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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries.

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Jessica was 15, a cheerleader, and in some ways much too naive.

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She should never have accepted the ride that led to this,

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fleeing for her life in a lonely cemetery.

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Recently, a series of spectacular sightings

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have the entire state of Arizona buzzing about UFOs

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and visitors from beyond the world.

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The military said the strange lights were just flares,

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but eyewitnesses say it just isn't so.

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It was supposed to be a night to relax and have fun.

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Then a young marine found himself surrounded by gangbangers

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with no way out.

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Perhaps one of our viewers can help track down the men

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who shattered Joffrey Rymus' life and dreams.

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The bizarre case of reaching out to the police

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was a very strange experience.

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The bizarre case of Rachel Timmerman began when she accused

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a man known to some as a town bully of raping her.

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Then Rachel and her young daughter Shannon abruptly disappeared,

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as did three other people.

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The common link?

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This man, the same man who allegedly raped Rachel Timmerman.

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Also a poignant and heartwarming reunion

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is a result of a phone call from one of our viewers.

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Join me. Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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Madison County, Ohio, March 16, 1991.

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A teenager runs for her life.

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She has to outrun her assailants.

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She scrambles over a fence and lands in a cemetery.

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A few hours earlier, her clothes were torn off.

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She was raped in a car and held hostage.

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Somehow she escaped.

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Now she hides behind tombstones.

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She tries to get out of the graveyard,

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but in the pitch black smashes into a fence post.

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The men catch up.

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They strike her face with a blunt object,

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and they leave her to die.

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Her name was Jessica Lynn Keen.

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She was only 15 years old.

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Later investigators are able to pinpoint Jessica's final movements

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based on clues in and around the crime scene.

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Mud on the fence.

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A sock that belonged to her.

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An impression of her knee in the ground.

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But they didn't have a clue about why anyone would want to kill her.

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The gruesome murder of Jessica Lynn Keen

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has baffled local and state detectives for years.

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Jessica had been a popular cheerleader,

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an honor student, and a talented performer,

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and a young woman with goals and dreams.

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Jessica, idealistically, would have loved it

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had been a singer and actress.

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I guess realistically, Jessica was loved animals

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and going wanting to go to college to be a zoologist.

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She was always laughing, always smiling, always singing,

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always fun to be around.

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Hey, Susie. Hey, Jen.

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Hey, Jen. How you two doing?

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Not much. Sean's supposed to meet me here in a little bit.

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That year, Jessica's life began to have its ups and downs.

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It had to do with being a teenager.

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It had to do with rebellion.

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It had to do with meeting her first love,

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18-year-old Sean Thompson.

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Hey, Sean.

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It wasn't an issue for Jessica or her mother

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that Sean was a different race,

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but it did bother her mother that Sean had had minor brushes with the law

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and that he was a high school dropout.

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I would forbid her to see Sean

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and say you can't see him till your grades come up.

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But I was concerned. We discussed her, you know, as far as her going to college.

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She knew she'd have to keep a good grade average in order to get a scholarship

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and her grades started dropping.

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She had skipped school a couple of times to be with Sean.

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Jessica wanted to get away from her mom.

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She thought about running away, but she didn't actually know where to go

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and she didn't want to be a runaway.

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And of course she's threatening, you know,

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I don't want to live with you anymore, but I knew I had to do something.

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Arguments between Jessica and Rebecca escalated into fury.

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They desperately needed a cooling off period.

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Mother and daughter mutually decided that Jessica should spend two weeks

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at a local live-in counseling center for teenagers.

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I've got some questions I want to ask too.

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Hi, Sean. What are you up to?

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On Friday, March 15th, the day before she was to move back home

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and just hours before she died,

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Jessica spoke to Sean.

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Jessica and Sean ended up getting to an argument that day

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on the telephone at which point they broke up.

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Numerous people witnessed this telephone call

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and said that Jessica was very visibly upset.

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Later, Jessica told a friend that she was going to the mall.

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She was last seen at a bus stop near the center at 6 p.m.

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Authorities suspect that Jessica was abducted.

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Yeah.

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Come on, hop in. We'll give you a ride.

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No, it's OK.

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There is a chance that maybe it was somebody who Jessica kind of knew,

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maybe wasn't really good friends with,

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but familiar enough with them to trust them enough to get into the car.

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Thanks, guys.

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Not knowing what would ultimately happen.

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Jessica's body was found 42 hours later,

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20 miles from the bus stop.

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It was noon on Sunday.

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Investigators surmise that after Jessica was abducted,

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she was held captive for at least six hours.

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Based on a seaman sample,

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they believe she was raped two to four hours

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before she escaped from the car.

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This is the first time she's been to a bus stop

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before she escaped from the car.

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This is the road here that Jessica ran down

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after she was able to get out of the vehicle.

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I don't think she had any idea at the time

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that she was actually climbing into a cemetery to hide,

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but that was at that point that was her only means

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for getting away from whoever was chasing her.

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This is the area where the crime scene investigators found

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one of Jessica's socks.

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She obviously lost it while she was running.

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The sock that was found matched the one

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that remained on Jessica's foot.

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We do know that she hid behind this headstone.

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That was based on the crime scene investigators

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found her knee print and the soft ground

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behind the headstone.

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Please help me.

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I do your duty.

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We are pretty certain that Jessica saw the light on

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from the farmhouse,

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and that's what she turned to run for

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when she collided with the fence posts

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in the back of the cemetery.

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When she got out of the car,

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when she got back here,

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because it's so dark out here at night,

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she was not able to see the fence back here

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and collided with this fence post.

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Once she collided with the fence post,

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she knocked herself down,

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and at that point her assailants were able to

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catch up with her when this is the spot

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where she was ultimately killed.

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I've never been so passionate about anything

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that I've ever worked on in my life.

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The thought of this young girl, 15 years old,

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who had such a bright future,

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being murdered in such a horrible, horrible fashion,

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you cannot help but want to do everything

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humanly possible to find out who did this.

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Sheriffs and Madison County turned their attention

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to Jessica's boyfriend,

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but Shawn Thompson wasn't in Columbus.

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He had left for Florida with some friends.

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They were ultimately returned to Ohio.

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Shawn was questioned.

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The friends that had gone with him were also questioned,

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and through the questioning,

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examination of physical evidence,

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we have all been eliminated,

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the boyfriend and the friends.

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DNA evidence from the seaman sample

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did not match Shawn or the others.

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The group was cleared of any wrongdoing,

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but an entire week had been lost.

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A trail of the actual killer or killers had grown cold.

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Jessica's death never stops haunting her mother.

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What they did to her,

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the fear that Jessica felt.

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She would do anything to get away.

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I can feel her heartbeat running through the cemetery.

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I can feel the deep breathing she was probably doing

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when she knelt behind the tombstone.

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I can hear her praying.

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I realized that that was the worst thing

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that I believe anyone could go through.

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I prayed to God to this,

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that when she hit that fence, it knocked her out.

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I'm not revengeful.

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God has the only right to take someone's life.

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But if someone does something

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usually gets away with it,

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they'll do it again.

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I know that this is one of the last chances

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we'll really have to find out who did this.

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Next, when a peculiar V-formation of light

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appears over Phoenix,

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many claim the Air National Guard is the cause,

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but those who actually see it feel very differently.

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Roswell, New Mexico, 1947.

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A mysterious explosion.

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Unidentified debris found in a remote pasture

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sparks a UFO frenzy.

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Official explanation, a downed weather balloon.

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Bentwater's Air Force Base, England, 1980.

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Multiple sightings of strange lights and aircraft.

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Official explanation, a meteor shower.

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Hudson Valley, New York, 1983 to 1989.

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Mysterious V-shaped formations

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seen by hundreds of local residents.

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Official explanation, an elaborate hoax.

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For UFO buffs, it's always the same story.

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An unprecedented event,

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followed by an official brush-off.

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Now some say it has happened again in Phoenix, Arizona.

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All right, you tell me what it is.

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March 13, 1997, 10 p.m.

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Oh, what do we got?

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A man named Michael Christen shot this videotape.

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Take a look at this.

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And before I know it,

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a rare display of lights comes on.

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I got a little excited at that time,

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and I called my wife.

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It took her about a minute to get over there,

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and it was really quite unusual.

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Michael Christen wasn't alone.

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This videotape was shot around the same time,

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15 miles away.

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Look at this, three of them all together.

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I got the third one popping.

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There's one behind the chimney.

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In fact, the bizarre lights were seen

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in the original residence that night.

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An explainable series of strange bright lights

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seen over the skies of Arizona

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gets a lot of people wondering what the heck they saw.

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Not surprisingly, an official explanation soon emerged

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from Captain Drew Sullens of the Air National Guard.

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The 104th Fighter Squadron of the Maryland Air National Guard's

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175th Wing was conducting a night training exercise

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in the vicinity of the mysterious lights,

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and what they were doing was dropping night illumination flares

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over the North Tactical Range at Luke Air Force Base.

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And a lot of people seemed to think

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that those flares could in fact have been

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the quote-unquote mysterious lights.

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Flares.

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It seemed perfectly plausible and was widely accepted.

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However, there was one little problem with the military explanation.

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They said they'd only drop flares between 9 and 10 p.m.

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But the most impressive sightings occurred earlier

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between 8 and 9 p.m.

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Taken together, these highly credible eyewitness accounts

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seemed to indicate that there was something other than flares

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in the Arizona sky that night.

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Was it an extraordinary UFO event?

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Judge for yourself.

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8, 10 p.m.

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Nearly an hour before the military would begin dropping flares,

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Ross Nicol and his family were on Highway 89

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just outside Chino Valley, 90 miles north of Phoenix.

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Hey, Dad, do you see that light over there?

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Where?

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Over the horizon.

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Oh, yeah. Looks like an airplane.

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I looked out the window and I saw some lights

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in a very small pattern.

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And what they really looked like at that point

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was just dim stars, several of them in a very tight pattern.

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Wow.

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Let me have a look at this first.

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They were white like stars when they were coming towards us.

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And at that point they changed colors and went from white to red.

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They were just overhead at that point

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and they were, in my estimation, not very high off the ground.

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I'm guessing 1,000 feet.

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And there was absolutely no sound.

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During the whole time from the start to the finish,

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00:15:01,000 --> 00:15:03,000

there was absolutely no sound.

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What is it?

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I have no idea.

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There was definitely five of them.

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They were basically on a flight pattern of some kind

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that was fairly uniform.

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10 minutes later, 8.30 p.m., 90 miles south,

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a commercial airline pilot and his wife

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were driving home after dinner.

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For professional reasons, a pilot agreed to tell his story

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only if his identity was concealed.

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They don't look like fighters.

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That's a show formation.

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I've been flying for 29 years now

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and I'm not used to looking up in the sky

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and not being able to figure out what I'm seeing.

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I looked at it then and tried to make it into an airliner.

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I realized, again, it's going too slow.

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And oh, by the way, there's no noise at all.

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Definitely not fighters.

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And then the next thing that struck me is that,

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yeah, and why would his landing lights be pointed

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00:16:00,000 --> 00:16:02,000

straight down?

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Because the lights appeared to be about five lights

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arrayed in this V formation with landing lights

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pointed straight down.

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Ross Nicol and his family had seen the lights here.

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The pilot and his wife saw them here.

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Whatever it was seemed to be on a definite southerly course.

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14 miles southeast of the pilot's sighting,

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Osma Linderman and her boyfriend

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had their own peculiar encounter.

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Keep in mind, the military would not begin

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00:16:39,000 --> 00:16:42,000

dropping flares for another half hour.

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What is that?

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00:16:44,000 --> 00:16:46,000

Looks like it's going to crash.

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Wait.

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It was very clear in my mind that it was one solid craft.

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The lights were traveling too perfectly,

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spaced apart, and there was a void clearly between the lights

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00:17:03,000 --> 00:17:06,000

that blacked out the stars when it came down.

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Look at that one.

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00:17:07,000 --> 00:17:08,000

Wow.

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00:17:08,000 --> 00:17:09,000

Where's it going?

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I don't know.

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00:17:10,000 --> 00:17:12,000

The whole thing just slowed, I don't know,

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maybe to a stop or it hovered for a second,

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and then would look like one solid red oval object.

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It just turned red and shot straight up and disappeared.

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Gone. Completely gone.

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I tried everything I could to explain them away,

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and I said, well, it looks to me like a flock of geese

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flying down from Iowa with flashlights in their mouth.

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8.45 p.m., still 15 minutes before the military

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would begin dropping flares,

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Trucker Gary Moore saw the lights approximately 10 minutes

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after an 80-mile south of Osma Linderman.

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Hey, Jimmy, you see those lights over in the east?

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They didn't look like flood lights.

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They didn't really look like spot lights.

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There was something different about them

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that I had never seen before.

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Between 8.00 and 9.00 p.m.,

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the Phoenix lights had traveled over 300 miles

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and been seen by hundreds of witnesses.

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Gary Morris' encounter came near the end

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of the first wave of sightings.

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An hour passed.

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Then at 10.00 p.m., Michael Christen shot the video

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taped that would set off local hysteria

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and provide the basis for the official explanation.

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Approval. What have we got here?

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A few lived in Phoenix.

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These flares, some of them were dropped

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at 14,000 and 15,000 feet.

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They burned very bright.

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They burned for five to six minutes.

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They are suspended by a parachute,

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and it's a large flare.

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You would be able to see those flares,

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I would imagine, for 150, maybe even 200 miles.

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00:18:45,000 --> 00:18:48,000

The military says that flares like these,

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00:18:48,000 --> 00:18:50,000

dropped at night,

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00:18:50,000 --> 00:18:52,000

would look like this.

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00:18:53,000 --> 00:18:56,000

Again, judge for yourself.

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I'm certain that the lights that I saw

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were not aerial flares,

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as used by the military.

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I've seen them from the ground.

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I've seen them from the air,

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and these weren't flares.

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And probably the major reason

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that these were almost certainly not

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flares dropped by the military

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was they're dangerous.

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So they would never, ever be dropped

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over a population center.

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We saw them travel over a distance

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of probably 70 to 80 miles,

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over about 12 to 13 minutes.

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And no flares that I know can do that.

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The Ross-Nickel sighting

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is very interesting because it involves...

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Veteran UFO investigator Richard Motser

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has been on the Phoenix case since the beginning.

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Surprisingly, Motser sides with the military

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up to a point.

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He agrees that the 10 o'clock event was indeed flares.

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However, he has no explanation

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for the earlier wave of sightings.

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The descriptions of the witnesses

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simply leave you shaking your head

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because they will tell you that this is

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no military vehicle that they have ever seen.

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And so right now, we can't make a determination

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on what actually happened at 8.30

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on that night of March the 13th.

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Will the mystery of the Phoenix lights ever be solved?

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For the military, the case is closed.

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But for hundreds of eyewitnesses, the question remains,

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did the Phoenix lights come from somewhere

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beyond the stars?

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We've got to learn to accept certain things in life.

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We've been sending radio signals out in space

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for over 50 years now, trying to locate intelligent life.

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So why would it be hard for us to think

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that at some point in time, somebody finally answered the call?

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When we return, it was just a party,

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a chastisement off a little steam.

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But from Marine Corporal Joffrey Ramos,

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it became a terrifying descent into hell.

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00:21:12,000 --> 00:21:14,000

A gangbanger.

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00:21:17,000 --> 00:21:19,000

A flurry of gunshots.

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A man left for dead.

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Not a rival gang member.

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An innocent victim.

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He is 20-year-old Joffrey Ramos.

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Handsome, good-natured, a dedicated Marine

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who had recently made the rank of Lance Corporal.

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September 21, 1996,

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Kanoga Park, California.

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It was supposed to be innocent fun.

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Joffrey and some fellow Marines had been invited to a party.

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One more of that, come on.

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00:21:49,000 --> 00:21:51,000

Hey guys, you made it.

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00:21:51,000 --> 00:21:53,000

Hi, what did you bring?

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00:21:53,000 --> 00:21:54,000

I just saw everybody's mind.

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This is Joffrey.

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The clean-cut Marines mingled easily

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00:21:58,000 --> 00:22:00,000

with a diverse mix of partygoers,

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00:22:00,000 --> 00:22:02,000

which according to one of Joffrey's friends

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00:22:02,000 --> 00:22:04,000

included some gangbangers.

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00:22:04,000 --> 00:22:06,000

I want Rosebud.

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00:22:06,000 --> 00:22:08,000

They didn't say nothing to us, you know.

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00:22:08,000 --> 00:22:10,000

They didn't pay no mind to us, you know.

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00:22:10,000 --> 00:22:12,000

They didn't start no trouble with us.

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We just, we did our thing and they did theirs, you know.

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00:22:14,000 --> 00:22:16,000

Then, without warning...

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What do you think you were doing with Pablo?

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Hey, he came up to me.

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00:22:19,000 --> 00:22:20,000

You wish.

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He's not that desperate.

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He is if he's with you, Trampita.

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Then that's when the whole fight broke out.

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00:22:28,000 --> 00:22:30,000

Just everybody was fighting.

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00:22:32,000 --> 00:22:35,000

Joffrey and his fellow Marines, it was time to go.

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00:22:35,000 --> 00:22:38,000

This was a party, not a war zone.

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00:22:40,000 --> 00:22:42,000

As they reached the jeep,

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00:22:42,000 --> 00:22:45,000

Joffrey remembered he had left his wallet in the backyard.

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00:22:45,000 --> 00:22:48,000

His friends inadvertently drove off without him.

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00:22:50,000 --> 00:22:52,000

They could not have guessed that Joffrey

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00:22:52,000 --> 00:22:54,000

was heading straight into battle.

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00:22:54,000 --> 00:22:56,000

On the street, destroying a Marine

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00:22:56,000 --> 00:22:58,000

was considered a badge of courage.

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00:23:03,000 --> 00:23:05,000

Yo, Marine!

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00:23:09,000 --> 00:23:11,000

What's up, man?

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00:23:13,000 --> 00:23:14,000

Nothing.

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00:23:15,000 --> 00:23:17,000

Just take this fool out of him.

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00:23:19,000 --> 00:23:21,000

The alleged ringleader of the group

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00:23:21,000 --> 00:23:24,000

was a reputed gang member named Louis Quezada.

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00:23:24,000 --> 00:23:26,000

What's up? You know how to kill, Marine?

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00:23:26,000 --> 00:23:27,000

Yeah.

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00:23:27,000 --> 00:23:28,000

Huh?

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00:23:28,000 --> 00:23:30,000

We could show you.

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00:23:30,000 --> 00:23:32,000

Take about five minutes' homes.

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00:23:32,000 --> 00:23:34,000

Mess him up real bad, man.

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00:23:34,000 --> 00:23:36,000

Put his ass in check.

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00:23:37,000 --> 00:23:39,000

You want some? Huh?

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00:23:39,000 --> 00:23:41,000

Mr. Big Time Macho Marine?

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00:23:41,000 --> 00:23:42,000

Nah.

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00:23:44,000 --> 00:23:46,000

What's up with that punk-ass hair, fool?

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00:23:47,000 --> 00:23:49,000

You're going down, man.

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00:23:49,000 --> 00:23:52,000

Joffrey sized up the odds.

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00:23:52,000 --> 00:23:54,000

There was only one way out.

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00:23:54,000 --> 00:23:55,000

Hey! Get him!

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00:23:55,000 --> 00:23:57,000

Get him, get him, get him, get him!

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00:23:57,000 --> 00:23:59,000

Hurry up! Get him!

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00:23:59,000 --> 00:24:01,000

Get him!

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00:24:01,000 --> 00:24:02,000

Get him!

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00:24:02,000 --> 00:24:03,000

No!

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00:24:06,000 --> 00:24:08,000

Joffrey Ramos never had a chance.

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00:24:08,000 --> 00:24:12,000

He was kicked repeatedly, pummeled over and over.

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00:24:16,000 --> 00:24:19,000

The vicious attack lasted less than five minutes.

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00:24:19,000 --> 00:24:21,000

The Marine ain't so tough, huh?

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It was long enough for Joffrey's friends to return.

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00:24:24,000 --> 00:24:26,000

They went inside to look for him.

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You're coming back.

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Rui Que Sada, meanwhile, apparently assumed an approaching car

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00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:34,000

was filled with Marines and took aim.

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By the grace of God, there was nobody hit.

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And we very much could have had five additional people

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00:24:41,000 --> 00:24:43,000

laying out there dead.

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00:24:43,000 --> 00:24:45,000

I believe a neighbor or somebody was yelling,

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00:24:45,000 --> 00:24:47,000

this is a dead kid in the street.

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00:24:48,000 --> 00:24:51,000

So then, um, we ran over there.

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00:24:52,000 --> 00:24:53,000

Grab something ready?

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00:24:53,000 --> 00:24:54,000

One more. Ready?

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00:24:54,000 --> 00:24:55,000

One, three, go!

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00:24:58,000 --> 00:25:00,000

You can say it was like a nightmare.

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00:25:00,000 --> 00:25:02,000

Ramos.

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00:25:03,000 --> 00:25:06,000

I don't know, the way he looked, it was bloody.

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00:25:06,000 --> 00:25:07,000

His face was swollen.

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00:25:07,000 --> 00:25:09,000

And he was just...

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00:25:09,000 --> 00:25:11,000

He looked like, you know, he was breathing,

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00:25:11,000 --> 00:25:13,000

but he looked like he was just dead, you know?

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00:25:13,000 --> 00:25:15,000

This guy needs help, man!

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00:25:15,000 --> 00:25:17,000

He's bleeding!

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00:25:17,000 --> 00:25:19,000

In the midst of the commotion,

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00:25:19,000 --> 00:25:22,000

the police mistakenly arrested the Marines.

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00:25:22,000 --> 00:25:24,000

We're Marines, man! We did...

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00:25:27,000 --> 00:25:29,000

Our initial belief, because of the injuries

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00:25:29,000 --> 00:25:31,000

of the Joffrey and Curd in the beating,

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00:25:31,000 --> 00:25:33,000

was that he was going to die.

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And even though he hadn't died yet,

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00:25:35,000 --> 00:25:37,000

we were handling it as if he had died,

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00:25:37,000 --> 00:25:39,000

because it was that serious.

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00:25:43,000 --> 00:25:46,000

It was awful just to see him laying there like that.

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00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:52,000

I remember looking through these glass walls

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00:25:52,000 --> 00:25:55,000

that they had in the room, and I could see him laying there.

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00:25:58,000 --> 00:26:00,000

And he looked like a monster.

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00:26:00,000 --> 00:26:03,000

His head was bandaged,

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00:26:03,000 --> 00:26:06,000

and he had tubes coming out of his head.

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His eye was...

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00:26:09,000 --> 00:26:11,000

It was swollen.

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00:26:13,000 --> 00:26:15,000

It was, um...

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00:26:15,000 --> 00:26:18,000

His face, his whole face was swollen.

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00:26:18,000 --> 00:26:20,000

His nose, his lip.

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00:26:22,000 --> 00:26:26,000

And, uh, I thought I was going to die.

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00:26:28,000 --> 00:26:30,000

The right side of Joffrey's brain

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00:26:30,000 --> 00:26:33,000

had been smashed to the left side of his skull.

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00:26:33,000 --> 00:26:35,000

He underwent emergency brain surgery

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00:26:35,000 --> 00:26:37,000

and spent three weeks in a coma.

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00:26:37,000 --> 00:26:39,000

Doctors doubted he would make it.

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00:26:42,000 --> 00:26:45,000

I was unconscious...

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00:26:47,000 --> 00:26:50,000

for a long time.

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00:26:50,000 --> 00:26:53,000

And, um, when I came up, I...

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00:26:53,000 --> 00:26:55,000

I didn't know anything.

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00:26:57,000 --> 00:26:59,000

There's some...

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00:26:59,000 --> 00:27:02,000

Now some things are coming, but some are still gone.

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Though Joffrey suffered some permanent brain damage,

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it is remarkable that he is even alive,

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much less functioning.

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He spent eight months learning like an infant,

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all that it takes to walk and talk.

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I think it's that it's very unfair

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that Joffrey has to go to life

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facing all of these challenges that he has now

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while Louis Casada is out there

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having a good time and doesn't even have

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any idea of what he's done

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to Joffrey or any of, you know, or any of us.

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Joffrey had high hopes of making the military a career,

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but instead had to accept an honorable discharge from the Marines.

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Now every labored step Joffrey takes is proof positive

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that he's undoing the damage inflicted upon him that terrible night.

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I'll think about this till I turn...

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until I get old and anything,

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and I... I forget.

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I never remember why.

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I never answer why, why would they do that?

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Why? Why would they just...

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the number one question is why?

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Why would they do that?

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No.

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August 7th, 1996, Cedar Springs, Michigan.

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18-year-old Rachel Timmerman left a party

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with 43-year-old Marvin Gaybrion and two other men.

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I want you out of the car.

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Though some considered Gaybrion the town bully,

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he was friendly with Rachel's family.

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He was well aware that life had dealt Rachel a rough hand.

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She came from a broken home

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and had given birth to a daughter when she was just 17.

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Still, nothing could have prepared Rachel

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for what she said happened that night.

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Get out of the car.

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Get out of the car!

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Do it! Do it! Get!

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No, not you!

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What? No!

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Guys!

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Marvin!

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Rachel later told police at Gaybrion Beater

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then he raped him, not once, but three times.

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After a six-month investigation,

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Marvin Gaybrion was arrested,

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then released on bail two weeks later.

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That rape was so brutal,

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and it took a long time at the hospital,

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and the scarring, I don't think, would have ever went away.

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It got to where she didn't really hardly trust anybody

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unless she already knew them,

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because she didn't know who could hurt her again.

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The accusations of rape

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divided the tiny community of Cedar Springs,

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but in the months it followed,

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Rachel began to turn her life around.

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She had a daughter to raise, 18-month-old Shannon.

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Rachel got herself a job at a restaurant.

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She had fun working with some of the other young kids there.

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I got the sense that Rachel wanted to do something with her life.

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She saw opportunities out there that she wanted to pursue.

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The baby is really what changed it all.

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Her focus was on the baby almost 99%.

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It was just all for the good.

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She knew she was a beautiful lady,

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and she started wearing makeup every day after that rape

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to try to make herself feel pretty,

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because there were mean things said that really hurt her.

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So everything was really, it was like a miracle.

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But as a date for Gabriel's preliminary hearing came closer,

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Rachel's family says she began to worry about having to testify.

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She had told me that he threatened her numerous times.

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She was a little scared to go to trial,

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but I had talked to her about it,

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and I told her, it's okay, honey, I'll go with you,

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I'll help you, and we'll do it.

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It was actually horrible.

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She wouldn't have reoccurring nightmares.

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She was totally convinced that this man would kill her.

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Then two days before the rape hearing...

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Where are you going?

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Just out with some guy, you don't know him.

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Okay, you're taking Shannon with you?

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Yeah, actually, he asked me to bring her with me.

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She came out to see me and told me that she had a dinner date

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with some boy, she was going to take Shannon with her

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and have dinner, she'd be home in a few hours.

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A few hours passed.

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Rachel and Shannon did not come home.

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The next morning, still no word.

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Later that day, less than 24 hours after Rachel disappeared,

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her father received a letter.

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This letter was from Rachel,

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and basically said that she was going on vacation.

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We didn't know what to make of it.

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We were worried that it was kind of a goofy thing to do,

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that it just didn't make sense.

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Here, you just got a job at the restaurant,

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you're earning money,

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why would you need to go on a vacation now?

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June 5th, we had a pretrial hearing

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scheduled for Marvin Gaye-Brian

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on the rape charge against Rachel Timmerman.

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And on that date, Rachel failed to show up

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for that pretrial hearing.

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Authorities say rape cases without witnesses

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are extremely difficult to prosecute.

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The charges against Marvin Gaye-Brian were dropped.

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Eleven days passed.

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Prosecutor Crystal Roach became more and more anxious.

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There was still no sign of Rachel or baby Shannon.

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Then Roach received a letter, signed by Rachel,

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and sent from Little Rock, Arkansas,

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more than 1,500 miles away.

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Dear Crystal Roach,

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Marvin Gaye-Brian did not rape me.

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When he wouldn't have intercourse with me,

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he decided to teach him a lesson.

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A short time later, we made up,

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and I can't bear the thought of trying to lock up

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an innocent man.

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Thank you, Rachel Timmerman.

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I didn't believe it.

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It didn't make sense to me.

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And I got angry.

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Because she was very serious about pressing these charges.

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I was concerned that something had happened to her.

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That same day,

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yet another letter arrived at the home of Rachel's father.

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It, too, was postmarked Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Dear Dad, Shannon is doing great.

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She misses you guys,

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but she's adjusting to life out here really well.

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I don't know for sure yet.

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The letter that I'd received was reassuring.

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It said she was okay.

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Her and Shannon were fine.

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They had method of earning money.

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They were getting by okay.

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And that they would be in touch with me later.

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More than two weeks went by

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without another word from Rachel and Baby Shannon.

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Then on the morning of July 5th,

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the still waters of Oxford Lake outside Cedar Springs

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were disturbed by a gruesome discovery.

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The decomposed body of a young woman.

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It was Rachel Timmerman.

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She had been wrapped in chains

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and was cemented, cinder blocks,

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padlocked to the chains,

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and duct tape around the eyes and mouth,

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and then placed into the lake.

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The autopsy revealed that Rachel Timmerman did die

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as a result of drowning

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that she had been placed in the lake alive.

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Police believe Rachel probably died

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shortly after she disappeared.

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But what happened to Shannon?

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Fearing that the little girl had met

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the same fate as her mother,

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authorities called in an underwater diving team

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to search Oxford Lake.

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But the search came up empty.

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18-month-old Shannon could not be found.

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I am...

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Authorities developed a theory.

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Whoever killed Rachel forced her to write the letters

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almost immediately after she was kidnapped,

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then mailed them after throwing her into the lake.

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One suspect immediately came to mind.

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The man who stood accused of raping Rachel.

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The man Rachel was to testify against just two days

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before she disappeared.

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The man named Marvin Gaybrion.

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We decided to go over to Mr. Gaybrion's residence.

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Mr. Gaybrion was not there,

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but cinder blocks were noticed that appeared to be

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the same as what was found when he was found.

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With Rachel Timmerman,

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when her body was recovered from Oxford Lake.

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Authorities now had evidence

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that was potentially crucial to their case,

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but they did not have Marvin Gaybrion.

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He had fled Cedar Springs.

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Strangely, Gaybrion wasn't the only one who couldn't be found.

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It seems to be anybody that knows Marvin

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has any information that could be damaging to Marvin

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comes up as a missing person.

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Missing person number one, Wayne Davis.

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Davis had been in the car the night Rachel was allegedly raped.

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He had agreed to testify against Gaybrion.

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Davis was last seen just days after Gaybrion

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was released from jail.

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Missing person number two, John Weeks.

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Weeks was an acquaintance of Gaybrion's,

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who had asked Rachel out on a date

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a few weeks prior to her death.

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His name came up when we were attempting

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to identify the individual that might have picked Rachel up

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on June 3rd from the Timmerman residence.

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In our efforts to locate him,

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we've come up against a stone wall

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and found out that he also was a missing person.

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No one has seen or heard from him

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since about the second or third week of June 1997.

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Curiously, that was around the same time

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Rachel and Shannon disappeared.

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The FBI was called in.

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They learned that Gaybrion had been using an alias,

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Robert Allen.

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Missing person number three, to no one's surprise,

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authorities discovered that the real Robert Allen

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had disappeared in 1995.

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October 1997, upstate New York,

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a major break in the case.

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FBI agents arrested Gaybrion.

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He had been cashing social security checks

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payable to Robert Allen.

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Days later, Gaybrion appeared

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at an identity hearing in New York.

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Initially, he denied he was Marvin Gaybrion.

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He has yet to be charged for any crimes

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he might have committed in Michigan.

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And he hasn't said a word concerning the fate of baby Shannon.

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The hardest part is just not knowing

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where your granddaughter is.

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It's how whole in your heart that needs to be filled.

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We know she's out there somewhere.

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We just want to know where she is.

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We want her back.

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Shannon Timmerman, Wayne Davis, John Weeks,

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Robert Allen.

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All missing, all with a common link, Marvin Gaybrion.

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Coincidence?

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Authorities believe it is highly unlikely.

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I'm Take Thee as my wedded husband.

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On a previous broadcast, we brought you

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the heartbreaking story of Margie Elizabeth Hamilton.

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In the spring of 1932,

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economic hardship forced 14-year-old Margie

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to marry a man nearly 50 years her senior.

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You may kiss the bride.

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The Loveless Union unexpectedly brought Margie a measure of joy

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when she gave birth to a baby boy, Benjamin Austin Baker.

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But her husband James did not share Margie's happiness.

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How can that be? Please.

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Behind her back, James put the child up for adoption.

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Even though 63 years have passed,

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Margie has never forgotten the son who was taken from her.

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Her daughter Lois hopes that time will not run out

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before Margie's last wish can come true.

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It would be so wonderful to be able to, you know,

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say, Mama, here's Spinney, here's your son.

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Within minutes of our broadcast,

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two viewers contacted our phone center

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to tell us that Benjamin Austin Baker

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once lived as a foster child in their home.

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The information he provided was enough for Lois Baker Lane

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to locate her long-lost brother in Everton, Washington.

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Benjamin Baker entered the foster care system at 18 months old

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and grew up just outside of Atlanta, Georgia.

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He later became a salesman, married, and started a family.

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Sadly, Benny has spent his entire life believing

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that his real mother had cruelly abandoned him.

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Recently, Benny boarded a plane for Colorado Springs

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to find out the truth.

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Hello there. Hello there.

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After six decades of separation,

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mother and son finally embrace their shared anguish

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evaporating in an outpouring of love.

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It's a long time.

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Yeah.

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I wanted this day to happen for my mama.

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And I can't even put it into words how I feel.

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I just, you know, I am just so happy that we finally found him.

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There's our...

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I had given up a long time ago that I'd ever see them.

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So it feels great. It's something I never imagined would ever happen.

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The last one I got was this one.

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Yeah.

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I tried so many years to find him,

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but I prayed a lot that it would happen.

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I'm just glad that I have got to see him,

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and he's well and happy,

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and that we can be together before my time comes.

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