearly every weekend for six months, Shooter took Kim on an outing.

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Some days he would spend hours just meandering through Saigon, trying on the roles of father and daughter.

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In the end, it would be Kim's decision whether or not to leave the orphanage and join the Shooter family.

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For advice, she turned to her closest confidants, Nock and Young Singh.

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I don't really want to go to America.

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When I make you happy, you can go. I'll miss you guys, and you guys won't be there.

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They could take good care of you. I don't really know anybody in the United States.

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They have good cheeseburgers there.

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An eight-year-old has no idea of what going to America means.

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No matter how well someone tries to explain it to them, it is total culture shock.

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So you go to America is like saying, go to Cinderella's palace.

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Have you decided?

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I'm not really sure.

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Sister Lucy, the mother superior, provided the final nudge towards a choice.

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If Colonel Shweta wanted to adopt Young Ching or Nguyen, you want them to go have a good life, don't you?

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Yes.

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Well, that's what I want for you, and that's what God wants.

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Then I'll miss my friends.

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Maybe this will help.

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And don't worry, there's an American family that wants to adopt Young Ching and Nguyen together.

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You mean they're going to America too?

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Someday.

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I was a little nervous.

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I was a little nervous.

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I was a little nervous about leaving.

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Very scared, but yet kind of excited.

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They were excited for me and happy for me that I got a chance to go and have a better life.

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Ready to go?

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And that was the last time I got to see them.

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Kim left Vietnam with her adoptive father in September of 1967.

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Today she lives outside San Antonio, Texas with her husband and two sons.

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Her older boys about the same age that Kim was when she left the Regina Paches orphanage in Saigon nearly 30 years ago.

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At that time Kim's friend Young Ching was between 5 and 8 years old.

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Today she would be in her mid-30s.

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Locke was about 8 years old. She would be in her late 30s.

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Both girls may have been adopted by the same family and raised as sisters in the United States.

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Next, in Puerto Rico, reports abound that a mysterious unknown beast is on the loose.

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This is the U.N.K. Rainforest on the island of Puerto Rico.

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A tropical paradise perhaps best described as heaven on earth.

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But something is reportedly lurking on the fringes of the forest, a mysterious beast which has turned heaven into hell.

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When it moved I could see it had something here on its head.

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It was like a crest, but it moved in better noise.

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When I saw him stick out his pointed tongue and when he held his claws and crouched for an attack, I thought I was the next victim.

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I felt like he was watching me because of certain movements made by his eyes.

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I could see three fingers on each hand and on each finger I could see a little bit of his eyes.

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I could see three fingers on each hand and on each finger very long claws.

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They call the beast chupacabras. It preys on livestock and domesticated pets.

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It may look like a creature out of a low budget horror film,

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yet these composite drawings are based on eyewitness descriptions from dozens of Puerto Ricans.

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In this day and age it seems almost impossible that such a creature might exist.

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Tales of the Puerto Rican monster have been dismissed as fantasy and imagination.

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Its attacks attributed to wild dogs or monkeys.

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Some of the images you're about to see are unpleasant, but necessary to understand the phenomenon of chupacabras.

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David Negron was one of the first to encounter the beast.

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Before dawn on September 9, 1995, David went out to check on the family goat.

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David was startled to discover that his goat had been killed.

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After I found the goat dead, I was standing there looking around, and that's when I saw the creature.

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It was black and hairy. It had large red eyes and a crest on top of its head.

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When I saw it, I felt scared and I began to run.

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I've never seen anything like that, and I've never been that scared before.

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Later that day, investigators from the civil defense were called to the scene.

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On the exam on the goat, the only injuries they found were two small puncture wounds on the back of its neck.

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Yet surprisingly, the goat had been almost entirely drained of its blood.

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The local press immediately seized upon the story. The creature was dubbed chupacabras, the goat sucker.

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Over the next three months, dozens of attacks were reported. The targets were all small animals.

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Strangely, their caucuses were largely intact.

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Journalist Jorge Martín followed up many of the stories and began to see a pattern.

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In many occasions, these are puncture wounds about, I would say, maybe a 4 to a half an inch in size, perfect circles.

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These small puncture wounds go into the animals.

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In most occasions, we have found that they seem to go right to the brain of the animals and kill the animals, affecting the brain and the nervous system of the animals.

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In other occasions, they go right straight into the animals in different areas, as if looking for certain organs.

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In most occasions, the organs affected are the levers of the animals and the reproductive systems of the animals, too.

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Attacks have been reported all over Puerto Rico, with the greatest concentration in the village of Canovernas, 30 miles east of the capital city, San Juan.

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By October of 1995, even the mayor of Canovernas, José Soto, had taken an active role in the investigation.

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I began to take an interest in this matter when I visited a farm where five sheep had been killed.

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I saw two wounds in the neck and on some a third mark.

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It attacks various animals, but mostly sheep and rabbits, because they cannot defend themselves easily.

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Over the next few months, Mayor Soto visited the sites of several killings.

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He interviewed witnesses and organized search parties. The attacks continued.

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There have been more than a hundred animals killed. We're talking about 70 or 80 attacks.

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At the moment, we have some hysteria, some real problems and some fear. I'm determined to resolve this matter.

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Despite the hysteria, there were still many skeptics. Among them, Police Detective Iliaser Rivera.

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I didn't believe in this chupacabra. The people were just speculating, or perhaps because they were emotional or afraid, they exaggerated things.

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Personally, I never was convinced of these stories. I just never believed them.

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That changed one night, as Rivera and a friend drove home from church.

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I saw something strange on the roadside. I thought it was a puppet. But as I watched and observed the puppet, it began to move.

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And I thought, what is this?

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It had long eyes that were illuminated. It had fangs. It was hairy. And it had three fingers with claws.

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When I opened the car door, the animal stuck out a long spike from his mouth. I interpreted this spike as a defense mechanism.

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And so I sat back, closed the door and kept watching.

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In my experience as an investigator, we're trained to analyze and quietly evaluate things.

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But in that moment, I can't lie to you. I was scared.

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Now I know what's out there when people talk about chupacabra. He exists. He is not any known animal.

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I tell you sincerely, what I saw was not of this world.

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In late November, Jorge Martín and a TV news crew asked veterinarian Carlos Soto to examine two rabbits allegedly killed by chupacabras.

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Dr. Soto made a number of perplexing discoveries. A precise circular wound on the back of one rabbit's neck.

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The removal of specific internal organs in the absence of rigor mortis.

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I thought, wow, this is something strange here because this is not normal. On my eight years in practice, I never seen that before.

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It was my first time to see something that odd.

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A month later, Dr. Soto examined 20 dead birds, each had been killed by a puncture wound to the back of the neck.

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I have seen birds in which they don't go into rigor mortis again. Some birds in which they are depleted from all the internal organs.

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Some birds in which the blood never coagulates. And also some birds in which we'll see a perfect round wound again.

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And all that thoracic and abdominal cavity is being opened, like a perfect wound.

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So it's strange, it's strange what we'll see.

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In the animal autopsies that I've done, the evidence does suggest that these animals were attacked by something.

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Dr. David Morales, a veterinarian and spokesperson for the Puerto Rican government, discounts rumors of a strange unknown beast.

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We think that they were attacked by dogs. They might be wild dogs. They could be vicious monkeys or could be tigers.

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There are a number of possible predators that could attack these animals in this way.

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These animals are left intact sometimes, and the perfect wounds that we have are not compatible with dogs by wounds.

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Something strange is going on. This isn't about dogs or monkeys or bats or anything like that. It's something very strange.

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And the creature that we're searching for is very intelligent.

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These attacks can't be dismissed as accounts of drunken people or ignorant people, because we're talking about highly reliable people all over Puerto Rico who are witnessing these attacks and these creatures too.

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Until recently, every reported attack by chupacabras has been in Puerto Rico.

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The last month in Miami, two goats and 26 chickens perished in a manner that was almost identical

to the killings in Canovernas.

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Perhaps a man who was killed in Puerto Rico was killed in Puerto Rico.

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The last month in Miami, two goats and 26 chickens perished in a manner that was almost identical to the killings in Canovernas.

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Perhaps a massacre was a work of dogs or a cruel hoax, or perhaps, just perhaps, the chupacabras does walk among us.

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Next, a young couple is stunned when a lost treasure apparently falls from the sky.

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Imagine that you're a young married couple. You're struggling to make ends meet, wondering if you'll ever have enough money to buy a house and send the kids to college.

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You dream about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but you certainly don't expect to find it in your own backyard.

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November 12, 1995 was like any other Sunday from Matt and Wendy Jamieson of Faroaks, California.

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They spent the morning in church and returned home around 10.30.

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But on this particular Sunday, something just short of miraculous would occur. It began with a damp, excited dog.

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I noticed my dog was wet, and I was wondering how she got wet because it hadn't rained.

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Then I noticed it looked like paper all over the backyard. When I walked up there, I noticed it was money. Then I took off running towards it.

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Wendy!

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Indeed, that paper was money, \$6,500 and \$20 bills. Origin unknown.

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Where did this come from?

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I don't know. Just stop picking it up.

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I was trying to get it the fast as I could. I didn't know where this came from, and this is a new neighborhood, and I didn't want a lot of people seeing me have all this money, so I was trying to pick it up as fast as I could.

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Can't take an hour.

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Keep picking it up. I'm going to go put this inside.

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It took 20 minutes to collect all the bills, and another 20 to count them.

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I've never seen this much money before.

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I know. Where do you think it came from?

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I don't know. It could be stolen. I don't know. Maybe it's fake money.

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I don't know. The numbers look different.

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The Jamison's first instinct was to call the police, but then again \$6,500 was a lot of money. Temptation began to creep in.

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We decided to wait until the next day to decide, and then I was kind of thinking, oh well, that night I was thinking it would be nice to have some things, so I started kind of leaning towards wanting to keep it.

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Well, I stayed up the whole night. We found it. I didn't get any sleep. Any noise I heard, I was up looking around, seeing what was going on, because I expected somebody to come back after it.

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And I have a family to protect, and I wasn't about to let anybody come in this house, so I was definitely waiting up.

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One sleepless night was more than enough.

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Yeah, hello Sheriff's Department. I found some money in my backyard. I'm wondering who I should speak to about this.

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I've been in law enforcement for 27 years, and I've never seen a case like this in my 27 years of experience.

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Not only did we find money at this residence, we found money next door and at the house behind, and also on the rooftops of one of the houses, which was quite unusual.

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It appears at this point there's a couple reasons why this may have happened.

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The first speculation is somebody may have thrown it out of an airplane. We have a lot of planes flying throughout the county here, and there's airports all around us.

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The second speculation is that it could be drug money, and somebody threw it from the street over the house, landed on a roof, and subsequently fell off into the backyards.

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Why don't we count this money out, and you can verify that I come up with \$6500 and we'll...

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All told, more than \$10,000 had apparently just dropped from the sky.

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California law required the fighters to place an ad in the local newspaper. The owner then had up to 90 days to claim the money.

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If no claim was made, Matt and Wendy would get to keep the lion's share of the 20s from heaven.

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A lot of people say, why'd you turn it in? Why'd you turn it in? I would have kept it, but I really don't think that you can say that honestly until you've lived having that money around.

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Then, you know, I always thought, personally, if I found money like that, that I would probably keep it.

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But now, after having that amount of money around, I know that I did the right thing.

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As it turned out, March 1st, 1996 rolled around, and the 90-day waiting period ended.

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Matt and Wendy are now legally entitled to the \$6500, which they plan to use towards a down payment on a house.

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As far as the Jamesons are concerned, this is one unsolved mystery where honesty truly paid off.

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On our next Unsolved Mysteries, Shelly Malone knew almost all there was to know about horses.

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So when Shelly died in a freak riding accident, her family was naturally surprised.

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Now their doubts have grown into outright suspicion and led them to a stunning conclusion.

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On a stormy summer afternoon, a bolt of lightning left a young man at death's door, setting the stage for the appearance of a mysterious lady in black and a miraculous resurrection.

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Nearly 30 years ago, the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy shocked the nation.

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Today, this man claims that photographs he took that night could change the official record, but those pictures have inexplicably disappeared.

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Join me next time for Unsolved Mysteries.

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