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00:00:04,500 --> 00:00:07,240

Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries.

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00:00:11,180 --> 00:00:13,940

Two seemingly unrelated murder investigations

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00:00:13,940 --> 00:00:16,180

lay dormant in the files of neighboring Virginia

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00:00:16,180 --> 00:00:18,020

Police Departments.

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00:00:18,020 --> 00:00:20,920

Until a routine review of DNA evidence

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00:00:20,920 --> 00:00:23,740

proves that two cases have a common suspect

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00:00:23,740 --> 00:00:28,120

and the hunt is now on for a serial killer.

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00:00:28,120 --> 00:00:32,120

A factory in New Hampshire, an isolated security guard,

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00:00:32,120 --> 00:00:34,400

and a mysterious fire.

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00:00:34,400 --> 00:00:37,560

Elements of a baffling night to seize Curtis Pichon

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00:00:37,560 --> 00:00:40,700

vanished without a trace.

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00:00:40,700 --> 00:00:44,040

A Texas woman was robbed and murdered in her own driveway.

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00:00:44,040 --> 00:00:47,000

Lees were few when the case soon grew cold.

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00:00:47,000 --> 00:00:49,280

Now more than a decade later, Detective Robin

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00:00:49,280 --> 00:00:55,440

Toulton is in hot pursuit of Opal Zacharias' ruthless killer.

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00:00:55,560 --> 00:00:58,040

A 21-year-old Louisiana college student

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00:00:58,040 --> 00:01:01,720

disappears after a night of partying in Shreveport.

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

Who are the two men with whom she was reportedly last seen?

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00:01:05,320 --> 00:01:08,000

Could her ex-boyfriend have been involved?

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00:01:08,000 --> 00:01:11,600

Where is Wendy Elizabeth Long?

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00:01:11,600 --> 00:01:14,160

Join me for these stories and more.

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00:01:14,160 --> 00:01:17,080

Perhaps you may be the one to solve a mystery.

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00:01:55,440 --> 00:01:58,440

The Story of the Wounded Man

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00:01:58,440 --> 00:02:02,920

December 6, a worker surveying an out-of-the-way wooded property

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00:02:02,920 --> 00:02:06,120

in Fairfax County, Virginia makes a gruesome discovery.

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00:02:10,120 --> 00:02:12,160

The partially clothed body of a young woman

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00:02:12,160 --> 00:02:13,720

lays sprawled in a clearing.

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00:02:14,720 --> 00:02:17,960

She has been shot, and it appears she has been sexually

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00:02:17,960 --> 00:02:19,280

assaulted.

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00:02:19,280 --> 00:02:22,560

Her jeans, purse, and red shoes are piled neatly nearby.

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00:02:25,160 --> 00:02:28,360

Once the police arrived on the scene,

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00:02:28,360 --> 00:02:31,720

they began coordinating off the area.

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00:02:31,720 --> 00:02:33,720

This area is just a small area.

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00:02:33,720 --> 00:02:36,720

The police are looking for a new place to hide.

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00:02:36,720 --> 00:02:39,720

The police are looking for a new place to hide.

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00:02:39,720 --> 00:02:42,720

They began coordinating off the area.

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00:02:42,720 --> 00:02:44,720

This area is just too far off the beaten path

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00:02:44,720 --> 00:02:45,720

for most people to come.

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00:02:45,720 --> 00:02:47,720

As they were stretching the crime scene tape

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00:02:47,720 --> 00:02:53,520

and walking the area, they discovered a second body nearby.

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00:02:53,520 --> 00:02:57,680

The young man has been shot once in the head, execution style.

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00:02:57,680 --> 00:03:01,760

Like the woman, he carries no identification.

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00:03:01,760 --> 00:03:04,680

The victim will soon be identified as 22-year-old College

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00:03:04,680 --> 00:03:08,320

Sweethearts, Rachel Raver, and Warren Fulton.

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00:03:08,320 --> 00:03:10,120

The baffling murders have remained unsolved

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00:03:10,120 --> 00:03:12,440

for more than a decade.

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00:03:12,440 --> 00:03:15,360

But recently, dramatic advances in forensic science

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00:03:15,360 --> 00:03:18,440

and an incredible connection to a previous unsolved mystery

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00:03:18,440 --> 00:03:21,440

story produced a major break in the case.

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00:03:24,280 --> 00:03:27,560

Warren Fulton was a captain of the George Washington University

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00:03:27,560 --> 00:03:33,280

baseball team and hoped to one day play in the major leagues.

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00:03:33,280 --> 00:03:36,520

Rachel Raver was a vivacious, well-liked, recent graduate

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00:03:36,520 --> 00:03:40,800

of George Washington who was planning to go to law school.

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00:03:40,800 --> 00:03:43,240

She and Warren had met at a local hangout

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00:03:43,240 --> 00:03:44,840

and had been dating for several months.

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00:03:44,840 --> 00:03:47,560

Bye, guys.

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00:03:47,560 --> 00:03:50,400

On December 3rd, Rachel and Warren met friends for drinks

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00:03:50,400 --> 00:03:51,840

at a Washington DC bar.

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00:03:51,840 --> 00:03:52,800

I can't like that.

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00:03:52,800 --> 00:03:54,160

I love it.

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00:03:54,160 --> 00:03:55,040

And he was nuts.

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00:03:55,040 --> 00:03:57,320

At 12 30 AM, they called it a night

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00:03:57,320 --> 00:04:01,680

and were last seen walking to their car.

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00:04:01,680 --> 00:04:04,640

It's my belief that they probably encountered someone near

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00:04:04,640 --> 00:04:07,680

their car or on their way to the car.

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00:04:07,680 --> 00:04:10,720

Investigators theorize that Rachel and Warren were probably

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00:04:10,720 --> 00:04:13,720

abducted at gunpoint and forced to drive from Washington

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00:04:13,720 --> 00:04:17,680

into the Virginia suburbs west of the city.

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00:04:17,680 --> 00:04:19,360

Just tell us where you want us to go.

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00:04:19,360 --> 00:04:21,640

Can we just give him the car?

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00:04:21,640 --> 00:04:22,640

I want to get out of the car.

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00:04:22,640 --> 00:04:23,640

I just want to get out.

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00:04:23,640 --> 00:04:24,840

I do too, sweetie.

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00:04:24,840 --> 00:04:27,040

The terrifying ride would have covered a distance

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00:04:27,040 --> 00:04:28,280

of about 20 miles.

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00:04:28,920 --> 00:04:31,280

Once at the obscure wooded site, police

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00:04:31,280 --> 00:04:34,320

believe the gunman apparently wasted no time.

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00:04:34,320 --> 00:04:35,320

Come on.

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00:04:38,320 --> 00:04:40,280

OK, just can you leave us here and take the car?

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00:04:40,280 --> 00:04:41,280

Don't hurt us, please.

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00:04:44,280 --> 00:04:48,280

Warren was probably killed as soon as they got into the woods.

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00:04:51,280 --> 00:04:53,280

Rachel would have seen that.

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00:04:53,280 --> 00:04:55,280

We thought she was going to be killed.

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00:04:56,280 --> 00:04:58,280

Rachel would have seen that.

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00:04:58,280 --> 00:05:00,280

We think probably at that point she ran.

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00:05:11,280 --> 00:05:14,280

After mortally wounding Rachel, the killer

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00:05:14,280 --> 00:05:17,280

then sexually assaulted her.

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00:05:17,280 --> 00:05:21,280

Police believe the assailant fled in Rachel's car,

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00:05:21,280 --> 00:05:24,280

but he unknowingly left clues to his identity.

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00:05:24,280 --> 00:05:29,280

Seaman recovered from Rachel's body contains his DNA.

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00:05:29,280 --> 00:05:31,280

A single hair retrieved at autopsy

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00:05:31,280 --> 00:05:35,280

revealed the killer's race, African American.

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00:05:35,280 --> 00:05:37,280

And his choice of location for the murder scene

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00:05:37,280 --> 00:05:39,280

told investigators he was probably

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00:05:39,280 --> 00:05:42,280

familiar with the surroundings.

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00:05:42,280 --> 00:05:44,280

The area where the bodies was found

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00:05:44,280 --> 00:05:49,280

was very close to the Dulles toll road,

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00:05:49,280 --> 00:05:52,280

a major road that runs from interstate highway

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00:05:52,280 --> 00:05:54,280

to Dulles airport.

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00:05:54,280 --> 00:05:56,280

However, the area where the bodies were specifically

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00:05:56,280 --> 00:05:59,280

is very secluded.

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00:05:59,280 --> 00:06:01,280

And you would not have known about that area

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00:06:01,280 --> 00:06:05,280

if you weren't familiar with this particular area.

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00:06:05,280 --> 00:06:07,280

Two days after the bodies were found,

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00:06:07,280 --> 00:06:09,280

the Fulton and Rayver families

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00:06:09,280 --> 00:06:12,280

had their worst fears confirmed.

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00:06:12,280 --> 00:06:14,280

In time, Rachel's mother Veronica

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00:06:14,280 --> 00:06:18,280

would channel her grief into action.

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00:06:18,280 --> 00:06:20,280

I didn't feel angry for several months,

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00:06:20,280 --> 00:06:24,280

and then one day I got up and I got mad.

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00:06:24,280 --> 00:06:28,280

And my attitude was, who the hell does he think he is?

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00:06:28,280 --> 00:06:31,280

And that's when I started healing and looking for him.

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00:06:31,280 --> 00:06:34,280

Along with Rachel's sister Dee Dee,

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00:06:34,280 --> 00:06:36,280

Veronica became obsessed with seeing

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00:06:36,280 --> 00:06:38,280

that Rachel and Warren's killer was caught.

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00:06:38,280 --> 00:06:40,280

The Rayvers immersed themselves

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00:06:40,280 --> 00:06:42,280

in every detail of the case.

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00:06:42,280 --> 00:06:44,280

What's Marshall?

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00:06:44,280 --> 00:06:46,280

Oh, there's an article here about a suspect

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00:06:46,280 --> 00:06:49,280

who killed a young girl, no rape.

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00:06:50,280 --> 00:06:52,280

The date was roughed up, he wasn't killed, so...

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00:06:52,280 --> 00:06:54,280

It's not the same thing.

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00:06:54,280 --> 00:06:57,280

Yeah, I know, I know. We'll get it, we'll do it.

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00:06:57,280 --> 00:06:59,280

I'm gonna do it.

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00:06:59,280 --> 00:07:01,280

Believing that Rachel's missing car

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00:07:01,280 --> 00:07:03,280

was a key to solving the case.

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00:07:03,280 --> 00:07:05,280

The Rayvers focused their search on finding it.

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00:07:05,280 --> 00:07:08,280

And even though she lived in suburban New York City,

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00:07:08,280 --> 00:07:10,280

Veronica Rayver spent her free time

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00:07:10,280 --> 00:07:13,280

driving the streets and highways around Washington

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00:07:13,280 --> 00:07:15,280

looking for that car.

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00:07:15,280 --> 00:07:18,280

Going down to D.C. I would stop, you know,

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00:07:18,280 --> 00:07:21,280

at those wayside rest areas.

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00:07:21,280 --> 00:07:23,280

And I'd go through every parking lot,

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00:07:23,280 --> 00:07:25,280

all the way down to D.C., all the way back

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00:07:25,280 --> 00:07:27,280

on the other side of the highway.

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00:07:27,280 --> 00:07:29,280

I was obsessed.

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00:07:30,280 --> 00:07:32,280

Just as hopes were dwindling,

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00:07:32,280 --> 00:07:34,280

six weeks after the murders,

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00:07:34,280 --> 00:07:36,280

there was a major break in the case

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00:07:36,280 --> 00:07:38,280

from an unlikely source.

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00:07:38,280 --> 00:07:41,280

I came home from work and I took the mail.

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00:07:41,280 --> 00:07:46,280

It's from, you know, the motor vehicle for tickets.

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00:07:51,280 --> 00:07:54,280

And when I opened it up, I thought, whoa.

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00:07:56,280 --> 00:07:58,280

Oh, God.

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00:07:59,280 --> 00:08:02,280

Norm, it's the car.

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00:08:04,280 --> 00:08:06,280

Rachel Rayver's missing Toyota sedan

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00:08:06,280 --> 00:08:08,280

had been ticketed for illegal parking

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00:08:08,280 --> 00:08:10,280

on a street in Queensville.

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00:08:11,280 --> 00:08:13,280

In the late 19th century,

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00:08:13,280 --> 00:08:16,280

the car was taken to Queens, New York.

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00:08:16,280 --> 00:08:19,280

The date on the ticket was the day after the murders

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00:08:19,280 --> 00:08:22,280

and two days before the bodies were discovered.

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00:08:23,280 --> 00:08:27,280

The car was sitting unattended on a New York City street

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00:08:27,280 --> 00:08:29,280

so you can imagine what happened to it.

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00:08:29,280 --> 00:08:32,280

By the time it was recovered, there wasn't much left of it.

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00:08:35,280 --> 00:08:37,280

The car was taken to a garage in New York City

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00:08:37,280 --> 00:08:39,280

where it was processed extensively.

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00:08:40,280 --> 00:08:42,280

And we weren't able to identify anyone

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00:08:42,280 --> 00:08:46,280

so basically we came away with no clues from the car.

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00:08:52,280 --> 00:08:54,280

Despite the latest setback,

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00:08:54,280 --> 00:08:56,280

Veronica Rayver refused to give up.

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00:08:58,280 --> 00:09:01,280

Almost a full year after the murders,

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00:09:01,280 --> 00:09:05,280

an episode of Unsolved Mysteries caught her attention.

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00:09:05,280 --> 00:09:07,280

On May 10th, 1988,

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

the body of an unknown young woman

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00:09:09,280 --> 00:09:12,280

was found in an Arlington, Virginia, schoolyard.

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00:09:12,280 --> 00:09:14,280

She had been sexually assaulted

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00:09:14,280 --> 00:09:17,280

and shot once at point blank range.

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00:09:17,280 --> 00:09:20,280

She was sexually assaulted and then murdered.

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00:09:22,280 --> 00:09:24,280

The victim was subsequently identified

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00:09:24,280 --> 00:09:27,280

as 24-year-old Tina Jefferson,

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00:09:27,280 --> 00:09:30,280

a newcomer to the Washington, D.C. area.

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00:09:30,280 --> 00:09:33,280

One good suspect admitted that he had seen her

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00:09:33,280 --> 00:09:35,280

the day that she was killed

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00:09:35,280 --> 00:09:37,280

and he was able to describe her

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00:09:37,280 --> 00:09:39,280

all the way down to her red shoes.

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00:09:40,280 --> 00:09:44,280

Unsolved Mysteries came on about this young woman

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00:09:44,280 --> 00:09:48,280

who had been shot and I don't know what attracted me.

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00:09:48,280 --> 00:09:50,280

I think it was the date.

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00:09:50,280 --> 00:09:54,280

The date was also Rachel's birthday that got my attention.

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00:09:54,280 --> 00:09:56,280

It's something about it.

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00:09:56,280 --> 00:09:58,280

I called up my daughter Dee Dee

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00:09:58,280 --> 00:10:01,280

and asked her to check on this.

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00:10:01,280 --> 00:10:04,280

You know, something about it bothered me.

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00:10:05,280 --> 00:10:07,280

When I spoke to the detective about it,

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00:10:07,280 --> 00:10:10,280

he told me that he had looked into the case too

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00:10:10,280 --> 00:10:12,280

because it bothered him a lot.

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00:10:12,280 --> 00:10:14,280

But the case was so different

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00:10:14,280 --> 00:10:17,280

and her killers seemed to know her.

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00:10:17,280 --> 00:10:20,280

And we assumed that in Rachel's case

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00:10:20,280 --> 00:10:22,280

that it was a stranger.

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00:10:22,280 --> 00:10:26,280

The discrepancies between the cases were significant.

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00:10:26,280 --> 00:10:28,280

Rachel Raver was white

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00:10:28,280 --> 00:10:31,280

while Tina Jefferson was African-American.

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00:10:31,280 --> 00:10:34,280

Rachel was in the company of her boyfriend.

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00:10:34,280 --> 00:10:36,280

Tina was alone.

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00:10:36,280 --> 00:10:39,280

And while investigators believed Tina knew her killer,

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00:10:39,280 --> 00:10:42,280

it was suspected that the attack on Rachel and Warren

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00:10:42,280 --> 00:10:44,280

had been random.

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00:10:46,280 --> 00:10:47,280

Years would pass

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00:10:47,280 --> 00:10:50,280

and both murder investigations would grow cold

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00:10:50,280 --> 00:10:53,280

until one day in the spring of 2000.

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00:10:53,280 --> 00:10:58,280

A technician at Biotech 2, Virginia's state DNA lab,

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00:10:58,280 --> 00:11:01,280

was routinely running comparisons on samples

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00:11:01,280 --> 00:11:04,280

created by law enforcement agencies.

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00:11:04,280 --> 00:11:06,280

She was able to develop the most vital lead

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00:11:06,280 --> 00:11:09,280

either of these cases that had to that date

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00:11:09,280 --> 00:11:14,280

and also prove Veronica Raver's instincts were on the mark.

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00:11:14,280 --> 00:11:17,280

I received a phone call from the serologist at our lab

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00:11:17,280 --> 00:11:20,280

and she says, I've got good news and I've got bad news.

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00:11:20,280 --> 00:11:23,280

The good news is we got a hit

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00:11:23,280 --> 00:11:26,280

on your case in the Virginia data bank.

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00:11:26,280 --> 00:11:30,280

The bad news is the hit is on another unsolved homicide.

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00:11:31,280 --> 00:11:35,280

That other unsolved homicide was a murder of Tina Jefferson.

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00:11:35,280 --> 00:11:37,280

It was now scientifically proven.

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00:11:37,280 --> 00:11:40,280

Rachel, Raver and Warren Fulton were murdered

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00:11:40,280 --> 00:11:43,280

by the same person who killed Tina.

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00:11:43,280 --> 00:11:46,280

Investigators also now had confirmation

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00:11:46,280 --> 00:11:49,280

that a serial killer was on the loose.

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00:11:49,280 --> 00:11:52,280

My husband got a phone call from the detectives

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00:11:52,280 --> 00:11:56,280

and they told him that they had a cold DNA hit.

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00:11:56,280 --> 00:12:00,280

And it matched another case that was seven months after

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00:12:00,280 --> 00:12:04,280

our daughter Tina and it was the Fulton and the Raver's case.

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00:12:04,280 --> 00:12:10,280

And shortly afterwards, Deidre Raver got in touch with us.

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00:12:10,280 --> 00:12:14,280

When I met the Jeffersons, it was as if I had known them for years.

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00:12:14,280 --> 00:12:18,280

And we feel as though we've been grieving together

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00:12:18,280 --> 00:12:20,280

for the last 12 years.

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00:12:20,280 --> 00:12:22,280

On Rachel's birthday, their daughter was murdered

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00:12:22,280 --> 00:12:24,280

and for the last 12 years,

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00:12:24,280 --> 00:12:27,280

we've been grieving on the very same day.

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00:12:27,280 --> 00:12:29,280

The Raver's and Jeffersons now had hopes

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00:12:29,280 --> 00:12:31,280

that this new development would lead to

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00:12:31,280 --> 00:12:34,280

a successful resolution of their cases.

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00:12:34,280 --> 00:12:38,280

Once we make the DNA link between these murders

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00:12:38,280 --> 00:12:42,280

and then we can go back and we can closer examine these murders,

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00:12:42,280 --> 00:12:46,280

we start to see some small similarities.

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00:12:48,280 --> 00:12:51,280

The red shoes, I think, are fascinating.

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00:12:51,280 --> 00:12:54,280

I think it's probably more than coincidental though

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00:12:54,280 --> 00:12:57,280

that they were both wearing red shoes.

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00:12:57,280 --> 00:12:59,280

In the Arlington County case,

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00:12:59,280 --> 00:13:02,280

they have a composite drawing of a suspect.

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00:13:02,280 --> 00:13:06,280

They have a face to go with the DNA and we never had that before.

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00:13:06,280 --> 00:13:10,280

Witnesses described him as a clean-cut bodybuilder type,

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00:13:10,280 --> 00:13:14,280

an African American approximately 6'3 inches tall

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00:13:14,280 --> 00:13:17,280

and weighing 170 pounds.

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00:13:18,280 --> 00:13:22,280

Tina Jefferson was last seen alive in his presence.

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00:13:24,280 --> 00:13:28,280

The Ravens and the Jeffersons have been revitalized by the DNA link

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00:13:28,280 --> 00:13:30,280

and are now more hopeful than ever

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00:13:30,280 --> 00:13:33,280

that the killer of their loved ones will be caught.

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00:13:33,280 --> 00:13:37,280

I won't rest until he's found.

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00:13:37,280 --> 00:13:40,280

I really won't have any peace until he's found.

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00:13:40,280 --> 00:13:45,280

He's an evil predator, an evil perverted predator.

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00:13:45,280 --> 00:13:47,280

He's dangerous.

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00:13:47,280 --> 00:13:51,280

I like for him to go through the pain and the hurt

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00:13:51,280 --> 00:13:54,280

that I have gone through for 13 years.

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00:13:54,280 --> 00:14:00,280

I would like to see him face to face.

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00:14:16,280 --> 00:14:19,280

Seebrook, New Hampshire, 142 a.m.

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00:14:19,280 --> 00:14:22,280

The unexpected disrupts a normally tedious

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00:14:22,280 --> 00:14:26,280

graveyard shift of security guard Curtis Pichon.

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00:14:26,280 --> 00:14:29,280

2911, report a car fire.

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00:14:29,280 --> 00:14:35,280

His car is inexplicably burst into flames.

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00:14:36,280 --> 00:14:39,280

Curtis, a former police officer,

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00:14:39,280 --> 00:14:42,280

informs the fire department that he has no idea

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00:14:42,280 --> 00:14:44,280

how his car caught on fire.

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00:14:44,280 --> 00:14:47,280

The firefighters notice it under the circumstances.

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00:14:47,280 --> 00:14:50,280

He seems curiously subdued.

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00:14:50,280 --> 00:14:53,280

He's been in the car for a long time.

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00:14:53,280 --> 00:14:56,280

He's been in the car for a long time.

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00:14:56,280 --> 00:14:59,280

He's been in the car for a long time.

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00:14:59,280 --> 00:15:02,280

He's been in the car for a long time.

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00:15:02,280 --> 00:15:05,280

He seems curiously subdued.

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00:15:05,280 --> 00:15:08,280

Two hours after the firefighters leave the scene,

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00:15:08,280 --> 00:15:10,280

the mystery deepens.

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00:15:10,280 --> 00:15:15,280

Curtis abruptly disappears without a trace.

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The whole disappearance is confusing.

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00:15:18,280 --> 00:15:21,280

The car fire is confusing

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00:15:21,280 --> 00:15:25,280

because even without the car fire,

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00:15:25,280 --> 00:15:27,280

there's no clues here.

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00:15:27,280 --> 00:15:31,280

This is a worse nightmare for any investigator

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00:15:31,280 --> 00:15:36,280

because there's not that tangible lead to go on

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00:15:36,280 --> 00:15:40,280

and an entire family that wants the answers

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00:15:40,280 --> 00:15:44,280

and deserves the answers and hasn't been able to get them.

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00:15:44,280 --> 00:15:47,280

What happened to Curtis Pichon?

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00:15:47,280 --> 00:15:50,280

Every possibility considered by investigators

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00:15:50,280 --> 00:15:52,280

led to a dead end.

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00:15:52,280 --> 00:15:55,280

They thought Curtis might have purposely destroyed his car

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00:15:55,280 --> 00:15:57,280

before engineering his own disappearance,

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00:15:57,280 --> 00:16:00,280

but they found no other way for him to leave the remote factory

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00:16:00,280 --> 00:16:02,280

where he worked.

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00:16:02,280 --> 00:16:06,280

They considered suicide, but where was his body?

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00:16:06,280 --> 00:16:09,280

They also believed Curtis could have been abducted,

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00:16:09,280 --> 00:16:13,280

but there was no evidence supporting that conclusion.

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For ten years, Curtis Pichon cherished his career

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00:16:16,280 --> 00:16:19,280

as a police officer.

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00:16:19,280 --> 00:16:22,280

Then he was stricken with multiple sclerosis,

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00:16:22,280 --> 00:16:26,280

a painful muscular disorder that severely limited his mobility.

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00:16:26,280 --> 00:16:28,280

The disease progressed to the point

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00:16:28,280 --> 00:16:31,280

where he could no longer accurately fire his gun.

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00:16:31,280 --> 00:16:34,280

He had no choice but to turn in his badge.

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00:16:34,280 --> 00:16:38,280

I've never seen Curtis so devastated in my life.

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00:16:38,280 --> 00:16:41,280

His personality changed.

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00:16:41,280 --> 00:16:44,280

He became sort of a quieter,

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00:16:44,280 --> 00:16:47,280

and I don't think even up to the time of his disappearance,

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00:16:47,280 --> 00:16:50,280

he really knew what he was going to do the rest of his life.

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00:16:53,280 --> 00:16:55,280

Hey, Curtis. How you doing?

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00:16:55,280 --> 00:16:56,280

How are you?

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00:16:56,280 --> 00:17:00,280

According to his family, Curtis became depressed and withdrawn.

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00:17:00,280 --> 00:17:03,280

After taking on a frustrating series of odd jobs,

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00:17:03,280 --> 00:17:08,280

he found a new sense of satisfaction as a factory security guard.

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00:17:08,280 --> 00:17:11,280

The job's physical requirements were less stringent

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00:17:11,280 --> 00:17:13,280

than those of a police officer,

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00:17:13,280 --> 00:17:16,280

and he was not required to carry a gun.

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00:17:16,280 --> 00:17:19,280

The night he vanished began like every other.

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00:17:19,280 --> 00:17:24,280

At midnight, two and a half hours into his shift, all was normal.

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00:17:24,280 --> 00:17:25,280

How's it going, Curtis?

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00:17:25,280 --> 00:17:26,280

It's going good. How about you?

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00:17:26,280 --> 00:17:27,280

Busy?

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00:17:27,280 --> 00:17:28,280

No, sir.

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00:17:28,280 --> 00:17:29,280

Quiet as a mouse.

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At 1.42 a.m., C. Brook firefighters responded to Curtis' call for help.

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00:17:41,280 --> 00:17:46,280

He pretty much said that he saw a bunch of smoke and some flame,

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00:17:46,280 --> 00:17:48,280

and then he went to find a fire extinguisher

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00:17:48,280 --> 00:17:50,280

and then went to put the fire out.

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00:17:50,280 --> 00:17:56,280

One fire extinguisher is not going to have much effect,

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00:17:56,280 --> 00:17:59,280

but we did notice that he did try to put out the fire.

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00:17:59,280 --> 00:18:02,280

There have been cases where security guards,

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00:18:02,280 --> 00:18:05,280

building superintendents and things like that

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00:18:05,280 --> 00:18:10,280

intentionally set fires and put them out just to get recognition.

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00:18:10,280 --> 00:18:16,280

But I don't have any idea or gut feeling how the fire started

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00:18:16,280 --> 00:18:21,280

or why the case ended up the way it did.

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00:18:21,280 --> 00:18:25,280

When the firefighters arrived on scene, they had conversation with him,

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00:18:25,280 --> 00:18:30,280

and they found him to be totally accepting almost.

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00:18:30,280 --> 00:18:37,280

It was...he was not in the least upset or did not appear to be upset.

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00:18:37,280 --> 00:18:40,280

Curtis' stoic behavior was all the more curious

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00:18:40,280 --> 00:18:45,280

because his car, as always, had been cluttered with many of his possessions.

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00:18:45,280 --> 00:18:50,280

His family said he had the odd habit of using it to store what he treasured most.

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00:18:50,280 --> 00:18:55,280

Curtis' reaction to the fire, I find surprising.

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00:18:55,280 --> 00:19:01,280

I would think that if he had seen his car on fire with his belongings in it,

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00:19:01,280 --> 00:19:04,280

that he would have been very upset.

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00:19:04,280 --> 00:19:08,280

I would think he would have been almost in tears and in shame,

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00:19:08,280 --> 00:19:13,280

and I can't believe he was quiet, timid.

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00:19:16,280 --> 00:19:19,280

Two and a half hours after the fire was extinguished,

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00:19:19,280 --> 00:19:22,280

the factory's security supervisor checked on Curtis.

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00:19:22,280 --> 00:19:25,280

Are you all right?

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00:19:25,280 --> 00:19:29,280

Yeah, you OK? Yeah.

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00:19:29,280 --> 00:19:35,280

He left Curtis at 3.25 a.m.

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00:19:35,280 --> 00:19:38,280

Twenty minutes later, 3.45,

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00:19:38,280 --> 00:19:44,280

a factory worker was the first to notice that Curtis was missing.

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00:19:46,280 --> 00:19:53,280

An exhaustive search of the factory and the surrounding area turned up nothing.

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Our very first thoughts about what happened to Curtis

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00:19:56,280 --> 00:20:00,280

was that he could have taken his own life,

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00:20:00,280 --> 00:20:04,280

he could have wandered off, or he could have been abducted.

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00:20:04,280 --> 00:20:07,280

One thing that we thought of in terms of trying to flush out

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00:20:07,280 --> 00:20:12,280

that the suicide scenario was the fact that he had purchased this pistol

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00:20:12,280 --> 00:20:16,280

just, I guess, a few days prior to his disappearance.

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Curtis bought the 9mm gun from his father, Nicholas.

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Suicide was a possibility with somebody in Curtis' condition.

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00:20:25,280 --> 00:20:29,280

With him as he had lost the job that he wanted all his life,

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00:20:29,280 --> 00:20:33,280

but his mood on the weekend that he did pick up the gun and everything

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00:20:33,280 --> 00:20:36,280

seemed to be more happy, more pleased with himself.

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00:20:36,280 --> 00:20:39,280

I'm doing good, Dad.

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00:20:39,280 --> 00:20:42,280

Suicide seemed a likely solution.

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00:20:42,280 --> 00:20:45,280

However, Curtis' gun could not be found.

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00:20:45,280 --> 00:20:49,280

Police could find no trace of it in his car or in his apartment.

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00:20:51,280 --> 00:20:55,280

Then, as Curtis' family cleaned out his cluttered residence,

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00:20:55,280 --> 00:20:57,280

they made a surprising discovery.

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00:20:57,280 --> 00:20:59,280

I think I found what we were looking for.

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00:20:59,280 --> 00:21:02,280

Once I discovered the weapon,

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00:21:02,280 --> 00:21:07,280

I think that we eliminated the likelihood that Curtis had taken his own life.

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00:21:07,280 --> 00:21:12,280

Now we had narrowed it down to, I believe, one of two things.

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00:21:12,280 --> 00:21:18,280

One that Curtis broke down mentally and had wandered off.

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And then the other one was, of course, a much darker scenario

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00:21:23,280 --> 00:21:27,280

where Curtis was abducted and probably murdered.

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The first possibility, the Curtis had suffered a mental collapse,

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00:21:32,280 --> 00:21:37,280

prompted investigators to focus once again on the mysterious fire.

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00:21:37,280 --> 00:21:42,280

They believed Curtis might have accidentally started it,

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00:21:42,280 --> 00:21:48,280

then became so despondent over losing his prized possessions that he simply walked away.

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00:21:48,280 --> 00:21:53,280

There is absolutely no way that Curtis would have, or even could have,

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00:21:53,280 --> 00:21:57,280

wandered off by himself under these circumstances.

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00:21:57,280 --> 00:22:01,280

Curtis was a smoker. Smokers don't leave cigarettes.

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00:22:01,280 --> 00:22:05,280

You don't go anywhere without your cigarettes. It doesn't happen.

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00:22:05,280 --> 00:22:07,280

So he didn't just walk off.

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00:22:07,280 --> 00:22:12,280

And he had deteriorated enough that he probably physically couldn't probably walk two miles,

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00:22:12,280 --> 00:22:15,280

let alone want to do it.

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There are histories of individuals who we do not anticipate

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00:22:21,280 --> 00:22:27,280

can travel any extended distance, who in fact are located several miles away

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00:22:27,280 --> 00:22:31,280

from their original starting point.

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00:22:31,280 --> 00:22:35,280

I would tend to doubt it, but it is possible.

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The possibility remained that Curtis called for a taxi

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00:22:39,280 --> 00:22:42,280

or hitched a ride on a truck leaving the factory.

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But investigators discovered that no cabs or company trucks left the plant during Curtis's shift.

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00:22:48,280 --> 00:22:51,280

One disturbing possibility remained.

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00:22:51,280 --> 00:22:55,280

The Curtis was abducted and murdered.

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00:22:55,280 --> 00:22:59,280

I think Curtis went to work like he always did that night.

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00:22:59,280 --> 00:23:04,280

And I think that he probably, in carrying out his duties,

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00:23:04,280 --> 00:23:06,280

saw something that he shouldn't have.

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00:23:06,280 --> 00:23:13,280

And he probably carried out his true duty of either getting ready to report it or call it in.

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00:23:13,280 --> 00:23:16,280

And he was attacked.

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00:23:16,280 --> 00:23:19,280

And he couldn't defend himself.

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00:23:20,280 --> 00:23:24,280

Investigators exploring the possibility of foul play

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00:23:24,280 --> 00:23:29,280

found that a door and two vending machines had been damaged during Curtis's shift.

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But who caused the damage remains unknown.

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00:23:32,280 --> 00:23:39,280

With regard to criminal activity that Curtis may have encountered, anything is possible.

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00:23:39,280 --> 00:23:49,280

One individual that we spoke with took note about 3.30 of two vehicles departing the premises.

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00:23:49,280 --> 00:23:53,280

My best guess is that somebody abducted him and did him in.

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00:23:53,280 --> 00:23:56,280

And they suppose that a body is such a way that it hasn't shown up yet.

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00:23:59,280 --> 00:24:02,280

I don't have much hope that Curtis is alive.

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00:24:02,280 --> 00:24:06,280

I think if he was alive he would have reached out already

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00:24:06,280 --> 00:24:08,280

and he never would have put us through this.

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00:24:08,280 --> 00:24:11,280

It would be very difficult if he had been killed in a plane crash.

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00:24:11,280 --> 00:24:14,280

But I have no idea what happened to him.

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00:24:14,280 --> 00:24:17,280

It would be even more difficult.

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00:24:17,280 --> 00:24:20,280

I miss my brother. I miss Curtis.

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00:24:20,280 --> 00:24:22,280

I was his best friend.

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00:24:22,280 --> 00:24:25,280

And I miss him. I miss him very much.

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00:24:29,280 --> 00:24:34,280

Curtis Pichon is 5'9 and weighs 165 pounds.

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00:24:34,280 --> 00:24:37,280

He has brown eyes and graying brown hair.

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8 a.m. Houston, Texas.

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

64-year-old Opal Zacharias left her home for work.

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00:24:52,280 --> 00:24:58,280

She had no idea that two men were lying in wait in her garage.

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00:25:09,280 --> 00:25:10,280

Who are you?

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00:25:10,280 --> 00:25:11,280

Get easy, lady.

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00:25:11,280 --> 00:25:12,280

What do you want?

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00:25:12,280 --> 00:25:13,280

Here, cool.

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00:25:13,280 --> 00:25:14,280

Yes.

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00:25:14,280 --> 00:25:16,280

Give us a punch!

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00:25:16,280 --> 00:25:18,280

Give us a punch!

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00:25:18,280 --> 00:25:22,280

The plan may have been to simply rob her, but there was a struggle.

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00:25:29,280 --> 00:25:34,280

Sadly, Opal Zacharias lost her life after being victimized by two cold-blooded assailants.

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00:25:35,280 --> 00:25:39,280

Stories like this happen in the United States far more often than we'd like to believe.

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00:25:39,280 --> 00:25:43,280

But what makes this case unique is that it currently rests in the expert hands

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00:25:43,280 --> 00:25:47,280

of one of the most successful cold case investigators in the country.

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00:25:50,280 --> 00:25:55,280

Her name is Robin Tallton, and she's one of this nation's toughest female cops.

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Over the years, the veteran detective has proven herself time and again

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00:25:59,280 --> 00:26:02,280

in an arena dominated by men.

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June 2000, a machine shop in Houston, Texas.

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00:26:12,280 --> 00:26:16,280

Plain clothes Harris County Sheriff Detective Tallton and her partner

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00:26:16,280 --> 00:26:20,280

responded to a tip that a wanted felon was on the premises.

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00:26:24,280 --> 00:26:29,280

We were told he had escaped three different times, so he was a known rabbit,

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00:26:29,280 --> 00:26:32,280

and we figured that he would run from us.

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The manager there was very cooperative.

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00:26:36,280 --> 00:26:39,280

He actually agreed to point the guy out.

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00:26:42,280 --> 00:26:45,280

Detective Tallton, Harris County, you're under arrest!

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00:26:45,280 --> 00:26:47,280

Let him go! I got him!

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00:26:52,280 --> 00:26:55,280

Although Detective Tallton knew she'd been injured,

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00:26:55,280 --> 00:26:59,280

she was determined to conceal her condition until the arrest was made.

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00:27:00,280 --> 00:27:04,280

The detective that was with me kept after the defendant, and he did get him,

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00:27:04,280 --> 00:27:08,280

and I did not want this crook to know that I was hurt.

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00:27:14,280 --> 00:27:17,280

We walked him down to where the unit was.

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00:27:22,280 --> 00:27:24,280

You okay?

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00:27:24,280 --> 00:27:26,280

Yeah, man, I'm hurt. I'm hurt bad.

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00:27:26,280 --> 00:27:28,280

Can you make it back to the car?

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00:27:29,280 --> 00:27:34,280

Apparently a burst of adrenaline masked the severity of Robin Tallton's injury.

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00:27:34,280 --> 00:27:37,280

She was stunned when doctors told her she chipped her left kneecap

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00:27:37,280 --> 00:27:40,280

and fractured the lower leg in two places.

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00:27:41,280 --> 00:27:44,280

This arrest would change her life.

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00:27:46,280 --> 00:27:48,280

You feeling okay? Yeah, all right.

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00:27:48,280 --> 00:27:51,280

While Detective Tallton recovered from her broken leg,

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00:27:51,280 --> 00:27:55,280

she was assigned with a newly created cold warrant unit.

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00:27:55,280 --> 00:28:00,280

What we'd like to do is get you to working on a computer

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00:28:00,280 --> 00:28:05,280

and see if we can find some new sources of information where we can find these guys.

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00:28:05,280 --> 00:28:10,280

Her new unit was set up to trace and apprehend Harris County's wanted felons.

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00:28:10,280 --> 00:28:14,280

Many of these criminals had been on the lam for more than a decade.

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The dramatic sudden shift in career might have shattered anyone else in Robin's shoes,

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00:28:20,280 --> 00:28:22,280

but the thought never crossed her mind.

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00:28:22,280 --> 00:28:26,280

From the start, she was driven to turn tragedy into triumph.

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00:28:26,280 --> 00:28:29,280

A desk job was not going to hamper her effectiveness.

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00:28:29,280 --> 00:28:31,280

Hey, I'm in. I'm in.

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00:28:31,280 --> 00:28:32,280

Okay, can we start tomorrow?

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00:28:32,280 --> 00:28:34,280

You can do that. Okay, great.

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00:28:34,280 --> 00:28:38,280

The veteran investigator with more than ten years as a street detective under her belt

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would now need to get accustomed to a couple of new partners,

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00:28:42,280 --> 00:28:44,280

a computer and the internet.

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Detective Tallton now found herself armed with faded warrants

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00:28:49,280 --> 00:28:51,280

and often obsolete information.

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However, she quickly proved to have a talent for tracking down long lost fugitives.

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00:28:59,280 --> 00:29:04,280

It's kind of like a game of, you know, catch me if you can.

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00:29:04,280 --> 00:29:09,280

Sometimes I start with just a name, an age range and an old address.

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00:29:09,280 --> 00:29:14,280

And I put together past acquaintances, family members,

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00:29:14,280 --> 00:29:17,280

trying to find somebody that could fit.

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00:29:17,280 --> 00:29:22,280

It's like putting the pieces together to see if it's going to make sense.

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00:29:22,280 --> 00:29:27,280

By the time I get the warrant, it's old enough that I feel like these guys have settled down

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00:29:27,280 --> 00:29:29,280

and they think they're safe.

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00:29:29,280 --> 00:29:33,280

The cold warrant unit is a little bit deceptive.

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It's not a band of detectives.

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It's one detective, Robin Tallton.

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00:29:40,280 --> 00:29:46,280

And after she does her research, we have about an 80% rate of arrest

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00:29:46,280 --> 00:29:48,280

once she handles those warrants.

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00:29:48,280 --> 00:29:50,280

Yeah, sure am.

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00:29:50,280 --> 00:29:53,280

To date, Detective Tallton's work with a cold warrant unit

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00:29:53,280 --> 00:29:57,280

has led to the arrests of more than 400 dangerous fugitives.

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00:29:57,280 --> 00:30:03,280

However, despite her successes, she's still challenged by the cases she has yet to crack,

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00:30:03,280 --> 00:30:07,280

like the 1987 ruthless murder of Opal Zacharias.

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00:30:09,280 --> 00:30:14,280

Even as Opal lay wounded on her driveway, the robbers were not finished with her.

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00:30:14,280 --> 00:30:20,280

From what I remember of the gunshot wound, apparently entered the fire

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00:30:20,280 --> 00:30:22,280

and came out the back of the hip.

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00:30:22,280 --> 00:30:25,280

So the shot itself was not a fatal shot.

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00:30:29,280 --> 00:30:34,280

But they had her purse and car keys and ended up stealing the car and backing over

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00:30:34,280 --> 00:30:36,280

and that's actually what killed her.

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00:30:45,280 --> 00:30:52,280

A witness reported seeing one of the men flee the scene by scaling a fence.

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Later that day, Opal Zacharias's abandoned car would be found.

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00:30:57,280 --> 00:31:02,280

However, at the time, it yielded no clues it would lead to Opal's killers.

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A year later, tips from an informant identified the murder suspects.

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00:31:08,280 --> 00:31:12,280

One of the men was apprehended living outside Houston.

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00:31:12,280 --> 00:31:16,280

Despite the fact that the man's fingerprints were on Opal Zacharias's car,

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00:31:16,280 --> 00:31:21,280

authorities could not physically connect him to the murder and he was released without charges.

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The alleged trigger man was identified as Lance Bedgood who was still at large.

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Robin Taughton tackled the case in 2001.

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While trying to locate Lance Bedgood, I came across some post office boxes,

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three in fact, that are still being looked at today.

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What we're assuming is that he's using three different post offices, basically is a mail drop,

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so he can keep in contact.

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Detective Taughton discovered the mail boxes are registered to three of Lance Bedgood's relatives,

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but paid for by a fourth.

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Well, I'm glad that the investigation hasn't been forgotten.

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The sad part is that Lance's life was taken and she didn't get to see the family grow up and mature, and that's sad.

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Lance Bedgood stands five foot nine inches tall.

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He has tattoos on his arms and legs as well as a scar over his left eye.

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He is wanted for the murder of Opal Zacharias.

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Bedgood should be considered armed and dangerous.

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On a Sunday spring afternoon in Cushar, Louisiana,

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Carol and Duke Long received a telephone call from a friend of their 21-year-old daughter Wendy.

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Good, listen, I don't want his car, I just wanted to know how to get it back to you guys.

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Where's Wendy?

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Hi, honey.

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Two days earlier, on Friday the 13th of April,

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Wendy had driven to Shreveport to shop and party with friends.

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Her parents expected her home by Sunday afternoon.

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Instead, they received news that as every parent's worst nightmare,

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Wendy had disappeared.

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I thought you was with you.

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No, I haven't seen her since Friday night.

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We called the police and told them that we thought something had happened to Wendy,

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and that's where it all started.

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Somebody knows where Wendy's at, and we just want to find her so bad.

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Wendy Long's disappearance is a classic missing person case.

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Because she is 21, Wendy is considered an adult.

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Until any proof of foul play is found,

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police cannot officially consider the case an abduction or a homicide.

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What happened to Wendy Elizabeth Long?

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Police and Wendy's parents seek your help to solve this agonizing mystery.

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In the spring of 2001, Wendy Long decided to take a semester off from college

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and was planning to continue her studies in the fall.

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During this time, Wendy lived with her parents.

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The Longs considered her strong willed, yet very open and friendly.

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One of her flaws may have been that she's too trusting.

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She thought everybody she met was her friend.

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She was one of those people that made friends with everybody.

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Shortly after noon on Friday, Wendy left her parents home,

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driving her own car and headed to Shreveport, 50 miles from Kusata.

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Following an afternoon of shopping, the three picked up another friend,

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Tommy, who lived in the Shreveport area.

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At approximately 11 p.m., they arrived at a Shreveport party.

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There was drinking at the party, and I'm told that Wendy had quite a bit to drink that night.

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So that when it came time for them to take Tommy back home,

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she didn't want to drive. In fact, she didn't want to go with them at all.

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She decided to stay where she was.

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Her two friends that she came to Shreveport with drove Tommy back to where he was staying at the time.

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After leaving Tommy, Wendy's friends had a run-in with the law.

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Their statement is that they went to get some food, and they were stopped by a state trooper.

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And one of the friends was arrested for DWI and taken to the Ben Jail.

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When questioned by police, Tommy explained that he was concerned that Wendy might be stranded at the party.

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He chose to drive his own vehicle to find Wendy and offer her a ride back home to Kusata.

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Tommy says Wendy accepted the offer. On the way, he stopped for gas and a quart of oil.

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When he came back out of the gas station, Wendy was talking to two young men in a black Chevy truck.

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Hey Tommy, come here. This is Mike and Zant.

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Tommy said that it appeared that she knew them, and Wendy told Tommy at that point not to worry about it,

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that she was going to go with them and they were going to get her home.

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Are you sure you know these guys?

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Yes, I'm sure I know these guys. I will get home okay.

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Just go home.

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Alright.

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According to Tommy, the last time he saw Wendy was when she left with the two men.

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This alleged sighting made Tommy the last person to see Wendy before she disappeared.

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Tommy agreed to take a polygraph test, which according to police, he passed.

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Tommy did extremely well on the polygraph.

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The polygraph examiner himself was very impressed with him and the details that he could remember.

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At that point, they decided that it would be beneficial to hypnotize Tommy to see what else he could remember.

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Under hypnosis, Tommy was able to provide a more detailed description of the black Chevy pickup truck

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and the appearance of the two men who took Wendy away.

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His recollection enabled a police artist to produce these sketches of the men,

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but no one has come forward to identify them.

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In further investigating Wendy's disappearance, police discovered a puzzling incident.

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On the day after Wendy vanished, her ex-boyfriend in Shreveport claims to have received a message from her on his answering machine.

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Hey Mark, this is Wendy.

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This is a milk-bleed connection.

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Hear me? Hello?

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He said that it sounded like she was on a cell phone and he didn't hear everything that she said.

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He did clearly hear the words, this is Wendy.

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He said the rest of it was very static and he erased the message.

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At that time, he didn't even know that Wendy was missing.

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Wendy longs missing persons' cases filled with many more questions than answers.

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A key question involves another of Wendy's ex-boyfriends.

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There are quite a few reports that indicate that there was some physical violence in between them.

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The thing that concerns me about Wendy's ex-boyfriend is the fact that another girlfriend of his came up missing years prior to his death.

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I knew this and that she was never found.

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But Wendy's ex-boyfriend apparently has an alibi.

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The boyfriend cannot be placed in Shreveport anytime that Friday or Saturday.

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I consider him to be suspect only because of the prior things that happened.

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For one Nelong's parents, the nightmare that began with a single phone call continues.

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We've had people call and said that they've been praying for us and praying for Wendy.

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I'm just trusting God to answer our prayers and to lead us to wherever Wendy might be.

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And I do still believe in miracles and I believe it can still be a miracle that Wendy could be alive.

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Update

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Eight months after Wendy's disappearance, Tommy, whose real name is Robert Stewart, was arrested for check fraud.

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Police began to re-question him about inconsistencies in the story he told about the last time he saw Wendy long.

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According to investigators, Stewart eventually broke down, confessed to the murder and pinpointed the location of Wendy's body.

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The story is now a special bulletin.

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We ask you to pay close attention to this story about a young woman who is missing.

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Perhaps you may be able to help authorities determine what happened the day Rachel Cook disappeared.

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On the morning of January 10, 2002,

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19-year-old Rachel Cook went jogging in her Georgetown, Texas neighborhood.

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She left her house at approximately 9.30 a.m., wearing a green sports bra, grey shorts, a grey shirt tied around her waist, white running shoes, and a bright yellow armband walkman.

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Witnesses spotted her at various points along her route that morning.

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The police found her in a small town in the middle of the street.

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She was 5'2", tall and weighs about 120 pounds.

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Her hair is blonde with dark, arbor streaks in it.

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She has hazel eyes.

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Rachel also has multiple piercings and bows in her head.

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She is a very tall woman, but she is a very tall woman.

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She is a very tall woman, but she is a very tall woman.

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She is a very tall woman, but she is a very tall woman, but she is a very tall woman.

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She has hazel eyes.

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Rachel also has multiple piercings in both ears, two heart-shaped cherry tattoos on her left shoulder, and a black star tattoo on her left foot.

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Hounders or cases like those you have seen have been solved with the help of our viewers.

