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The End

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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries

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A young man is mesmerized by a beautiful girl and begins a toyed relationship.

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Within a month, his body is found burning in a vacant lot.

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Did a brief love affair culminate in murder?

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According to police, this cunning countout has coolly walked out of an Alabama bank with a small fortune

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and never looked back. But this was no ordinary bank heist.

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It was a crime that took meticulous planning and daring execution.

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Today he's still on the lam and he may be in your community.

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Half a million dollars vanishes from eight automated teller machines in Indiana.

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So does the courier responsible for tending them.

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Was she a thief or the victim of a shadowy figure who forced her to do his bidding?

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A woman sets out to find the family she hasn't seen in over 45 years.

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That search triggers shocking memories of her violent and secret past.

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Join me for these intriguing cases and more, Unsolved Mysteries.

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A Fire Blazes in a Vacant Lot Outside of Chicago

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Smoldering Deep in the Flames is a scorched body wrapped in a partially burned tarpon bed sheet.

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The victim, a 22-year-old man with nothing in his hands,

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to suggest such a violent end, Oscar Velazquez.

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At the County Morgue, Oscars parents are faced with the most difficult task of their life,

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identifying the remains of their eldest son.

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I never thought I'd ever see a woman like her.

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I never thought we would find him there.

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He was a good kid.

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He never got into trouble.

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He didn't drink.

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He didn't smoke.

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He was different from the other kids in the neighborhood.

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Growing up, Oscar Velazquez had managed to avoid the gangs that infested his neighborhood.

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He was well respected in the neighborhood.

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He was well respected in the community and had a steady job as a truck driver.

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Oscar had also recently begun a new relationship with an attractive 18-year-old brunette.

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Her name? Regina DeFrancisco.

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Mr. DeFrancisco, would you have a seat, please, and your daughter?

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Investigators soon discover a troubling coincidence.

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Two days after Oscar's body was found,

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Regina's mother and 16-year-old sister Margaret

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filed a missing persons report for Regina DeFrancisco.

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She's been gone for two days.

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Has she ever taken off before?

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No.

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So this is the first time?

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Four days after the discovery of Oscar's body,

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the same detectives who were investigating his murder

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visited the house of the missing Regina DeFrancisco.

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While searching her home for any clues related to the teenager's disappearance,

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investigators made a startling discovery that linked Regina to the murder of Oscar Velazquez.

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Lo and behold, to our surprise, there was the matching pillowcases to the sheet

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that was used to wrap Oscar's body up in.

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And that's when our focus of our investigation switched to Regina herself.

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As police sought to solve the murder of Oscar Velazquez,

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they were soon confronted with a tangled web of sexual fantasy and homicidal impulse.

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At the centers, a strikingly attractive teenage girl

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whom police believe lured Oscar to his death.

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But why?

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Authorities are convinced that Regina DeFrancisco knows the answer,

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and they're asking for your help to find her.

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Hey, Oscar.

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Oh, hey.

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What up?

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How you doing?

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By all accounts, Oscar Velazquez lived a stable life.

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But that all apparently changed when he set eyes on Regina DeFrancisco.

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You look beautiful today.

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Thank you.

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Oscar thought she looked like a nice girl.

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In the short period of time, approximately three weeks,

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they only had maybe three or four dates.

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Oscar and Regina seemed to hit it off,

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and I think Oscar was blinded by Regina's good looks.

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But below the alluring surface, a storm was brewing.

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Regina apparently had another boyfriend,

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a gang member nicknamed Loco,

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and she needed \$1,000 to bail him out of jail.

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According to police, Regina decided to get the money from Oscar Velazquez,

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and she allegedly enlisted her sister Margaret in the scheme.

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Detectives believe Margaret told Oscar

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that it was Regina who was in jail and needed to be bailed out.

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Can you get us the money?

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I got \$1,000.

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Is that enough?

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Oscar being a loyal and true boyfriend that he thought he was

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didn't hesitate at all.

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Oscar gives Margaret the \$1,000.

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Margaret tells Oscar as soon as she bails Regina out of jail

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that Regina will call him.

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Regina did call Oscar, and the two went out on another date.

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Thank you so much, baby, for helping me.

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It's all right.

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No, I love you.

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You do?

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I'll do anything for you.

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Oscar allegedly asked Regina

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when she would pay him back the \$1,000.

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According to police, her answer laid the foundation for Oscar's death.

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Maybe I don't have the money right now.

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I just got out of jail.

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Regina says, hey, you know, I'm sorry.

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I'm willing to pay you back.

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I'll give you a little extra.

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Margaret really likes you too.

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You know, how about coming over, and I'll give you your money,

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and the three of us will have a little fun.

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Are you serious?

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And that's when Regina offered the threesome, the sexual encounter,

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and Oscar was pretty willing to turn around and oblige.

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According to witnesses, Oscar arrived at the DeFrancisco

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home at around 8 o'clock.

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He was greeted at the door by Margaret.

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Hi.

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What do you do here?

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Um, I don't know.

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Regina said she was waiting for you.

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Allegedly, a friend of the DeFrancisco sisters was also at the house,

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and waiting downstairs in the basement was Regina.

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Oscar, come down here, baby.

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I'm in the basement.

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Oscar went ahead of Margaret, walked down the steps,

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and when he made it to the last step in the basement,

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Margaret took the semi-automatic,

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shot him one time in the back of the head.

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Come on, let's go.

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Investigators believe that the girls took Oscar's necktas,

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his car keys, and \$600 in cash.

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Next, they wrapped the body in a bed sheet and then a tarp.

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According to the police, the sisters did what they could

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to clean up the crime scene.

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And finally, they dragged the body up the basement stairs

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and reportedly put it into the trunk of Oscar's car.

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Then they drive around, and they see the car.

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Then they drive around, say for approximately 40 minutes,

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looking for a spot to dump the body until they happened upon this vacant lot.

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Regina and Margaret try to get Oscar's body out of the trunk.

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Body gets dumped out into the lot.

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One of the girls take a large bottle of nail polish remover,

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doused Oscar's body,

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they ignite the body,

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Get back.

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and drive away.

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Two days later, police discovered Oscar's Camaro

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not far from where his remains were found.

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It too had been torched.

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It wasn't long before the case broke wide open.

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The young girl who was allegedly at the home at the time of the crime

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confessed to police.

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She gave a detailed account of what she witnessed on the night of Oscar's murder.

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Come on, let's go.

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A arrest warrant is issued for Regina and Margaret de Francisco.

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Both are believed to have fled the Chicago area.

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As Maria Velázquez waits for justice,

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she struggles with a painful void left in her life by her son Oscar's murder.

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Every day is a labor because I'm still looking for him.

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I see young people and I'm always hoping that I see him,

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but I can't find him.

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It's hard to get used to living without him.

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It's really hard to get used to the idea that he isn't here anymore.

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We miss him a lot, all of us.

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The bank should be right around the corner, right up here.

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When Brent Trowth of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, decided to sell his Nissan sports car,

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he found a ready buyer in John Madgeau.

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He took a nice care of it.

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Really nice care of it.

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All Madgeau needed to seal the deal was a cashier's check.

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Brent agreed to drive him to the bank.

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During the short trip, the conversation was light and friendly.

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Yeah, and the bank should be right over here.

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Then without warning, it turned ugly.

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Brent suddenly found himself on the wrong end of a gun fighting for his life.

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He had the meanest look on his face, cold water killer.

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He pulled the gun to the right and it went on the side of my leg.

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The bullet went on the side of my leg and came out on the corner by my kneecap.

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And that's when I bit him on the shoulder.

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When he let go of the gun, he threw the gun out the car.

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Stop the car!

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Stop nothing!

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Madgeau then dove out the passenger's side door.

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While Brent Trough drove himself to the hospital, Brent nearly lost his leg but later recovered.

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The next day, police tracked down Madgeau and made the arrest.

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I'm telling you, I'm going to be all potty-mall.

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To those who knew him, it came as no big surprise.

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Madgeau had been a rebellious teen, constantly at odds with his wealthy father,

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who owned a real estate empire in and around Baton Rouge.

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Count artist John Madgeau was much smarter than the average street criminal.

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Charged with attempted murder and facing overwhelming evidence,

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Madgeau plea-bargained his way to a reduced sentence of five years.

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He then arranged to pull a wart detail outside prison grounds.

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Ironically, at the offices of the Louisiana State Police.

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But allegedly, Madgeau's biggest con was yet to come.

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John Madgeau did his time and was released on parole.

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He immediately left for Mobile, Alabama, where family connections helped land him a position

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as boarding agent at Phallet Green Shipping Services.

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In a characteristic display of bravado,

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Madgeau listed the prison job on his resume,

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failing, of course, to mention he was behind bars at the time.

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Madgeau's new job involved processing payroll accounts for ships and dock,

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a service that often involved sizable amounts of cash.

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It was another ironic twist,

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a next con with his hands on the checkbook.

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The owners of the vessel would wire us the money that the captain requested.

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And then we would make out the receipts,

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bring the cash down to the captain.

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He would sit there and count it out and then sign the receipt and you'd be done.

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John fit in right away and got along well with everybody.

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We just went overboard to be nice.

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He was just super.

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He was outgoing.

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When you talk to him, you feel like you'd known him forever.

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That's just how he made you feel.

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Molly Perez was certainly taken by Madgeau's charms.

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What's it here?

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Following a short whirlwind romance,

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the couple decided to tie the knot.

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A couple of them had to work and they could have hit traffic,

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but I'm sure my aunt will show up.

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It's still early.

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Molly had a four-year-old daughter from a previous marriage.

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Madgeau appeared to love her like his own.

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But according to Molly's mother,

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the relationship was stormy and sometimes violent.

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Molly never told me that he was abusive,

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but her daughter did.

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And at that time, her daughter had just turned four.

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And she was terrified of John.

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Terrified.

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In front of us, he acted like the doping stepfather,

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but when he was away from us, it was a different story.

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It turned out Madgeau had a lot of people fooled.

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But no one could have guessed what he was really up to.

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An alleged scam that was as brazen as it was risky

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to the tune of nearly \$200,000.

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According to police, it all began with a phone conversation

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between Madgeau and a local bank officer

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who asked not to be identified.

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He called.

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He called to inquire how long it would take me to get \$197,000.

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And I told him I need to know by Tuesday

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to have it in towards the end of the week.

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Some time over the next few days,

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police believe Madgeau snuck back into the office after hours,

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unlocked a filing cabinet, and walked out with a blank check.

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Thank you very much.

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Morning, Ms. Henderson.

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00:16:13,000 --> 00:16:14,000

Hi.

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00:16:15,000 --> 00:16:17,000

Thank you very much.

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Morning, Ms. Henderson.

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00:16:19,000 --> 00:16:22,000

He showed up at the bank on Thursday morning right on cue

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with a check for \$197,000,

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apparently authorized by the office manager.

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The amount was unusually large,

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but otherwise everything seemed to be in order.

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It was a well-established account.

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He was a well-known person to be responsible for picking up

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00:16:39,000 --> 00:16:43,000

and calling in the orders, and the signature was a match.

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According to the bank officer, Madgeau was friendly,

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but uncharacteristically on edge.

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Sure is a lot of money.

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This was the largest amount that they had ever gotten in one period.

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And he told me that one of their couriers for the company in New Orleans

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had been killed doing a drop, such as this,

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and so he was a little nervous.

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I can get you an escort if you like.

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00:17:03,000 --> 00:17:05,000

We can have someone walk you out.

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No, that won't be necessary.

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00:17:07,000 --> 00:17:11,000

I mean, just you know what I know about this transaction, right?

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00:17:11,000 --> 00:17:12,000

Right?

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

Moments later, police say Madgeau Conley

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

walked out of the bank in Mobile, Alabama,

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

and simply disappeared.

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

For that green shipping.

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The next day, Denise McDonald received a disturbing phone call

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00:17:29,000 --> 00:17:31,000

from the home office in New Orleans.

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The accountant that manages all the money,

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he asked me if we had written any big checks,

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and of course I said no.

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So he said, look for this check number.

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00:17:40,000 --> 00:17:43,000

So I went and looked, and the check was missing.

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00:17:44,000 --> 00:17:50,000

So I went back to the phone and I said, yes, the check is gone.

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00:17:50,000 --> 00:17:53,000

And I said, how much money is gone?

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00:17:53,000 --> 00:17:57,000

And he said, \$197,000.

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00:17:57,000 --> 00:18:00,000

And I said, God, you're kidding.

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Investigators learned that the authorized signature on the check was a forgery.

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00:18:07,000 --> 00:18:10,000

Meanwhile, Molly left her little girl with her mother

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00:18:10,000 --> 00:18:12,000

and prepared to leave town.

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00:18:13,000 --> 00:18:18,000

Molly left with John because she was protecting us and her daughter

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00:18:18,000 --> 00:18:25,000

because I know now that Molly knew just how evil he was, and is.

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00:18:28,000 --> 00:18:30,000

But what Molly didn't realize was,

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00:18:30,000 --> 00:18:33,000

we'd have done anything to protect her.

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00:18:34,000 --> 00:18:36,000

Anything.

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00:18:37,000 --> 00:18:42,000

Police say Molly left with Madgeau in a new \$35,000 SUV,

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00:18:42,000 --> 00:18:46,000

which she had allegedly purchased with some of the stolen money.

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

So the place has been vacant for about six weeks.

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00:18:56,000 --> 00:18:58,000

It's ready to be rented out at any time.

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00:18:58,000 --> 00:19:02,000

Four months later, the couple reportedly turned up in Staten Island, New York.

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00:19:02,000 --> 00:19:04,000

I don't think we need to see much more of it.

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00:19:04,000 --> 00:19:06,000

I mean, we love it, right?

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00:19:06,000 --> 00:19:08,000

Using the names Rick and Sarah Parker,

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they rented an apartment from Nanette Connell.

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00:19:11,000 --> 00:19:17,000

Molly and Madgeau came off to be the sweetest people to everyone,

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00:19:17,000 --> 00:19:22,000

not only to my husband and myself and my family members,

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00:19:22,000 --> 00:19:24,000

but to the neighbors as well.

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00:19:26,000 --> 00:19:29,000

Over the next year, Madgeau bounced from one job to another

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00:19:29,000 --> 00:19:33,000

before landing a sales position with a rare autographed dealer in Manhattan.

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00:19:34,000 --> 00:19:36,000

He all needs some help just let me know.

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00:19:36,000 --> 00:19:39,000

But it wasn't long before he was up to his old tricks,

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00:19:39,000 --> 00:19:41,000

allegedly gaining access to company checks,

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00:19:41,000 --> 00:19:45,000

forging authorized signatures and discreetly pocketing the funds.

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00:19:51,000 --> 00:19:53,000

However, with the summer of 2001,

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00:19:53,000 --> 00:19:56,000

Madgeau's days in the Big Apple were numbered.

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00:19:56,000 --> 00:19:57,000

May I help you?

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00:19:57,000 --> 00:19:58,000

Yes, you may.

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00:19:58,000 --> 00:20:03,000

Madgeau had attempted to cash a \$1,500 check.

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00:20:03,000 --> 00:20:04,000

For you?

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00:20:04,000 --> 00:20:07,000

And the place where he was trying to cash it,

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00:20:07,000 --> 00:20:09,000

contacted the employer and he said,

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00:20:09,000 --> 00:20:13,000

no, he does not have the authority to cash a check in that amount.

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00:20:13,000 --> 00:20:15,000

I'll cash checks you all the time.

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00:20:15,000 --> 00:20:17,000

Sir, for this amount, I need an authorization.

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Let's take a minute.

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Madgeau never showed back up at that company.

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00:20:22,000 --> 00:20:24,000

The individual had an audit done of his records

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00:20:24,000 --> 00:20:29,000

and determined that Madgeau on 14 different occasions

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00:20:29,000 --> 00:20:33,000

had written \$1,000 checks which were forged

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00:20:33,000 --> 00:20:37,000

and which were basically embezzlement from the company.

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By the time police were notified, it was too late.

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00:20:40,000 --> 00:20:45,000

Madgeau and Molly were already on the run.

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00:20:45,000 --> 00:20:48,000

Early in the morning, it must have been like 6.30 in the morning,

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00:20:48,000 --> 00:20:51,000

I suddenly get a phone call from Madgeau.

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00:20:51,000 --> 00:20:52,000

Hello?

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00:20:52,000 --> 00:20:54,000

Hey, Internet, it's Rick.

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00:20:54,000 --> 00:20:57,000

And he was like, oh, I'm taking Molly to the hospital.

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00:20:57,000 --> 00:20:59,000

She's very sick.

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00:20:59,000 --> 00:21:03,000

I'm leaving the dog papers, watch the dog.

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00:21:03,000 --> 00:21:05,000

I left the key underneath the mat.

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00:21:05,000 --> 00:21:08,000

Nanette was surprised and concerned for Molly,

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00:21:08,000 --> 00:21:10,000

but before she had a chance to ask any questions,

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00:21:10,000 --> 00:21:13,000

Madgeau had hung up the phone.

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00:21:13,000 --> 00:21:15,000

I'll give you a call later. Bye.

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

Right there, all the cards started falling right into place.

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

Something is very fishy.

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00:21:25,000 --> 00:21:26,000

Sarah!

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00:21:26,000 --> 00:21:29,000

Suspicious, Nanette went down to check on her tenants.

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00:21:34,000 --> 00:21:36,000

The apartment was trashed.

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00:21:36,000 --> 00:21:39,000

John Madgeau and his wife had simply vanished.

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00:21:50,000 --> 00:21:52,000

Detectives later discovered that Molly

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00:21:52,000 --> 00:21:54,000

had purchased two airline tickets for a flight

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00:21:54,000 --> 00:21:56,000

from New York to Los Angeles,

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00:21:56,000 --> 00:21:59,000

but there have been no reported sightings on the West Coast.

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00:21:59,000 --> 00:22:01,000

So where are they now?

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00:22:01,000 --> 00:22:04,000

That's what the FBI would like to know.

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

Molly has not contacted her daughters

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00:22:06,000 --> 00:22:09,000

since leaving Alabama in the summer of 1999.

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00:22:09,000 --> 00:22:12,000

Authorities believe they are probably using assumed names,

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00:22:12,000 --> 00:22:15,000

and that John Madgeau, wherever he is,

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00:22:15,000 --> 00:22:17,000

is cooking up a scam.

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

He is what we would consider to be an armed and dangerous person

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

because of the fact of his previous criminal record.

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00:22:28,000 --> 00:22:31,000

In the past, remember, this individual almost killed

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00:22:31,000 --> 00:22:35,000

another individual in order to steal a car.

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00:22:35,000 --> 00:22:39,000

So there's no question, if he feels like he is in some jeopardy

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00:22:39,000 --> 00:22:41,000

of having his freedom curtailed,

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00:22:41,000 --> 00:22:45,000

he would more than likely engage in such conduct again.

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00:22:52,000 --> 00:23:06,000

Music

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00:23:06,000 --> 00:23:10,000

Music

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00:23:10,000 --> 00:23:13,000

Peru, Indiana, 4 a.m.

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00:23:13,000 --> 00:23:17,000

Cynthia Whismiller's Day begins.

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

Already a grandmother at age 42,

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00:23:20,000 --> 00:23:24,000

Cynthia is a free-spirited matriarch of a close family.

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00:23:24,000 --> 00:23:27,000

We drank coffee and talked for a while,

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00:23:27,000 --> 00:23:30,000

and she kissed me good-bye, said she loved me,

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00:23:30,000 --> 00:23:33,000

and she'd see me later.

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00:23:33,000 --> 00:23:38,000

That was probably the worst day of my life.

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00:23:38,000 --> 00:23:40,000

Bye, baby.

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00:23:40,000 --> 00:23:43,000

Cynthia is a courier for an armored vehicle service.

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00:23:43,000 --> 00:23:47,000

Her job is to replenish automated teller machines with cash.

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00:23:51,000 --> 00:23:56,000

At 5.50 a.m., Cynthia begins making her rounds of the ATMs on her route.

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00:23:59,000 --> 00:24:02,000

Later that morning, she mysteriously disappears,

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00:24:02,000 --> 00:24:06,000

along with \$268,000 in cash.

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00:24:09,000 --> 00:24:13,000

Was Cynthia a former police officer and dedicated grandmother

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00:24:13,000 --> 00:24:16,000

a brazen thief, or was the real thief

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

lurking out a range of ATM surveillance cameras,

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

forcing Cynthia to take the money before he killed her?

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00:24:24,000 --> 00:24:27,000

Back robber or victim?

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00:24:27,000 --> 00:24:31,000

The police and Cynthia's family found themselves bitterly divided.

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00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:35,000

On the surface, the evidence of her guilt seemed overwhelming,

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00:24:35,000 --> 00:24:39,000

yet detectives acknowledged it was odd for a woman with an unblemished past

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00:24:39,000 --> 00:24:43,000

to commit such an audacious theft and then desert her loved ones.

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00:24:44,000 --> 00:24:48,000

The only certainty was that no trace of Cynthia remained.

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00:24:51,000 --> 00:24:53,000

Oh, look at the sun.

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00:24:53,000 --> 00:24:55,000

Look at how beautiful.

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00:24:55,000 --> 00:24:59,000

Cynthia Wispmiller was a nucleus around which her entire family revolved.

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00:25:01,000 --> 00:25:04,000

Those who knew her best say she possessed a generous spirit

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00:25:04,000 --> 00:25:07,000

and an unwavering sense of right and wrong.

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00:25:07,000 --> 00:25:12,000

To suggest that she was capable of bank robbery was inconceivable.

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00:25:14,000 --> 00:25:18,000

My mother has taught me that it's very good to be good.

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00:25:18,000 --> 00:25:20,000

You can't take more than you give.

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00:25:20,000 --> 00:25:22,000

No one gets anything for nothing.

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

She instilled that into us very early.

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

For there even to be speculation that she would have done something like this

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00:25:29,000 --> 00:25:33,000

or gone this direction or done anything to attempt to take the easy way out,

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00:25:33,000 --> 00:25:35,000

it's just ludicrous. There's no way.

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00:25:35,000 --> 00:25:38,000

No way in hell it would have happened.

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00:25:38,000 --> 00:25:41,000

Whatever did happen, say investigators,

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00:25:41,000 --> 00:25:44,000

may have begun three days before the robbery.

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00:25:44,000 --> 00:25:46,000

Come on in, Cindy. Have a seat.

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00:25:46,000 --> 00:25:49,000

Cynthia's supervisor told her their security company had been bought

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00:25:49,000 --> 00:25:54,000

by the Brinks Armored Car Service and that she was to have a new position.

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00:25:54,000 --> 00:25:58,000

There'll be some changes and I'll fill you in on that next week

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00:25:58,000 --> 00:26:02,000

but because of time constraints right now, I just want to cover one thing with you.

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00:26:02,000 --> 00:26:07,000

The following work day, she was to postpone her pre-dawn duties until 9 a.m.

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00:26:08,000 --> 00:26:12,000

At that hour, she was to meet her replacement and acquaint him with her route.

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00:26:12,000 --> 00:26:14,000

Show them your routine, etc., etc.

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00:26:14,000 --> 00:26:16,000

Yeah, sure. I can do that.

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00:26:16,000 --> 00:26:20,000

So then am I giving up my job? Do I have a job?

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00:26:20,000 --> 00:26:23,000

As long as I still have a job, you still have a job.

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00:26:25,000 --> 00:26:27,000

Despite her instructions,

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00:26:27,000 --> 00:26:31,000

Cynthia arose that morning just as early as she always had.

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00:26:31,000 --> 00:26:34,000

According to her boyfriend, Billy,

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00:26:34,000 --> 00:26:37,000

she never mentioned that her work schedule had been changed.

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00:26:40,000 --> 00:26:44,000

Investigators say that between 5.50 and 7.15 a.m.,

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00:26:44,000 --> 00:26:48,000

Cynthia made stops at each of the eight ATMs on her route.

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

She began three hours earlier than she had been instructed

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

and without her trainee.

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00:26:55,000 --> 00:27:06,000

Each of the machines was virtually emptied of cash.

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00:27:07,000 --> 00:27:10,000

The ATMs had video cameras on them.

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00:27:10,000 --> 00:27:15,000

Out of the eight ATMs, we only found actual film footage

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00:27:15,000 --> 00:27:18,000

of Cynthia Wismiller on one of the tapes.

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00:27:18,000 --> 00:27:22,000

Throughout the entire time she was in that building, she was alone.

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00:27:22,000 --> 00:27:25,000

It didn't appear that she was under any type of duress

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

or force of any kind.

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00:27:27,000 --> 00:27:33,000

Most of the ATMs that she serviced were exterior buildings.

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00:27:33,000 --> 00:27:36,000

They were not actually in the bank branch.

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00:27:36,000 --> 00:27:38,000

She could get into the back of the ATMs

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00:27:38,000 --> 00:27:40,000

without being seen on the video camera.

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00:27:40,000 --> 00:27:42,000

John, you take him down to room one.

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00:27:42,000 --> 00:27:46,000

Detective John, you're not going to be able to get into the back of the ATMs

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00:27:47,000 --> 00:27:51,000

Detectives began their investigation by questioning Cynthia's family

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00:27:51,000 --> 00:27:53,000

and her boyfriend Billy Hawkins.

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00:27:57,000 --> 00:28:01,000

Billy was adamant that Cynthia was abducted

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00:28:01,000 --> 00:28:05,000

and that she did not take any money from the ATMs.

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00:28:05,000 --> 00:28:09,000

And he also was adamant that someone has forced her to do this.

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00:28:09,000 --> 00:28:13,000

Billy told me that there's no way she would have done this on her own.

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00:28:13,000 --> 00:28:18,000

If someone was holding a gun on her or had threatened her family or something,

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00:28:18,000 --> 00:28:21,000

she would do something like this to protect her family

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00:28:21,000 --> 00:28:23,000

or to protect her own life possibly.

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

But there's nothing else on this earth that would make her do something like this

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00:28:27,000 --> 00:28:29,000

without being coerced into it.

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00:28:31,000 --> 00:28:35,000

Was someone else present at the ATMs who forced Cynthia to steal the money?

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00:28:37,000 --> 00:28:41,000

Or was such a person merely conjured up in the imagination by those

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00:28:41,000 --> 00:28:44,000

unable to face that Cynthia had turned to crime?

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00:28:48,000 --> 00:28:53,000

Investigators discovered an eyewitness who said that Cynthia indeed was not alone.

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00:28:53,000 --> 00:28:56,000

But his account only deepened the mystery.

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00:28:59,000 --> 00:29:02,000

The witness said that he saw Cynthia with another person.

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00:29:04,000 --> 00:29:08,000

He saw Cynthia and this other person unloading bags

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00:29:08,000 --> 00:29:10,000

and putting them into another vehicle.

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00:29:12,000 --> 00:29:17,000

He said this person had a sock hat pulled down to the lower part of their face.

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00:29:18,000 --> 00:29:23,000

So he could not tell if this person was white, black, or male or female.

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00:29:24,000 --> 00:29:30,000

According to the witness, Cynthia did not appear to be assisting the mysterious figure against her will.

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00:29:30,000 --> 00:29:33,000

The police concluded she had a partner in crime.

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00:29:34,000 --> 00:29:40,000

But her family believed that this was a person who forced her to steal the cash from the ATMs on her route.

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00:29:41,000 --> 00:29:45,000

They knew exactly where she was going, they knew what she was doing, it was an obvious vehicle.

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00:29:47,000 --> 00:29:48,000

She was by herself.

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00:29:49,000 --> 00:29:52,000

I think that someone came, they took advantage of the situation

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00:29:53,000 --> 00:29:59,000

and they did what they felt was necessary in getting the money from these machines.

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00:30:00,000 --> 00:30:01,000

That's what I think happened.

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00:30:04,000 --> 00:30:07,000

Investigators learned that if Cynthia wasn't unwilling to accomplish,

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00:30:07,000 --> 00:30:11,000

she had the means to secretly alert her security firm.

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00:30:13,000 --> 00:30:17,000

To open an ATM, couriers must enter a code that changes daily.

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00:30:18,000 --> 00:30:21,000

A distress signal is sent by altering one of the digits.

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00:30:23,000 --> 00:30:26,000

But Sydney did not enter the distress code at any of her machines.

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00:30:27,000 --> 00:30:34,000

It is possible, however, that she was warned not to by one who was aware of how the security measure functioned.

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00:30:42,000 --> 00:30:45,000

But as the investigation of Cynthia Wismiller progressed,

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00:30:46,000 --> 00:30:49,000

the police made a discovery that seemed to erase whatever doubts remained.

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00:30:51,000 --> 00:30:55,000

An audit revealed an additional \$200,000 was missing.

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00:30:56,000 --> 00:31:01,000

Cash and Cynthia were supposed to have placed in her ATMs more than a week before the robbery.

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00:31:02,000 --> 00:31:06,000

I think she was dipping in the tail a little bit to help her family out.

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00:31:07,000 --> 00:31:11,000

When she was informed that Brink security was taking over the company,

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00:31:12,000 --> 00:31:14,000

she knew she was going to be caught when they did the audits.

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00:31:15,000 --> 00:31:19,000

And I think she just took as much money as she could and fled the area.

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00:31:20,000 --> 00:31:24,000

We, as a police department, want to find her because she stole the money,

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00:31:25,000 --> 00:31:27,000

but we also want to find her to make sure she's safe.

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00:31:28,000 --> 00:31:30,000

We have the fact of another person being with her in the parking lot.

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00:31:31,000 --> 00:31:36,000

If it was a plan that those two were going to take the money and split it and disappear,

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00:31:37,000 --> 00:31:41,000

who's to say that that other person isn't going to harm Cynthia

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00:31:42,000 --> 00:31:45,000

so that that person can get all of the money and not have to split it?

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00:31:46,000 --> 00:31:49,000

Despite the evidence pointing to Cynthia's guilt,

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00:31:50,000 --> 00:31:54,000

her family still firmly believes she is a victim, not a criminal.

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00:31:55,000 --> 00:31:57,000

I don't believe for a minute she did anything wrong.

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00:31:58,000 --> 00:31:59,000

She just wasn't that kind of person.

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00:32:00,000 --> 00:32:01,000

It just wasn't her.

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00:32:04,000 --> 00:32:08,000

Whatever the truth, the void of her absence has taken its toll.

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00:32:10,000 --> 00:32:14,000

It's like somebody just ripped your world apart and you don't know where to go.

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00:32:15,000 --> 00:32:16,000

You don't know anything.

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00:32:20,000 --> 00:32:25,000

You're just completely blind and your mind is blank and you can't function.

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00:32:26,000 --> 00:32:29,000

It's been tremendously difficult and continues to be,

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and I don't see it letting up anytime soon.

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It was a winter of 1960, and four-year-old Lori DeLorm had just been adopted by a family in Chilicothe, Missouri.

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One evening Lori stumbles upon her adopted father cleaning a gun.

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Disturbing feelings flood into her mind,

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giving Lori the first horrific glimpse at the dark secret that ripped her birth family apart.

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When I was very little, my adopted dad, he cut the guns and he was cleaning one of his guns,

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and I saw that and I said,

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that's what the policemen had when they come to get my daddy.

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Unable to fully grasp what she was remembering, Lori vowed to discover the truth.

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Her search would trigger ominous memories of a fateful night over four decades ago.

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A policeman holding a gun to her father and putting him under arrest,

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that vague and fleeting memory somehow explains why Lori DeLorm Magnan was separated from her biological family at 14 months of age.

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Lori now hopes to find the only people who can help her understand what exactly happened to her as an infant,

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a family she hasn't seen in over 45 years.

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At the age of three, Lori was adopted by Charles and Reetha DeLorm in Kansas City, Missouri.

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But the Jackson County court sealed Lori's records and would only tell her adoptive parents that she was in need of a stable home.

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Although Lori was welcomed into the extended DeLorm family with open arms,

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signs soon emerged that something wasn't right.

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Lori began having nightmares and appeared distant and distracted.

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Lori was probably about six or seven,

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and she was eating at the table one day and she couldn't close her mouth.

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She would just leave her mouth open and it really scared Mother,

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so she made an appointment with a therapist in another town and took her there.

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And they said that she had had a serious trauma and that it happened when she was fairly young.

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Lori's adoptive mother tried in vain to find out what was wrong with her little girl.

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As Lori grew older, she took up the search herself,

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driven by a troubling sense as something dire had happened in her past.

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Lori asked her mother for any paperwork concerning her adoption.

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At turn 16, and she brought the adoption papers out, she kept every letter,

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and this is, I'm going to give this to you, now's the time.

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And so I took them and went over to Renee's house.

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I can wait till she got there because we always had this dream, we were going to find her mom.

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And so when she came, we got up on the bunk bed and she opened up the papers,

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and that's when we found out that her mom was already dead.

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Lori and Renee were shocked to discover that Lori's mother, Francis Camarena,

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died on November 27, 1956, in Kansas City, Missouri.

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The adoption paper did not give a cause of death nor mention any other siblings.

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And it was like, oh my goodness, and Renee, we was like, well, where's this girl trying to find somebody here?

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And it didn't, we know where to go, we were too young.

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Lori soon moved on with her life, married and had three children of her own.

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But her happiness was always haunted by hazy memories of an unbearable tragedy.

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There was only one hope for her peace of mind.

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Lori had to know the truth.

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There was still one last place Lori had not yet looked, the Kansas City Public Library.

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Lori, her husband, Donald and their son, searched the microfiche files of the Kansas City Star on the day Lori's mother died.

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November 27, 1956.

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I was scanning through the old papers and I came across this picture of four girls and a boy.

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One of them was about Lori's age, what had been Lori's age.

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I said, Lori, could this possibly be your family?

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I said, this looks awful lot like you, the next youngest one.

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And she looked at the picture and she said, yeah, that's me.

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In the photo, a 14-month-old Lori sat next to her four siblings who ranged in age from nine years to three months.

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That's when I first time saw the picture of me and my brother and my sisters.

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First time, my first baby picture I've ever seen.

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But Lori's joy was short-lived.

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Seconds later she saw the article accompanying the photo.

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Lori Delorm Magnin had finally come face to face with a horrifying truth of her past.

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In the pre-dawn hours of November 26, 1956, Lori's father, Alexander Kamarina, arrived home drunk.

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His wife, Lori's mother, was waiting for her.

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The money was here for the rent.

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Forget about the rent.

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Alexander had made two purchases earlier in the evening.

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A box of chocolates and a 38-caliber handgun.

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Stupid, can you really sell your money at a gun?

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An argument ensued over the gun.

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Alexander claimed it was broken and demonstrated by pointing the weapon at his wife's head.

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No! No!

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I read that. I felt against my father.

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It's like, I don't care if he says he's sorry and all that.

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You just don't point a gun at someone's temple.

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I don't care.

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And that was my mom.

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And I won't ever see her again.

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Lori made a copy of the photo and took it home with her.

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I just went to the bedroom, took that picture with me.

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I just stared at it.

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I just couldn't believe it.

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You know, I'm asking me, my brother, my sisters, and we all look alike.

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Wow, the dark hair in that.

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In the oldest girl, she's like looking off in a direction she just looks so sad.

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Because she was old enough to remember.

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Lori's mother Frances Camarena is buried under her maiden name of Rivas in a cemetery in Kansas City.

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Here you are, Mommy.

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Just for you.

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Lori's father was convicted of second degree murder and imprisoned for eight years.

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He died in 1991.

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My brother and my sisters, real brother and sisters, we lost both our parents now.

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And I think they need me like I need them.

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And they may have their own families now like I do.

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But like I feel they must want to see me.

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If they think about me, I don't know if they tried to find me, but I'm trying.

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Shortly after our broadcast, Ruth Crook, Lori's birth cousin, contacted our telecenter.

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A friend of Ruth's had seen the show and told her that her long lost cousin was looking for her birth family.

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It was a happy shock and very exciting to know that she had been found.

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A family reunion was held several weeks later and we were there to capture it.

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The eldest sister Phyllis was unable to attend the reunion.

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Sadly, Lori's younger brother, Robert, died in 1982.

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Nancy, the last sibling, was located after the reunion was held.

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