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The End

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Tonight on the season premiere of Unsolved Mysteries,

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we travel to San Francisco for a stunning special report.

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A generation ago, the Zodiac killer terrorized northern

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California, striking at Randall, taunting the police,

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00:00:21,600 --> 00:00:24,000

taking at least five lives.

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But when the killing abruptly stopped, the memories faded,

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00:00:27,600 --> 00:00:29,120

until this.

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The dramatic arrest of Theodore Kaczynski,

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00:00:31,320 --> 00:00:34,880

the accused unabomber, changed everything.

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00:00:34,880 --> 00:00:37,400

Two investigators soon challenged the authorities

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00:00:37,400 --> 00:00:39,480

with a remarkable theory.

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00:00:39,480 --> 00:00:41,760

They believe the unabomber and the Zodiac

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00:00:41,760 --> 00:00:46,520

are the same man, Theodore Kaczynski.

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00:00:46,520 --> 00:00:49,680

It may seem improbable, but the similarities are chilling.

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00:00:49,680 --> 00:00:53,360

And even skeptics admit the evidence has worked the bait.

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00:00:53,360 --> 00:00:55,720

Join me for this compelling investigation,

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00:00:55,720 --> 00:00:57,320

as well as these intriguing mysteries.

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00:00:59,480 --> 00:01:02,280

For 14-year-old Trish Zember, a fall from her horse

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00:01:02,280 --> 00:01:06,160

marked the onset of a rare, often incurable nerve disease,

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00:01:06,160 --> 00:01:08,000

the grim prognosis left her family

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00:01:08,000 --> 00:01:12,040

with little to do but pray for a miracle.

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00:01:12,040 --> 00:01:14,920

A heartless murder in Georgia leads to a dramatic shootout

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00:01:14,920 --> 00:01:16,200

with police.

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00:01:16,200 --> 00:01:19,760

Now a killer is on the run.

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00:01:19,760 --> 00:01:23,240

And from the current case file, two young co-heads,

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00:01:23,240 --> 00:01:28,560

two different universities, two baffling disappearances.

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00:01:28,600 --> 00:01:29,640

Stay with us.

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00:01:29,640 --> 00:01:34,280

Perhaps you may be able to help solve the mystery.

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00:02:04,280 --> 00:02:05,180

Ah.

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00:02:27,640 --> 00:02:29,360

Here in the San Francisco Bay Area,

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00:02:29,360 --> 00:02:32,480

the paths of two serial killers once crossed and recross,

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00:02:32,480 --> 00:02:34,680

seemingly intertwined.

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00:02:34,680 --> 00:02:36,440

Yet the two haunted different decades

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00:02:36,440 --> 00:02:39,360

and had markedly different tastes and murder.

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00:02:39,360 --> 00:02:42,400

An unmatched pair are merely different faces

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00:02:42,400 --> 00:02:43,320

of the same matter.

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00:02:48,520 --> 00:02:51,160

The Unabomber, psychopathic general

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00:02:51,160 --> 00:02:54,400

in a one-man war against society.

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00:02:54,400 --> 00:02:59,280

His targets, anyone even loosely connected to technology.

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00:02:59,280 --> 00:03:02,920

University students, airline officials, computer salesmen.

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00:03:07,720 --> 00:03:12,800

A decade earlier, the Zodiac, he was obsessive and particular.

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00:03:12,800 --> 00:03:15,880

Young couples, moonlit nights, secluded roads.

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00:03:20,000 --> 00:03:24,600

Zodiac had five known victims, though he claimed nearly 40.

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00:03:24,600 --> 00:03:29,160

He was never arrested, never even identified.

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00:03:29,160 --> 00:03:32,640

The Unabomber burst onto the scene in 1978.

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00:03:32,640 --> 00:03:35,240

During an 18-year cross-country reign of terror,

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00:03:35,240 --> 00:03:38,040

he killed three and injured 23.

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00:03:38,040 --> 00:03:40,640

He taunted police with letters, all mailed from in

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00:03:40,640 --> 00:03:43,680

and around the Bay Area.

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00:03:43,680 --> 00:03:47,320

Frustrated officials said it was like chasing a ghost.

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00:03:47,320 --> 00:03:50,560

The Unabomber was seen but once, a sighting that resulted

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00:03:50,560 --> 00:03:53,360

in this notorious portrait.

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00:03:53,360 --> 00:03:58,440

Then, April 1996, a suspect unmasked.

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00:03:58,440 --> 00:04:02,680

FBI agents named Theodore Kozinski, a 55-year-old ex-mathematics

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00:04:02,680 --> 00:04:05,920

professor as the elusive killer.

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00:04:05,920 --> 00:04:09,000

The fingerprints were hardly drawn Kozinski's booking sheet

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00:04:09,000 --> 00:04:11,800

when the case was spun in an entirely new direction

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00:04:11,800 --> 00:04:16,000

by these two men, Mike Rusconi and Doug Oswell.

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00:04:16,000 --> 00:04:18,840

Working independently at opposite ends of the country,

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00:04:18,840 --> 00:04:21,880

then joining forces once their story hit the papers,

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Rusconi and Oswell had each come up

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00:04:23,680 --> 00:04:25,360

with the same stunning theory.

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There's a more even point of similarity.

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I've concluded that there's a very good likelihood

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that the Unabomber suspect, Ted Kozinski, and Zodiac

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00:04:35,480 --> 00:04:38,360

are one and the same.

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00:04:38,360 --> 00:04:41,120

Was there a resemblance more than coincidence?

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00:04:41,120 --> 00:04:43,400

Journalists wrote it off as unlikely.

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00:04:43,400 --> 00:04:45,640

To detectives, it was doubtful.

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00:04:45,640 --> 00:04:47,240

But nobody said it was impossible.

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00:04:50,160 --> 00:04:52,960

At the age of 26, Theodore John Kozinski

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00:04:52,960 --> 00:04:56,000

was a rising star in the world of higher mathematics,

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00:04:56,000 --> 00:04:57,960

one of the youngest instructors ever hired

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by the University of California Berkeley.

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Kozinski began teaching there in September of 1967.

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00:05:07,920 --> 00:05:11,960

The Zodiac crawled out of nowhere a little over a year later.

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00:05:11,960 --> 00:05:17,400

It was a full moon, December 20, 1968.

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00:05:17,400 --> 00:05:20,320

The Zodiac's first victims were two teenagers parked

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00:05:20,320 --> 00:05:23,000

on a lover's lane near the Bay Area town of Vallejo.

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00:05:27,000 --> 00:05:29,000

Are you going to talk to them?

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00:05:29,000 --> 00:05:31,000

You're going to talk to them?

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00:05:31,000 --> 00:05:32,000

No.

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00:05:47,000 --> 00:05:49,000

Both victims died at the scene.

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00:05:49,000 --> 00:05:52,000

To researchers Mike Rusconi and Doug Oswell,

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00:05:52,000 --> 00:05:54,000

Kozinski's actions shortly after the murders

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00:05:54,000 --> 00:05:59,000

were the first hint that he could be the Zodiac killer.

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00:05:59,000 --> 00:06:02,000

One month later, on January 20, 1969,

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00:06:02,000 --> 00:06:05,000

Kozinski tendered his resignation from Berkeley

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00:06:05,000 --> 00:06:07,000

without any apparent motive.

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00:06:07,000 --> 00:06:10,000

And this astounded the people who worked with him.

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00:06:10,000 --> 00:06:12,000

It was just an inexplicable thing to do.

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00:06:14,000 --> 00:06:17,000

Oswell and Rusconi find an even stronger link to Kozinski

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00:06:17,000 --> 00:06:21,000

and the Zodiac's next murders some seven months later.

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00:06:22,000 --> 00:06:25,000

Once again, it was a full moon.

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00:06:25,000 --> 00:06:27,000

Once again, Zodiac targeted two lovers

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00:06:27,000 --> 00:06:30,000

parked on a secluded road near Vallejo.

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00:06:36,000 --> 00:06:39,000

This time, the Zodiac left an eyewitness,

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00:06:39,000 --> 00:06:41,000

one of the intended victims, Mike McGough,

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00:06:41,000 --> 00:06:45,000

survived the shooting and watched the killer drive away.

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00:06:47,000 --> 00:06:49,000

Mike McGough claimed that the man who shot him

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00:06:49,000 --> 00:06:52,000

drove a light tan Chevy.

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00:06:52,000 --> 00:06:55,000

Ted Kozinski's brother in a Washington Post interview

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00:06:55,000 --> 00:07:00,000

claimed that Ted owned a 1967 Chevy Malibu tan and color

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00:07:00,000 --> 00:07:03,000

at the time of the killings.

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00:07:03,000 --> 00:07:05,000

It's an interesting comparison.

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00:07:05,000 --> 00:07:07,000

I mean, certainly Ted Kozinski, the suspect,

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00:07:07,000 --> 00:07:11,000

was at Berkeley roughly at the same time

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00:07:11,000 --> 00:07:14,000

that the Zodiac killings occur.

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00:07:14,000 --> 00:07:18,000

We know both enjoyed taunting the police.

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00:07:19,000 --> 00:07:24,000

However, there's many more differences than similarities.

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00:07:24,000 --> 00:07:28,000

After the murders, Zodiac bombarded local newspapers

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00:07:28,000 --> 00:07:30,000

with letters.

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00:07:30,000 --> 00:07:32,000

As a unabomber would a decade later,

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00:07:32,000 --> 00:07:36,000

Zodiac loaded the envelopes with far more postage than necessary.

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00:07:36,000 --> 00:07:39,000

He teased that his identity would be revealed

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00:07:39,000 --> 00:07:44,000

if authorities could only decipher a three-part coded message.

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00:07:44,000 --> 00:07:47,000

Each section of the cryptogram consisted of letters

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00:07:47,000 --> 00:07:53,000

and astrological symbols arranged according to an unknown formula.

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00:07:53,000 --> 00:07:56,000

Robert Graysmith of the San Francisco Chronicles

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00:07:56,000 --> 00:07:59,000

saw the cryptograms firsthand.

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00:07:59,000 --> 00:08:02,000

The genius of Zodiac's cryptograms,

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00:08:02,000 --> 00:08:04,000

first of all, he laid them out like works of art,

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00:08:04,000 --> 00:08:06,000

very perfectly arranged.

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00:08:06,000 --> 00:08:11,000

He would use 16 different symbols for the letter E, for instance.

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00:08:11,000 --> 00:08:14,000

And he would not repeat them.

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00:08:14,000 --> 00:08:16,000

He'd go completely through the 16 before he began.

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00:08:16,000 --> 00:08:18,000

Which made it very, very difficult.

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00:08:18,000 --> 00:08:22,000

He kept them short, 360 symbols in the longest one we had.

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00:08:22,000 --> 00:08:25,000

That made it difficult to break.

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00:08:25,000 --> 00:08:29,000

To Oswone and Raskoni, the cryptograms forge yet another link

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00:08:29,000 --> 00:08:32,000

between the Zodiac and Ted Kaczynski.

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00:08:33,000 --> 00:08:37,000

Cryptograms are the toys of mathematicians.

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00:08:37,000 --> 00:08:40,000

Kaczynski was a highly regarded mathematician.

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00:08:40,000 --> 00:08:42,000

He wasn't just a garden variety mathematician.

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00:08:42,000 --> 00:08:46,000

He was touted as one of the top mathematicians in the country.

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00:08:46,000 --> 00:08:51,000

Ted Kaczynski was interested in very abstract mathematics.

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00:08:51,000 --> 00:08:56,000

There's not a lot of evidence that he was interested in astrology,

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00:08:56,000 --> 00:09:02,000

or the radiance, or local geography, or the full moon.

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00:09:03,000 --> 00:09:06,000

Ted Kaczynski is a man of numbers,

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00:09:06,000 --> 00:09:10,000

but not the kind of numbers that Zodiac was interested in.

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00:09:12,000 --> 00:09:15,000

When the Zodiac's message was finally deciphered,

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00:09:15,000 --> 00:09:18,000

it proved to be a vile ode to the joys of murder.

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00:09:21,000 --> 00:09:25,000

For the researchers, there was one more connection to Ted Kaczynski.

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00:09:25,000 --> 00:09:29,000

The message was solved all except for the last 18 characters.

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00:09:29,000 --> 00:09:33,000

Now, coincidentally enough, there happens to be 18 letters

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00:09:33,000 --> 00:09:35,000

in the name Theodore J. Kaczynski.

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00:09:35,000 --> 00:09:39,000

So this possibly could be his signature at the end of the letter.

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00:09:40,000 --> 00:09:45,000

It was in these letters that Zodiac introduced his now infamous symbol.

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00:09:45,000 --> 00:09:48,000

Within a few weeks, it would be seen again.

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00:09:48,000 --> 00:09:50,000

Is that your pet game? More stuff in the basket?

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00:09:50,000 --> 00:09:52,000

Yeah, I've got apples, bananas, bananas.

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00:09:52,000 --> 00:09:56,000

September 29, 1969, just north of Berkeley.

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00:09:56,000 --> 00:09:59,000

The Zodiac stalked another couple.

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00:09:59,000 --> 00:10:02,000

Don't worry about it, Earl. You'll have a great birthday.

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00:10:04,000 --> 00:10:07,000

Don't move. Don't make any noise, OK?

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00:10:07,000 --> 00:10:10,000

The intruder wore an executioner's hood,

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00:10:10,000 --> 00:10:13,000

emblazoned on his robe a sign of the Zodiac.

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00:10:13,000 --> 00:10:15,000

What? Yeah, tie your up.

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00:10:15,000 --> 00:10:17,000

Take my car keys, man.

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00:10:17,000 --> 00:10:20,000

Once again, it was a young man who would survive.

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00:10:20,000 --> 00:10:22,000

I don't want to.

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00:10:22,000 --> 00:10:25,000

I'm an escaped convict from Dear Lodge, Montana.

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00:10:25,000 --> 00:10:27,000

And I don't have much time.

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00:10:27,000 --> 00:10:31,000

Dear Lodge, Montana, the Zodiac's mention of such an obscure town

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00:10:31,000 --> 00:10:33,000

to fight explanation.

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00:10:33,000 --> 00:10:36,000

Until the capture of Ted Kaczynski at his cabin,

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00:10:36,000 --> 00:10:39,000

just an hour's drive from Dear Lodge, Montana.

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00:10:41,000 --> 00:10:44,000

Kaczynski had owned the cabin for 25 years.

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00:10:44,000 --> 00:10:49,000

After his arrest, FBI agents cataloged Kaczynski's every possession,

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00:10:49,000 --> 00:10:51,000

buttons to bomb parts.

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00:10:52,000 --> 00:10:55,000

I would certainly have expected to have found,

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00:10:55,000 --> 00:11:00,000

in the investigation, at suspect Ted Kaczynski's cabin,

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00:11:00,000 --> 00:11:03,000

something there that belonged to the Zodiac.

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00:11:03,000 --> 00:11:06,000

But the suspect Ted Kaczynski kept everything.

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00:11:06,000 --> 00:11:10,000

The hood, the sunglasses, bomb-making paraphernalia.

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00:11:10,000 --> 00:11:14,000

He had a fetish for keeping these what we call souvenirs.

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00:11:14,000 --> 00:11:17,000

Why wasn't there one shred of evidence in that cabin,

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00:11:17,000 --> 00:11:20,000

linking him to, to Zodiac?

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00:11:21,000 --> 00:11:23,000

You guys, come here, come here.

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00:11:23,000 --> 00:11:25,000

Look at this.

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00:11:25,000 --> 00:11:29,000

As for the Zodiac himself, teenage party goers in San Francisco

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00:11:29,000 --> 00:11:32,000

were the next to catch a glimpse of the Fertive Killer.

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00:11:32,000 --> 00:11:37,000

It was October 11, 1969, roughly two weeks after his last assault.

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00:11:40,000 --> 00:11:44,000

It was a Zodiac's fifth known murder, an unarmed cab driver.

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00:11:44,000 --> 00:11:48,000

However, a police dispatcher garbled the eyewitness' description.

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00:11:48,000 --> 00:11:50,000

Hey, buddy.

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00:11:50,000 --> 00:11:53,000

See if things suspicious around here in the last few minutes?

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00:11:53,000 --> 00:11:56,000

As a result, police did not arrest the man they encountered

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00:11:56,000 --> 00:11:58,000

less than a block from the murder scene.

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00:11:58,000 --> 00:11:59,000

Don't miss to me.

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00:11:59,000 --> 00:12:02,000

He was going east on Washington.

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00:12:02,000 --> 00:12:03,000

Thanks a lot.

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00:12:03,000 --> 00:12:06,000

The man walked off into the night.

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00:12:06,000 --> 00:12:09,000

Soon after, he sent a letter to a local newspaper.

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00:12:09,000 --> 00:12:12,000

Inside was a bloodstained slice of the cab driver's shirt

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00:12:12,000 --> 00:12:16,000

and a mocking letter describing the encounter with police.

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00:12:16,000 --> 00:12:18,000

It was signed, the Zodiac.

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00:12:18,000 --> 00:12:21,000

Authorities released this sketch of the suspect.

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00:12:21,000 --> 00:12:25,000

Researchers Oswell and Moscone maintain that without glasses,

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00:12:25,000 --> 00:12:29,000

the face is familiar, the young Ted Kaczynski.

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00:12:29,000 --> 00:12:34,000

They both had a strong lower jaw with a small cleft in the chin.

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00:12:34,000 --> 00:12:40,000

Both had a reddish tint to their hair, and they both were about 5'9".

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00:12:40,000 --> 00:12:45,000

Also, the age given for the Zodiac Killer was between 25 years of age

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00:12:45,000 --> 00:12:47,000

and 30 years of age.

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00:12:47,000 --> 00:12:50,000

Theodore Kaczynski at that time was around 29 years old.

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00:12:51,000 --> 00:12:56,000

After the cab driver murdered, Zodiac announced a new MO.

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00:12:56,000 --> 00:13:00,000

Instead of guns and knives, he would now kill with bombs.

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00:13:00,000 --> 00:13:03,000

He threatened to target a school bus filled with children

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00:13:03,000 --> 00:13:07,000

and enclosed diagrams of complex triggering devices.

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00:13:07,000 --> 00:13:11,000

Despite his threats, Zodiac did not bomb a single target.

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00:13:11,000 --> 00:13:16,000

Indeed, he was never heard from again after his letter of April 1978.

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00:13:16,000 --> 00:13:20,000

But one month later, the Unabomber attacks are underway.

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00:13:23,000 --> 00:13:28,000

And the Zodiac reinvented himself as an anti-technology warrior.

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00:13:29,000 --> 00:13:33,000

I think it would be quite unusual to change your MO like that,

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00:13:33,000 --> 00:13:37,000

to go from different kinds of weapons to suddenly, bomb making.

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00:13:37,000 --> 00:13:41,000

I think there are a lot of interesting connections, but I do not believe they are the same.

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00:13:41,000 --> 00:13:45,000

Zodiac is a confrontational killer, hands on.

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00:13:45,000 --> 00:13:48,000

He enjoys looking at his victims.

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00:13:48,000 --> 00:13:51,000

He enjoys stabbing, shooting.

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00:13:51,000 --> 00:13:54,000

So there is a marked difference there.

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00:13:55,000 --> 00:14:02,000

Serial bombers like suspect Ted Kaczynski tend to be nerdy, cerebral.

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00:14:02,000 --> 00:14:05,000

They enjoy killing from afar.

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00:14:06,000 --> 00:14:09,000

It is spent thought that Kaczynski was a mathematical nerd

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00:14:09,000 --> 00:14:13,000

growing up that he spent all his time with his nose in a book, in a classroom.

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00:14:13,000 --> 00:14:17,000

That is not true. He spent a great deal of time in the woods

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00:14:17,000 --> 00:14:20,000

learning survival skills with his brother and his father.

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00:14:20,000 --> 00:14:25,000

That has been brought out by the FBI and by interviews with his brother since.

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00:14:25,000 --> 00:14:28,000

So we know that Kaczynski was familiar with weapons.

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00:14:28,000 --> 00:14:31,000

He knew how to use them and he was comfortable with them.

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00:14:31,000 --> 00:14:38,000

I do not believe a confrontational serial killer such as Zodiac

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00:14:38,000 --> 00:14:41,000

later on would become a serial bomber.

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00:14:41,000 --> 00:14:45,000

When he mellowed out, when he became better educated, settling back,

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00:14:45,000 --> 00:14:48,000

now I am going to play a new game with law enforcement.

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00:14:48,000 --> 00:14:50,000

We rarely see that.

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00:14:50,000 --> 00:14:55,000

Ted Kaczynski was 36 when the first unabomber explosion occurred.

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00:14:56,000 --> 00:14:59,000

The FBI was a little puzzled as to why somebody that age

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00:14:59,000 --> 00:15:02,000

would want to begin on a career of serial murder.

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00:15:02,000 --> 00:15:05,000

Usually it is much younger people who do.

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00:15:05,000 --> 00:15:10,000

Perhaps they did not dream that he had had an earlier, more violent period

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00:15:10,000 --> 00:15:15,000

of murder and had mellowed out over the years as serial killers

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

are said to do if they are not caught.

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00:15:20,000 --> 00:15:25,000

Rusconi and Oswell's theory prompted police to review their Zodiac case files

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00:15:25,000 --> 00:15:28,000

sifting for evidence against Theodore Kaczynski.

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00:15:29,000 --> 00:15:33,000

Mr. Ted Kaczynski is not a viable suspect at this point as the Zodiac.

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00:15:33,000 --> 00:15:38,000

We have not made any conclusions to who the Zodiac was or is.

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00:15:40,000 --> 00:15:44,000

Both the record detectives specify one suspect, among the more than 2,000

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00:15:44,000 --> 00:15:47,000

questioned in the case that they believe was a Zodiac.

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However, there was never enough evidence to make their suspicions stand up in court.

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The Zodiac has been silent now for almost 20 years.

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Is he still with us?

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Perhaps facts will emerge at the trial of Theodore Kaczynski

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that exposed him as a Zodiac killer.

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Or perhaps the truth about the Zodiac will remain forever just out of reach.

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Next, two young poets from opposite sides of the country mysteriously vanish.

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And later, do you believe in miracles?

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If you don't, Trish Zemba's recovery from a painful nerve disease might just convince you.

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Tim Harrell is a veteran journalist with a long list of credits.

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But one particular story had haunted him for years.

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His own, as told to him by his adoptive mother Helen Harrell.

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In 1946, Helen was working as a nurse at a hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

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She told Tim that she had found him abandoned in a trash can.

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She took him home and raised him as her own.

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Tim was still a boy, when Helen told him that story.

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Because of that, Tim harbored a lifelong grudge against his birth mother,

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a woman he thought had thrown him away.

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By 1976, Tim was on staff at the Los Angeles Herald Examiner,

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when he got a call out of the blue.

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City desk.

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Can I speak to Tim Harrell?

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Speaking. Who's calling?

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This is your mother.

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Excuse me? What are you talking about? My mother's at home.

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This is your mother. Your real mother.

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All of a sudden, all the hatred just exploded.

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I said, how could you? How could you throw me away like I was a piece of garbage?

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How could you do that?

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And she said, well, you don't understand.

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I said, I don't want to understand.

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After Helen died, Tim began to reconsider.

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In 1990, on a trip back to St. Louis with a second wife,

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Tim tried to locate his birth mother through adoption records.

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Thanks to a helpful lawyer, Tim learned that everything Helen had told him had been a lie.

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His birth mother was Helen's own niece,

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and she had given Tim up because he needed medical care, care that Helen could provide.

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It threw me like a jolt of electricity.

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The only thought in my mind was, I really wanted to find her now.

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I really wanted to say, look, I didn't know, and I am so sorry.

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I am so sorry for what I said to you and how I acted to you.

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Tim Harrell called on all his skills as a reporter to track his birth mother,

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but it was not until the night of our broadcast that he got the help he needed.

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Here's Keely Shae Smith with the tales of a reunion long overdue.

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Bob, one of the people watching our broadcast that night

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was a private investigator from Scottsdale, Arizona.

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Alice Simon volunteered her expertise and resources for Tim's search.

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Within one week, she telephoned him with extraordinary news.

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She called and she said, I just talked to your mother,

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and you have a wonderful family of three sisters and a brother,

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and scads of cousins and nephews and nieces and everything,

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and I just broke down and cried.

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Tim's birth mother, Muriel Gartner, lives in Campbell, California.

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This past June, Muriel gathered her entire family

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to welcome Tim and his son, Adam, home at last.

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Do you?

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Come on, come on, come on.

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It feels right. It feels like finally everything has come to a circle.

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This is your grandson.

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There's always been the hole, an empty hole.

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Though I've had a lot of other kids in a wonderful life, great kids,

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but it feels like this hole is beginning to fill in now.

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It's just the most amazing feeling in the world

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to know that I've got this family and that I'm going to be a part of this family

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and that they're going to be a part of my life.

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I mean, I just can't tell you what the feeling is like.

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I was involved in it too.

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He's just one of us, and it felt that way from the very beginning

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when he called me, he said hello, Mom, and I said hello, son, and that was it.

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When we went to hang up, he said, can I call you again tomorrow, Mom?

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I've been wanting to call my Mom for a long time, and I cried, and he cried.

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At this time every year, a familiar ritual plays out all across America.

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Kids head off to college.

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The last thing any parent imagines is that their child will go to school

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and vanish without a trace.

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But recently, the unimaginable is exactly what happened

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to 18-year-old April Gregory and 19-year-old Kristen Smart.

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April and Kristen never met.

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Indeed, they were enrolled at different universities on opposite sides of the country.

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Yet within the same five-hour period, they were both suddenly gone.

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No warning, no explanation.

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April Gregory took her school work very seriously.

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She wrapped up freshman year at Syracuse University in New York

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and turned right around and enrolled in summer session.

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At 11.45 on May 24, 1996, April's brother Lamar

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dropped her off at her dorm Sadler Hall.

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I helped April with her bags to the front of the dormitory,

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and that was the last I saw her.

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The mystery begins.

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April walks up these steps,

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enters these doors under the watchful eyes of dorm officials,

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ascends to her seventh-floor room.

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These are the meager facts.

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Later, police examine April's room.

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She is not completely unpacked.

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Was she interrupted?

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In the closet, a clue, April is imploded.

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She's at a local restaurant, and her work uniform is missing.

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This is a path April takes to her job.

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Did she even get this far?

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All we know is that April never arrived at work.

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Really did she miss her work. Very really.

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I just knew something bad had happened to my baby.

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Whatever happened, happened between midnight and 5 a.m.

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During that same time, 3,000 miles away,

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another young woman mysteriously disappeared.

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Kristen Smart, 19 years old,

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the freshman at Cal Poly State University

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in San Luis Obispo, California.

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About the time April Gregory should have been heading to work in New York,

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Kristen was walking along this road in California.

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She was returning to her dorm after a party.

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She was not alone.

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Paul Flores, 19 years old,

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also a freshman at Cal Poly,

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he had offered to walk Kristen back to campus after the party.

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An eyewitness saw Paul and Kristen at this corner,

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roughly 200 yards from their dormitories.

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Paul told police that Kristen headed to her dorm,

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and he continued across the street alone to his.

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Kristen phoned home every Sunday, religiously.

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And when that Sunday passed and she hadn't phoned,

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I knew something was wrong.

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Authorities agreed.

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100 sheriff's deputies and 300 volunteers

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searched the campus for any trace of Kristen Smart.

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Results, negative.

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Search dogs, specially trained to recognize the odor of a dead human body,

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were taken through campus dorms.

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Experts say the only possible false positive is a scent of menstrual blood.

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Those dogs hit on this room,

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run room 128 at the Cal Poly campus.

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And specifically came into this room and hit on this mattress,

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and the corner of this mattress,

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this room was occupied by,

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coincidentally, the male subject that was last seen

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with Kristen Smart on the day she was taken.

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And she became a missing person.

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That male subject was Paul Flores.

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Authorities began to question Flores' statement

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that he and Kristen had gone their separate ways

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once they arrived at the dorms.

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They poured their dorms.

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When they got to approximately here,

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he says he continued into his dorm, which is up the hill,

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and she left and went up between the two dorms to her dorm.

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However, we believe that,

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based on what we've learned from the search dogs,

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she actually continued into his dorm with him.

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At this time, no criminal charges have been filed in the case.

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Kristen Smart is still considered a missing person.

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We never give up hope that Kristen will be found.

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But as any parent can imagine, the longer that it goes on,

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the dimmer the light.

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And we can only hope.

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Coming up, authorities need your help

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to track down a convicted killer.

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But first, in a remarkable story of faith and resilience,

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a young girl overcomes a painful nerve disorder.

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It was a normal Christmas Eve western style.

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In Phoenix, Arizona, the sky was blue,

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the temperature of Bombay 75.

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14-year-old Trish Zamba saddled up her X-Race horse slide

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and headed out for a ride.

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When I fell, I hurt very much.

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But I was in shock.

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I had so much adrenaline rushing through my system

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that what had just happened did not register with me at the moment.

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I helped her into the house.

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She was lumping a little bit.

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And took her in and took everything off to look for broken bones.

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And she was in shock.

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And she was in shock.

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And she was in shock.

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And she was in shock.

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And she was in shock.

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And she had to look for broken bones.

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And she was scraped on the one side.

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Somewhat scraped.

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And it was red, like road rash and some bruising

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where you could tell there was going to be bruising.

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The injuries appeared superficial.

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Trish improved overnight.

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And the incident had little impact on the family's Christmas day plans.

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I got up, got myself dressed, came out.

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Basically, it's been all Christmas day on the couch.

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I was slourish, stiff, hobbled around some,

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but I was able to get around.

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The accident seemed like a thing of the past

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until Trish was bathing some 10 days later.

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I remember I went to get up.

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And when I was standing up, I started feeling dizzy.

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I heard a thump and I called out to her.

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And she didn't answer me.

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00:29:08,000 --> 00:29:09,000

Trish?

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00:29:13,000 --> 00:29:14,000

Trish?

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00:29:15,000 --> 00:29:16,000

Trish?

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00:29:17,000 --> 00:29:18,000

Don't!

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I was panicked when I saw Trisha passed out.

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I didn't know what had happened.

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I couldn't get a response out of her at first.

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I just didn't know what was going on.

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From there on, then her condition seemed to get worse.

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Pain increased.

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Her mobility started to be less.

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She had more trouble getting around and sitting.

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So that's when we started taking her to a round of doctors.

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The bathtub fault had triggered an avalanche of pain.

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Doctors could neither diagnose nor relieve.

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After five weeks of unrelenting agony, Trish was hospitalized.

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Can you tell me where it hurts?

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Does it hurt in your back?

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Does it hurt in your legs?

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No.

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It was in a lot of pain, so they started administering morphine.

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And they just kept giving it to her and giving it to her in large doses.

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It wouldn't affect the pain.

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It's not helped the pain at all.

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And five, they had given her so much,

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they couldn't give her any more without killing her.

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It was horrible seeing Trisha in this pain

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and not being able to do anything for her.

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And it was very, very scary until we would pray.

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Dear Jesus, we would just ask Father

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that you would reach the end of the world

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and we would pray for you.

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And we would pray for you.

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And we would pray for you.

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And we would pray for you.

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And we would pray for you.

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And we would pray for you.

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And we would pray for you.

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Trish was wracked by pain every waking hour.

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Her left leg alternately turned purple

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and then back to normal.

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Grew hot and feverish and icy cold.

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The diagnosis could hardly have been more frightening.

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Trish had a rare often incurable nerve disease

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called reflex sympathetic dystrophy or RSD.

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Dear Heavenly Father, we know that you are...

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This is by far the worst I had ever seen.

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And I was feeling pretty hopeless about it.

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

I was feeling pretty hopeless about it.

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I was feeling pretty hopeless about it.

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I was feeling pretty hopeless about it.

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00:31:07,000 --> 00:31:08,000

I was feeling pretty hopeless about it.

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Her chances of getting any kind of a good recovery here.

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And I remember her mother being so strong

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in their faith saying,

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we're going to see a miracle here before this is over.

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And I kept thinking, no, I don't think so.

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This videotape of Trish was made at the hospital

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where she was treated for RSD.

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Doctors believe the disease is produced

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Doctors believe the disease is produced

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by malfunctioning nerve circuits.

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The nerves endlessly amplify

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and re-amplify pain sensations,

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making even a minor injury unremitting torture.

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She was literally writhing in pain,

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unable to have anybody touch or move her leg,

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her hip.

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If you even breathed on it

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or put a blanket over the skin,

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she would just jump.

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She was just so nervous.

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She was so nervous.

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She was so nervous.

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We continually gave her medication

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to try and basically numb her legs.

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The idea being that if we break the cycle,

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kill the pain, stop the cycle of pain

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from renegotiating itself,

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that the condition itself would disappear.

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Doctors injected the most potent pain-killing drugs

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available directly into Trish's spinal column.

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But Trish hardly ever did.

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She was always in pain.

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She was directly into Trish's spinal column.

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But Trish hardly noticed.

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The RSD continued to worsen,

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and Trish's muscles began to weaken from disuse.

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They started telling us

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that they were going to have to institutionalize her.

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Most patients with RSD this bad

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either die from it or commit suicide

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or they literally go crazy

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because they cannot live with this type of pain.

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Even in the face of such bleak predictions,

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Trish's parents say they never lost faith.

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Countless times, each and every day,

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they turn to prayer.

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Grant her some peace and take away this pain

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so that she can rest.

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We would pray,

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and again, that sense that things would be all right

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would come over us.

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And though Trish would still be moaning

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and our circumstances didn't change,

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it was like things were all right.

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Trish's doctors were less optimistic.

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They proposed an operation usually reserved

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for terminal cancer patients,

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implanting a morphine pump into Trish's body.

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If it sufficiently dulled her pain,

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they could at least attempt physical therapy

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to slow the deterioration of Trish's leg muscles.

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That was our next step.

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That was really all that we had left to offer.

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And quite frankly, what I foresaw

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was a long, painful route in rehab

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and with a very uncertain outcome.

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As to whether this would ever resolve.

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Surgery loomed.

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Then early on the morning of March 11, 1994,

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the family's prayers were answered,

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suddenly and dramatically.

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I felt the pain in my body move down.

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As it was moving down my ribs,

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I remember feeling what my ribs felt like.

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I felt a cape on moving down and moving down.

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And then finally I felt it move all the way down my leg

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and I felt it exit through my toes.

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I felt it leave my body.

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And I heard very, very quietly almost

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the point where I couldn't hear it, get up.

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And I remember thinking, I can't get up.

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I'm physically unable to get up.

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And I heard, again, clear and more emotional.

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And I remember feeling like I was in a state

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of depression.

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And again, clear and much more authoritative.

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Get up.

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And I remember grabbing onto the side of the bed rail

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and beginning to sit up.

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And I was able to sit up like I would have in the past.

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I sat up and I was sitting on the edge of the bed.

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And the second I sat my feet on the ground,

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I didn't have any pain anywhere in my whole body.

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I stood up and I remember I was standing there like,

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well, what now?

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And I started walking.

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It was unbelievable to walk into her hospital room

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and see her standing there.

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She hadn't stood for two and a half months on her own.

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Tremendous relief and gratitude to God

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who never let us down.

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He didn't ever let us down.

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As a medical physician,

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I have to go by the medical treatment.

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I have to go by the medical treatment.

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I have to go by the medical data.

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And the medical data has no explanation for this.

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On a purely personal basis

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and based on my own religious beliefs,

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I feel that yes, she did have a miraculous healing.

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We work in the world of science,

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but that does not mean it necessarily has to be mutually exclusive

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of the realm, if you will,

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of the spirit or of religion.

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And I think we work together

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to create a successful end

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when the ends are successful.

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That same morning,

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Trish was released from the hospital.

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Trish's parents made this videotape

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soon after she arrived home.

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I know it was a miracle.

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The pain just left my body

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and one fell swoop.

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I felt like God was going to heal me

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and I was standing there right there,

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just taking this pain for me and saying,

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you know, I love you so much.

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I just want to set you free.

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Spontaneous remission is virtually

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without precedent and acute cases of RSD.

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Medical science still cannot explain

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Trish Zemba's stunning turnaround.

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However, to Trish and her family,

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there's no mystery at all.

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Just further evidence of the infinite power of faith.

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When we return,

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an abduction and murder

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leads to a wild shootout with the police.

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For most of us,

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22 years seems like a long time.

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But when it comes to tracking down

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a ruthless killer whose escape punishment,

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time doesn't matter.

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42 years ago might just as well be yesterday.

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Take it right at the next light.

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March 6, 1974,

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Soani, Georgia,

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30 miles northeast of Atlanta.

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I just got my,

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my check cashed.

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I got \$200 in my wallet.

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It just, just reached in the back.

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James Rouse Jr.,

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a teacher, husband and father of two young children,

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is abducted at gunpoint by two fugitives,

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William Jordan and Anthony Prevat.

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Jordan and Prevat were wanted in North Carolina

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for a series of burglaries.

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Make another right up here.

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Look, guys, you've got my,

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turn around, turn around, that way.

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You've got my money.

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The ride ended at the edge of a remote forest.

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The kidnappers forced Rouse to go barefoot

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and marched him into the woods.

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I didn't even know who you were.

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When they reached the shore of a deserted lake,

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they stopped.

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Good guy.

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James Rouse died instantly,

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shot at point black range with a sawed off shotgun.

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The next day,

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Waysboro, North Carolina,

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240 miles from Soani.

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That's it over there, 421.

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Police got an anonymous tip

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that Jordan and Prevat were back in town,

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hiding at the home of a friend.

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You recognize that car?

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Nah, it doesn't look familiar to me.

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We knew who we were looking for.

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We were looking for two guys,

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last name was Prevat and Jordan.

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They had a reputation of being bad guys,

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predominantly in the property theft,

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house break-in, those type of things.

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We didn't really suspect that they were involved in anything serious,

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other than that.

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The officers approached the house,

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fully expecting to make an arrest,

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but Jordan and Prevat were one step ahead.

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Sheriff's Office 107 in pursuit of suspects

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traveling east on Highway 117.

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Suspects are firing upon us, requesting backup.

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Everything was happening so fast,

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but it seemed extreme that these guys

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were using this much excessive force

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to get away from us,

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just because we wanted to talk to them

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about some house break-in.

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Get a shot, get a shot at him.

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Suspects is throwing out what looks like to be a weapon,

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just past Oliver Church.

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I'll get up alongside of him.

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Freeze! Get your hands up!

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Let's go! Get them up! Get them up!

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Freeze, get out of the car!

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Get out of the car!

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Get your hands! Come on! Come on!

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24-year-old Anthony Prevat and 31-year-old William Jordan

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were booked on charges of breaking and entering,

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larceny and assaulting officers with a firearm.

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Police in North Carolina still didn't know

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that the two men were killers.

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48 hours later, the body of James Ross Jr.

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was discovered in Georgia.

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It was his stolen car that Jordan and Prevat

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had crashed in Waysborough.

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It didn't take long to piece together the rest.

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A shotgun shell found at the murder scene

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further damned Jordan and Prevat.

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Ballistics tests reveal Ross had been killed

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with a blast from the shotgun dumped during the chase.

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Finally, and most chilling of all,

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police in North Carolina found arrogant trophies of murder

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inside the wreck car.

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Photographs of Jordan and Prevat leaning against Ross's car

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and posing proudly with a shotgun that killed him.

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They were both eventually extradited back to Georgia.

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They were both tried, both found guilty of first-degree murder,

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both given death, given the death sentence.

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However, neither Jordan nor Prevat stayed long on death row.

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Upon review by the Georgia Supreme Court,

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they felt there were some prejudicial comments

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made by the district attorney in his closing argument

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that lifted the burden of the decision from the jury

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and it was reversed and their sentences commuted to life.

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In 1991, Prevat was paroled,

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but was returned to prison after he murdered his girlfriend.

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Prevat is currently on death row in North Carolina.

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The story of William Jordan, however, has yet to end.

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Jordan, you and Green take the truck on back to the house,

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gas it up, make yourself useful.

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Yes, sir.

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After ten years of good behavior,

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Jordan had been assigned to a minimum security work farm

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in Odom, Georgia,

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but his image as the model prisoner proved false.

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William Jordan just kept driving.

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A month later, police caught the inmate who escaped with him,

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but Jordan has eluded capture ever since.

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Jordan was possibly seen in 1992 in Virginia.

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He possibly works in Virginia, West Virginia,

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as a heavy equipment operator.

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He also possibly has a family in West Virginia.

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He was a member of the Virginia Department of Defense

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and he was a member of the Virginia Department of Defense.

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He was a member of the Virginia Department of Defense

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and he possibly has a family in West Virginia.

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He uses the name William Bill Jordan or William Junior Jordan.

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It's been more than 20 years since Jordan

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and Prevat heartlessly murdered James Rouse Jr.

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but the Rouse family still feels the pain.

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The hardest part has been not only the way it happened

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but also the fact that he has not been with us

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and been able to enjoy his own family.

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We have lived through years of anger

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for what Jordan did to my brother-in-law Jim

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and what it has done to the children as well as to his wife.

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This is how William Jordan looked in 1974,

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the year he murdered James Rouse.

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This photograph, the last known taken of Jordan,

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shows how he looked in 1979.

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Computer aging shows how he might look today at the age of 54.

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William Jordan is 6 feet 2 inches tall,

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has brown, graying hair and probably wears glasses.

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Jordan has several distinctive tattoos,

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a skeleton on his right forearm,

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a spider on his right upper arm,

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a cross with a name Sybil on his left forearm

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and the name Louise on his left leg.

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