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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries

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18-year-old Brian Nysenfeld set off for college

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eager to pursue his dream of becoming an architect.

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Then he suddenly vanished.

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His boot was discovered several months later.

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What happened to Brian?

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It was a scene of one of the most infamous

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unsolved murders in U.S. history.

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Now many believe Lizzie Borden's house is haunted.

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Has a ghostly entity returned from the dead

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to tell us who committed the crime?

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A young woman takes off on a cross-country journey

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following in the footsteps of beat poet Jack Kerouac.

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Nine days later, her jeep is found destroyed

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in a remote mountain region

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and there was no sign of her anywhere.

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On a deserted stretch of highway in eastern Kentucky,

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a high-speed police chase suddenly turns into a violent shootout.

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This man is wanted for the attempted murder

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of a sheriff's deputy and authorities need your help

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to bring him to justice.

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Four mysteries that have no explanation.

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Perhaps they're our answers,

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but perhaps they're our only questions.

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Join me for this fascinating edition

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of Unsolved Mysteries.

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Every autumn, the ritual is the same.

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Parents breaking the ties at Bind,

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sending their sons and daughters off to college

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for the first time.

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High hopes for their children are tempered

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by concern that they can cope on their own.

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The children are not afraid to go to school

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and to get a job.

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The children are tempered by concern

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that they can cope on their own.

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Hey, man.

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Ah, what's up?

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In the fall of 1996,

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18-year-old Brian Nisenfeld

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left his New Jersey home

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for Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

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He looked forward to earning a degree in architecture.

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As Brian had grown up,

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he rarely ventured outside the safe confines

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of his family circle.

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Yet he wrote in his high school yearbook

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that his dream was to make a difference in the world.

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Now, he was setting off in pursuit of that dream.

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During his second semester at Roger Williams University,

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Brian left his afternoon literature class.

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Then he inexplicably vanished.

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Six months later, on a serene Labor Day weekend,

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Lori Vales and her daughter Chelsea

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stroll on Hog Island Beach,

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just a few miles from the university.

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I noticed a shoe on the sand

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that was at the high tide line.

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It looks like somebody just walked out of their shoe.

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Oh, my goodness.

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I just kind of poked the shoe with my stick,

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and it seemed hard.

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Something had been stuck inside the shoe.

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I realized there was a very shiny white,

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almost plastic-looking smooth surface

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and around it like a fleshy substance.

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So I knew right at that point

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that there was a foot inside the shoe.

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DNA tests determined the foot

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and a shin bone found close by

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were those of Brian Neisenfeld.

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Authorities found no other remains,

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but could only conclude that Brian was dead.

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When it was announced that the bones

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were possibly Brian's,

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it gave us some kind of relief

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knowing that he didn't just wander off.

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But to lose someone that you love so much

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is very hard.

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It's a catastrophic event.

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It changes your life forever.

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You go on and you're never the same again.

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You're a piece of what you used to be.

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Brian Neisenfeld often sought solitude here,

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less than a mile from his campus dormitory.

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Intelligent and introspective,

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he had a passion for poetry.

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He was well-liked, yet had few close friends.

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From the day he vanished on February 6, 1997,

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no one could seem to agree what happened.

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Some believe he may have slipped and fell

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from his favorite shoe,

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some believe he may have slipped and fell

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from his favorite seaside haunt,

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drowning just offshore.

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Others thought he might have been distraught

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and deliberately leaped from Mount Hope Bridge

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under cover of darkness.

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But the most disturbing possibility

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was that an unknown assailant killed Brian,

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then dumped his body in the cold Atlantic waters.

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What really happened to Brian Neisenfeld?

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Largely based on the fact that we have not

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uncovered any evidence whatsoever of foul play.

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We're inclined to believe this perhaps may have been a suicide.

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I don't think Brian would commit suicide.

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I don't think he did commit suicide.

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There's no evidence of that.

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There's never been any evidence of that.

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It's all theory.

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And an accident, I guess it's possible.

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But in my heart, my gut, I don't think that was the case.

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I believe Brian was murdered.

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To this day, I believe Brian was murdered.

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In a search for answers, investigators

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try to reconstruct Brian's brief term

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at Roger Williams University.

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From the beginning, his life there was a struggle.

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Brian's academic career in high school

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came very easily for him.

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This was much more of a challenge.

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And with it being his first time away from home,

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he missed his family that he was so close to.

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And I don't think he realized how much his family meant to him

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until he actually went away.

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So I think Brian was homesick.

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He didn't do very well that four semester Brian.

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His grades kind of plummeted.

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Investigators believe Brian's difficult

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transition to life on his own

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might have driven him to commit suicide.

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But something more sinister may have led to his disappearance.

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Something that surfaced from the shadowy corners

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of his private life.

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Midnight, January 30, 1997.

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Hello, Dad.

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Dad, you have to come up here and get me.

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Just by the inflection of his voice,

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I knew that he was in a crisis mood.

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I knew that he was scared.

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And he said, this kid is threatening me.

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He's harassing me on the phone.

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Was threatening to get on campus,

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threatening to beat him up.

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He said that he could get to him anytime he wanted.

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And I thought, if this kid can get on the campus,

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then security has to know about it.

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Hey, Brian.

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Campus security called a student advisor

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in Brian's dormitory.

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How you doing? Good.

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The threatening calls Brian said

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were from a student he knew

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but was no longer attending the university.

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What motivated the caller, however,

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Brian was either unable or unwilling to say.

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You're OK.

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Yeah, totally.

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But Brian now seemed more troubled than ever.

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Brian, let's take a minute, please.

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I've talked to you.

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After he left his literature class on February 6th,

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he was never seen alive again.

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Six days would pass, however,

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before his absence was deemed suspicious.

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Bye-bye.

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Once notified by the university,

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Brian's father instantly set out

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on the five-hour drive from New Jersey.

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Well, I heard that my son, you know,

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that Brian was missing for a week.

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Two things happened in my mind.

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One, I go through a state of disbelief and shock.

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And the other thing is, I got to find him.

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I got to get involved.

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I have to see what the hell happened.

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Of course, Brian threw him.

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Nothing's changed.

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It's exactly the way we found it.

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His gloves are still here.

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It's the middle of the winter.

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It looked like he stepped out to get a soda

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or go to dinner or something.

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It looked like I should wait, and he's going to show up again.

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But it was seven days. It was a week since he disappeared,

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so I knew he wasn't coming back to the room.

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Brian's parents believe the former student

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who allegedly menaced Brian over the phone

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may have carried out his threat.

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Investigators discovered his identity

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and learned that he and Brian had been close friends

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during his first semester.

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Reporter Jody Erickson wrote a series of articles

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about Brian's disappearance.

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Brian being unsure of himself, having some freshman jitters,

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really seemed to gravitate toward this one student.

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I do know just from talking to Brian's parents

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and reading some of Brian's poetry

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that he did seem to be a young man

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who was questioning his sexuality.

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And while I am not sure whether it was an overt

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homosexual relationship,

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I do think that there were undertones of that.

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Whatever the nature of their friendship, it abruptly ended.

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For reasons known only to Brian and his friend.

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Certainly one of the theories that I've explored

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is that this former student was going to expose

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his relationship with Brian.

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That there were certain things that Brian didn't want

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his parents to know, didn't want his hometown to know,

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and that his homosexuality could have been one of them.

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Was it possible that Brian was gay?

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Well, I guess it's possible.

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He would not say what soured their relationship.

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He would not tell me anything in relationship

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to the relationship with the former student.

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Did Brian take his own life,

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unable to face public exposure that he was gay?

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Or did his turbulent friendship lead to his murder?

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The former student, in my opinion,

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had something to do with Brian's death.

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He may not have been an actual person to have done him in,

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but I think he had something to do with Brian's death.

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We were able to meet with that individual,

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conduct a comprehensive interview of him,

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and we are fully satisfied that that person

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had absolutely no responsibility

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in the disappearance of Brian Nice and Feld.

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More than four years have passed since Brian's disappearance.

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For Brian's parents,

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four years filled with pain and unanswered questions.

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It's every parent's worst nightmare.

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If it happened to us,

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it can happen to you, your child,

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your daughter, your son, your nephew,

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it can happen to you.

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I know somebody knows something.

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They're just afraid to talk, and I don't know why,

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but they are afraid to talk, they're afraid to come forward.

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Somebody has to know something about Brian.

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If you ever find yourself in Fall River, Massachusetts,

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you might consider staying in this quaint country in,

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or you might not.

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The Lizzie Borden Bed and Breakfast.

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Lizzie Borden took an accent game with Mother 40,

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but she got done, she gave it back,

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and Borden won.

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Good morning.

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Hi, Sue.

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Welcome to Lizzie Borden.

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The scene of one of the most gruesome,

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unsolved mysteries in U.S. history

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is now open for business.

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Visitors can enjoy an informative chat

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about the sadistic murders

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while eating a breakfast of Johnny Cakes and Mutton Broth,

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the same meal Abby and Andrew Borden ate on their final day.

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Guests can then linger in the parlor,

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or Andrew's head received 11 unexpected blows from an axe.

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And after a long day of sightseeing,

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you can drift off to sleep in the same bedroom

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where Abby Borden's pummeled body

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was discovered lifeless on the floor.

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Some of the guests do try to figure out, you know, who did it.

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Not surprisingly, most people do not sleep easily.

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There are numerous reports that the Lizzie Borden

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bed and breakfast is haunted.

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00:13:49,000 --> 00:13:51,000

I think the apparitions and all the activity

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00:13:51,000 --> 00:13:53,000

that has been happening in the house

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00:13:53,000 --> 00:13:57,000

is a possibility that the spirits are trying to communicate

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00:13:57,000 --> 00:14:01,000

through myself, my staff, or my guests,

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00:14:01,000 --> 00:14:03,000

of who really committed the murders

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00:14:03,000 --> 00:14:06,000

so they can rest in peace, put the story to sleep,

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00:14:06,000 --> 00:14:08,000

for once and for all.

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On August 4, 1892,

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wealthy businessman Andrew Borden and his wife,

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Abby, were brutally hacked to death in their home.

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Andrew's 32-year-old spinster daughter Lizzie

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was arrested for the double murder.

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Her trial, however, ended in an acquittal.

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And to this day, nobody knows who committed the savage crime.

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Nobody that is except for the victims themselves

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00:14:31,000 --> 00:14:35,000

and the murderer, all of whom are long since dead.

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Or are they?

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In 1968, Martha McGinn moved into the Borden House,

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which had been purchased by her grandparents 43 years earlier.

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According to Martha, she soon became aware

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00:14:50,000 --> 00:14:53,000

of an unsettling presence working in the shadows

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00:14:53,000 --> 00:14:56,000

of the aging building.

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00:14:56,000 --> 00:14:58,000

When I was about 16 years old,

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00:14:58,000 --> 00:15:01,000

I was in my bedroom reading a book.

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00:15:01,000 --> 00:15:07,000

And above my room, I could distinctly hear footsteps.

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00:15:08,000 --> 00:15:12,000

And the sound of, like, marvels being played.

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00:15:12,000 --> 00:15:16,000

And it almost sounded like little children's laughter.

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00:15:22,000 --> 00:15:26,000

Shortly thereafter, Martha witnessed another strange phenomenon.

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This one far more disturbing than the last.

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00:15:29,000 --> 00:15:32,000

I went up the stairway in the window

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00:15:32,000 --> 00:15:34,000

at the end of the second floor card.

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00:15:34,000 --> 00:15:37,000

I just began opening and slamming shut.

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00:15:40,000 --> 00:15:43,000

It was just violently going up and down.

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00:15:46,000 --> 00:15:48,000

I got the creepy crawlies that time.

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00:15:50,000 --> 00:15:54,000

Martha became convinced that a ghost was prowling her home,

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00:15:54,000 --> 00:15:56,000

tormenting her at every opportunity.

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00:15:56,000 --> 00:15:59,000

But who? And why?

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00:15:59,000 --> 00:16:02,000

The answer to that question may have come

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00:16:02,000 --> 00:16:05,000

when Martha made the mistake of entering the basement alone.

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00:16:08,000 --> 00:16:11,000

Here, legend holds, is where Lizzie hid the axe

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00:16:11,000 --> 00:16:14,000

she used to butcher her stepmother and father.

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

A shadow, sort of like a silhouette,

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00:16:18,000 --> 00:16:21,000

floated maybe four inches above the floor.

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00:16:23,000 --> 00:16:24,000

I could tell it was a woman.

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00:16:24,000 --> 00:16:27,000

I could tell it was Victorian clothes.

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00:16:33,000 --> 00:16:36,000

I just turned around and ran back up the stairs.

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00:16:45,000 --> 00:16:48,000

That experience really did frighten me.

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00:16:50,000 --> 00:16:53,000

That actually did make my hair stand on end.

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00:16:55,000 --> 00:16:57,000

I didn't really want to tell anyone.

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00:16:57,000 --> 00:17:00,000

I, you know, just didn't think they'd believe it.

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00:17:02,000 --> 00:17:05,000

And I didn't want them to think I was crazy

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00:17:05,000 --> 00:17:08,000

or figment of my imagination

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00:17:08,000 --> 00:17:11,000

because I really did see this happening.

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Martha's own terrifying experiences were about to be confirmed.

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In 1994, she inherited the boredom house

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00:17:20,000 --> 00:17:24,000

and decided to capitalize on his infamous reputation

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00:17:24,000 --> 00:17:27,000

by turning it into a very unusual bed and breakfast.

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Using crime scene photos,

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00:17:31,000 --> 00:17:34,000

Martha replicated the home's exact condition

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00:17:34,000 --> 00:17:36,000

on the day of the murders.

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00:17:37,000 --> 00:17:40,000

When we first opened, I had hired my staff.

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

Most of them at the time did not believe in ghosts

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00:17:43,000 --> 00:17:45,000

or apparitions or anything like that.

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00:17:45,000 --> 00:17:49,000

And then odd things started happening to them.

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00:17:52,000 --> 00:17:56,000

I arrived at work to start cleaning the house

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00:17:56,000 --> 00:17:58,000

and, you know, making beds.

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00:17:59,000 --> 00:18:04,000

I was on my last room, which was the guest room.

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00:18:07,000 --> 00:18:11,000

And I had made the bed clean, dusted and everything.

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00:18:12,000 --> 00:18:14,000

And then I turned around

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00:18:15,000 --> 00:18:19,000

and there was the perfect impression of somebody laying on the bed.

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00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:22,000

The indent in the pillow, in the bed.

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00:18:23,000 --> 00:18:26,000

I looked at it for like a couple of seconds

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00:18:26,000 --> 00:18:28,000

and then I booked it out of the room.

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

I had to leave. I was just scared of me

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

because I had never seen anything like that before in my life.

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00:18:33,000 --> 00:18:36,000

Carrie was white as a ghost.

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00:18:36,000 --> 00:18:39,000

Forgive the pun, but she was really pale, pale.

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00:18:39,000 --> 00:18:42,000

And I couldn't get her back in, not even to get her paycheck.

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00:18:42,000 --> 00:18:44,000

She would not come in the house.

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

Over a century ago in this guest room,

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00:18:48,000 --> 00:18:51,000

Abby Borden received 19 hacks to her face.

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00:18:51,000 --> 00:18:55,000

Some are convinced that Abby is now trying to communicate with the living.

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00:18:58,000 --> 00:19:01,000

Andrew Borden was killed in the downstairs parlor.

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00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:06,000

His half-sitting, half-lying body slumped across the Victorian sofa.

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00:19:09,000 --> 00:19:13,000

Here, employees report seeing a strange apparition.

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00:19:13,000 --> 00:19:17,000

Perhaps Andrew vainly trying to seek human form.

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00:19:18,000 --> 00:19:21,000

I was sitting in the parlor and on the phone

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00:19:21,000 --> 00:19:26,000

and this strange feeling came over me, a very eerie feeling.

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00:19:26,000 --> 00:19:28,000

Hi, Sally. It's Eleanor.

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00:19:28,000 --> 00:19:31,000

When I looked up to the kitchen door,

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00:19:31,000 --> 00:19:36,000

I saw what I thought was all this smoke coming out of the kitchen,

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

like a foggy smoke.

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00:19:42,000 --> 00:19:44,000

What the heck is that?

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00:19:45,000 --> 00:19:48,000

There's smoke coming out of the kitchen.

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00:19:48,000 --> 00:19:50,000

And I thought to myself, well, that's strange.

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00:19:50,000 --> 00:19:52,000

There isn't anybody in the kitchen cooking.

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00:19:52,000 --> 00:19:54,000

Why would all this smoke be coming out?

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00:19:54,000 --> 00:19:56,000

No, no one was there.

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00:19:56,000 --> 00:19:58,000

What the heck is it?

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00:19:58,000 --> 00:20:02,000

The way it traveled, very slow, very slow,

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00:20:02,000 --> 00:20:06,000

until it got to the sofa where Mr. Borden was hacked to death.

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00:20:07,000 --> 00:20:11,000

And it just dissipated, very slowly it dissipated.

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00:20:12,000 --> 00:20:15,000

I'm freaking out. This is too weird.

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

I was alone in the house.

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00:20:17,000 --> 00:20:22,000

So I know I saw something that was out of this world.

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

It wasn't from this world, that's for sure.

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00:20:25,000 --> 00:20:27,000

What's going on in the house today,

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00:20:27,000 --> 00:20:30,000

in terms of things that people are experiencing

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00:20:30,000 --> 00:20:32,000

and seeing and hearing,

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00:20:32,000 --> 00:20:35,000

certainly has a lot to do with the fact

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00:20:35,000 --> 00:20:38,000

that a violent, emotional act went on here.

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00:20:38,000 --> 00:20:40,000

Also because it's an unsolved mystery,

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00:20:40,000 --> 00:20:43,000

it means it's definitely here to stay.

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00:20:43,000 --> 00:20:45,000

Author and ghost hunter Catherine Ramsland

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00:20:45,000 --> 00:20:47,000

believes that Andrew and Abby Borden

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00:20:47,000 --> 00:20:49,000

are trying to tell us who killed them,

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00:20:49,000 --> 00:20:51,000

so far unsuccessfully.

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00:20:55,000 --> 00:20:57,000

Hoping to document the paranormal activity

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

at the Borden house,

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00:20:59,000 --> 00:21:01,000

Catherine and a house employee

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00:21:01,000 --> 00:21:05,000

headed to the basement armed with a voice-activated recorder.

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00:21:05,000 --> 00:21:07,000

We went down there.

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00:21:07,000 --> 00:21:09,000

It was very dark.

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00:21:09,000 --> 00:21:11,000

And I just simply said,

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00:21:11,000 --> 00:21:13,000

Is anybody here?

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00:21:14,000 --> 00:21:17,000

And we could see that the recorder was activated,

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

that we could hear nothing.

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

It was absolute silence.

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

And yet it was clear something was being recorded.

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

So I decided instead of asking any more questions,

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00:21:29,000 --> 00:21:31,000

I would just see what we had gotten.

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00:21:32,000 --> 00:21:34,000

Is there anyone here with us?

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00:21:38,000 --> 00:21:41,000

We shot up the steps.

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00:21:41,000 --> 00:21:44,000

I guess we weren't staying down there with that,

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00:21:44,000 --> 00:21:46,000

whatever it was.

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00:21:46,000 --> 00:21:48,000

A noise from the dead?

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00:21:48,000 --> 00:21:50,000

Or static electricity?

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

No one knows for sure.

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

Catherine Ramsland feels the recording

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00:21:54,000 --> 00:21:57,000

as a first solid evidence that Abby and Andrew Borden

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00:21:57,000 --> 00:21:59,000

are ready to share the chilling circumstances

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

of their bloody end.

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00:22:01,000 --> 00:22:03,000

As for Lizzie,

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00:22:03,000 --> 00:22:05,000

following her acquittal, she used her inheritance

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00:22:05,000 --> 00:22:08,000

to buy a mansion in a fashionable district of Fall River.

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00:22:08,000 --> 00:22:11,000

Her final years were spent in seclusion,

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00:22:11,000 --> 00:22:14,000

ostracized by the surrounding community.

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00:22:14,000 --> 00:22:17,000

She died in 1927 at the age of 67.

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

But those who work and live at 92 Second Street

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

believe that Lizzie has returned home.

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00:22:25,000 --> 00:22:28,000

They claim that Lizzie, Abby and Andrew

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

still walk these halls and haunt these rooms.

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00:22:31,000 --> 00:22:33,000

Chained forever to this place

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00:22:33,000 --> 00:22:36,000

by the horrific events of over a century ago.

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00:22:37,000 --> 00:22:40,000

And some speculate that maybe, just maybe,

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00:22:40,000 --> 00:22:43,000

one of them will tell us what really happened

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00:22:43,000 --> 00:22:46,000

on August 4, 1892.

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00:22:46,000 --> 00:22:52,000

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00:22:52,000 --> 00:23:01,000

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00:23:01,000 --> 00:23:04,000

Two joggers in Mount Baker National Forest

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00:23:04,000 --> 00:23:06,000

in Washington State notice a piece

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00:23:06,000 --> 00:23:09,000

of clothing dangling from a tree branch.

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00:23:09,000 --> 00:23:13,000

Honey, there's a shirt or something up there.

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00:23:13,000 --> 00:23:15,000

That's weird.

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00:23:15,000 --> 00:23:16,800

See anyone around?

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00:23:16,800 --> 00:23:19,080

No.

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00:23:19,080 --> 00:23:20,160

Someone crashed down there.

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00:23:27,600 --> 00:23:31,840

A jeep has plunged over a steep embankment.

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00:23:31,840 --> 00:23:35,600

Inside the car are a passport, money, and clothing.

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00:23:35,600 --> 00:23:38,840

But there is no sign of anyone, nor any indication

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00:23:38,840 --> 00:23:40,840

that someone has been injured.

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00:23:40,840 --> 00:23:43,760

It's a young girl.

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00:23:43,760 --> 00:23:45,360

Mark, what you find?

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00:23:45,360 --> 00:23:46,840

There she is.

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00:23:46,840 --> 00:23:49,840

Police traced the jeep to 23-year-old Collie student

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00:23:49,840 --> 00:23:53,160

Leah Roberts, who left her home in Raleigh, North Carolina

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00:23:53,160 --> 00:23:55,800

nine days earlier without telling anybody

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00:23:55,800 --> 00:23:58,600

where she was going.

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00:23:58,600 --> 00:24:01,720

I found out that her car had been found.

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00:24:01,720 --> 00:24:05,080

Here she is, the whole opposite side of the country.

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00:24:05,080 --> 00:24:08,280

Haven't heard from her in nine days.

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00:24:08,280 --> 00:24:12,160

And her car shows up with no sign of Leah.

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00:24:12,200 --> 00:24:16,080

So needless to say, I was really, really worried.

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00:24:21,320 --> 00:24:22,960

The discovery of Leah Roberts jeep

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00:24:22,960 --> 00:24:26,560

has only deepened the mystery surrounding her disappearance.

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00:24:26,560 --> 00:24:28,320

There are a few clues.

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00:24:28,320 --> 00:24:30,400

Authorities cannot even say for certain if Leah

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00:24:30,400 --> 00:24:33,000

was in her car when it crashed.

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00:24:33,000 --> 00:24:35,280

Only one thing is certain.

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00:24:35,280 --> 00:24:37,520

Leah Roberts embarked on a cross-country journey

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00:24:37,520 --> 00:24:39,440

of self-discovery.

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00:24:39,440 --> 00:24:41,360

Her friends and family are still waiting

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00:24:41,360 --> 00:24:42,320

for her to come home.

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00:24:46,840 --> 00:24:50,840

Leah is just a very awesome person.

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00:24:50,840 --> 00:24:54,320

Everybody that meets her likes her, very personable, great

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00:24:54,320 --> 00:24:56,080

smile.

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00:24:56,080 --> 00:24:59,480

But she was kind of private also, definitely.

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00:24:59,480 --> 00:25:04,600

Very sweet and nice, but it took a while to get to know her.

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00:25:04,600 --> 00:25:07,240

When Leah Roberts was in her early 20s,

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00:25:07,240 --> 00:25:09,520

she experienced a series of tragedies

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00:25:09,520 --> 00:25:13,160

that would forever influence her outlook on life.

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00:25:13,160 --> 00:25:16,120

First, her mother died unexpectedly.

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00:25:16,120 --> 00:25:19,320

Then Leah was in a near fatal car accident.

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00:25:19,320 --> 00:25:24,400

And finally, after a long illness, her father passed away.

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00:25:24,400 --> 00:25:26,000

I think that all of those things together

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00:25:26,000 --> 00:25:29,000

had the cumulative effect of making Leah even more

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00:25:29,000 --> 00:25:34,040

introspective and probably more aware that although she didn't

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00:25:34,040 --> 00:25:37,680

know what she wanted to do, I think she was unhappy

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00:25:37,680 --> 00:25:40,440

that she wasn't achieving it.

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00:25:40,440 --> 00:25:44,120

Leah found solace in the writings of Jack Kerouac.

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00:25:44,120 --> 00:25:46,480

The famous beat generation poet often

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00:25:46,480 --> 00:25:48,520

wrote about the free-spirited road trips

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00:25:48,520 --> 00:25:52,320

he took during the 1950s.

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00:25:52,320 --> 00:25:55,760

Leah was especially enamored by the Dharma Bums,

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00:25:55,760 --> 00:25:57,520

a story that encourages the reader

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00:25:57,520 --> 00:26:00,320

to leave behind the materialism of modern life.

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00:26:03,080 --> 00:26:05,880

Part of that book takes place at a fire lookout

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00:26:05,880 --> 00:26:11,720

on Desolation Peak near Mount Baker in Washington state.

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00:26:11,720 --> 00:26:14,440

From the last conversation that we had,

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00:26:14,440 --> 00:26:16,320

we were talking about Dharma Bums.

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00:26:16,320 --> 00:26:20,360

When Kerouac talks about being alone on Desolation Peak.

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00:26:20,360 --> 00:26:23,160

And about how Kerouac was up on Desolation Peak,

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00:26:23,160 --> 00:26:25,320

just taking in all the beauty around him.

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00:26:25,320 --> 00:26:28,760

So are you inspired to go to Desolation Peak now?

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00:26:28,760 --> 00:26:31,400

I'd love to go to Desolation Peak.

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00:26:31,400 --> 00:26:34,560

She was talking about wanting to go up on Desolation Peak

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00:26:34,560 --> 00:26:36,720

and how she really wanted to go off by herself

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00:26:36,720 --> 00:26:38,760

and figure a lot of things out and figure out

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00:26:38,760 --> 00:26:40,520

what kind of person she wanted to be

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00:26:40,520 --> 00:26:41,960

because she really didn't know anymore.

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00:26:44,680 --> 00:26:47,280

Just three months before she would graduate from college

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00:26:47,280 --> 00:26:50,440

with a degree in Spanish, it appears that Leah Roberts

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00:26:50,440 --> 00:26:54,280

secretly decided to turn her dream into a reality.

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00:26:54,280 --> 00:26:56,560

Leah packed up most of her cherished belongings

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00:26:56,560 --> 00:27:00,040

in her cat bag, then took off for Desolation Peak,

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00:27:00,040 --> 00:27:03,680

3,000 miles across the country.

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00:27:03,680 --> 00:27:06,160

The way we first heard that she had left

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00:27:06,160 --> 00:27:08,880

was it had been a period of like four days

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00:27:08,880 --> 00:27:12,760

where we hadn't seen her and we began to worry.

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00:27:12,760 --> 00:27:16,800

And we called people, family, called friends,

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00:27:16,800 --> 00:27:19,760

knowing I heard from her.

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00:27:19,760 --> 00:27:23,280

Leah's family and friends filed a missing persons report

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00:27:23,280 --> 00:27:26,040

and checked bank records for any activity on her account.

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00:27:28,560 --> 00:27:31,080

Leah had made several cash withdrawals tracing

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00:27:31,080 --> 00:27:33,320

a route towards the West Coast.

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00:27:33,360 --> 00:27:38,440

It took her only three days to make it to Oregon.

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00:27:38,440 --> 00:27:41,240

The day after we filed the missing persons report,

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00:27:41,240 --> 00:27:45,080

I went over to Leah's house just to kind of check through

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00:27:45,080 --> 00:27:50,520

things, see if I could find any clue or whatnot,

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00:27:50,520 --> 00:27:52,200

just something to give me an answer.

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00:27:59,160 --> 00:28:01,360

Amid the clutter on Leah's dresser,

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00:28:01,360 --> 00:28:05,440

Kara discovered a cryptic note.

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00:28:05,440 --> 00:28:07,920

This is to cover bills while I'm gone.

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00:28:07,920 --> 00:28:11,520

Remember, everyone is together in thoughts and prayers.

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00:28:11,520 --> 00:28:13,560

And time passes quickly.

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00:28:13,560 --> 00:28:16,920

Have faith in me, yourself, everyone.

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00:28:16,920 --> 00:28:19,400

Remember Jack Kerouac.

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00:28:19,400 --> 00:28:21,920

Leah's night said, I'm not suicidal.

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00:28:21,920 --> 00:28:23,040

I'm the opposite.

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00:28:23,040 --> 00:28:26,120

Remember Jack Kerouac.

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00:28:26,120 --> 00:28:30,040

Say that kind of right there is an illusion to Kerouac.

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00:28:30,040 --> 00:28:32,600

And that that might be part of her trip.

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00:28:35,880 --> 00:28:38,920

Five days later, Leah's jeep was discovered in Mount Baker

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00:28:38,920 --> 00:28:43,080

National Forest, 100 miles from Desolation Peak.

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00:28:43,080 --> 00:28:47,160

But Leah was nowhere to be found.

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00:28:47,160 --> 00:28:49,760

There were several alarming and contradictory aspects

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00:28:49,760 --> 00:28:51,640

to the crash scene.

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00:28:51,640 --> 00:28:54,560

Authorities estimate that the car was traveling at 40 miles

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00:28:54,560 --> 00:28:57,480

per hour when it plunged over the embankment.

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00:28:57,480 --> 00:28:59,640

In all likelihood, the driver would

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00:28:59,640 --> 00:29:00,920

have been seriously injured.

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00:29:03,560 --> 00:29:06,680

Well, with the speed that the vehicle was traveling

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00:29:06,680 --> 00:29:09,240

and the amount of damage to the vehicle,

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00:29:09,240 --> 00:29:13,240

you would anticipate some type of injury to the person inside.

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00:29:13,240 --> 00:29:16,000

If there was no injury to the person inside,

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00:29:16,000 --> 00:29:19,840

at least some type of evidence to indicate contact damage

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00:29:19,840 --> 00:29:22,880

that the person had been inside the vehicle.

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00:29:22,880 --> 00:29:25,200

But none of those signs were evident.

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00:29:25,200 --> 00:29:26,320

Oh, man, look at this.

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00:29:28,040 --> 00:29:30,240

There was also no blood inside the jeep

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00:29:30,240 --> 00:29:32,440

or in the surrounding area.

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00:29:32,440 --> 00:29:34,280

Investigators were forced to consider

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00:29:34,280 --> 00:29:38,080

whether the car was unoccupied when it went over the hill.

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00:29:38,080 --> 00:29:42,600

But that scenario also turned out to be problematic.

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00:29:42,600 --> 00:29:45,000

There's nothing to indicate the wheel was tied

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00:29:45,000 --> 00:29:46,760

and that it was pushed off the road.

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00:29:46,760 --> 00:29:49,600

We couldn't find any marks on the back that indicated

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00:29:49,600 --> 00:29:53,040

anybody had pushed it to where it was.

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00:29:53,040 --> 00:29:55,920

If you had somebody driving the vehicle and they jumped out,

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00:29:55,920 --> 00:29:58,040

you'd have taken your life into your own hands

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00:29:58,040 --> 00:30:00,320

trying to jump out of the vehicle at that speed.

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00:30:00,320 --> 00:30:01,360

I'll run the plates.

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00:30:01,360 --> 00:30:02,120

All right.

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00:30:02,120 --> 00:30:04,320

Police now had strong evidence that supported

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00:30:04,320 --> 00:30:06,600

two opposite conclusions.

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00:30:06,600 --> 00:30:09,480

Someone had to be driving the jeep when it crashed,

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00:30:09,480 --> 00:30:11,800

and no one could have driven over the embankment

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00:30:11,800 --> 00:30:15,600

without leaving behind signs of an injury.

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00:30:15,600 --> 00:30:17,960

To make matters even more confusing,

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00:30:17,960 --> 00:30:21,720

blankets had been placed in the vehicle's shattered windows.

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00:30:21,720 --> 00:30:24,520

It appeared that someone had used the car as a shelter

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00:30:24,560 --> 00:30:26,560

after the accident.

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00:30:26,560 --> 00:30:27,160

You guys see anything?

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00:30:27,160 --> 00:30:29,360

Give us a call on the radio.

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00:30:29,360 --> 00:30:34,280

A search of the surrounding area was immediately undertaken.

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00:30:34,280 --> 00:30:36,240

We brought in dogs.

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00:30:36,240 --> 00:30:39,800

We brought in search and rescue and did a complete grid

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00:30:39,800 --> 00:30:42,000

search up and down the road.

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00:30:42,000 --> 00:30:44,360

But they weren't able to find any indication

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00:30:44,360 --> 00:30:46,240

that anybody had left that vehicle.

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00:30:46,240 --> 00:30:48,000

I mean, there's not even any blood anywhere on the steering

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00:30:48,000 --> 00:30:48,280

car.

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00:30:48,280 --> 00:30:50,320

The jeep was taken to a police garage

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00:30:50,320 --> 00:30:52,240

and further examined.

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00:30:52,240 --> 00:30:55,200

It was phone of Leah's personal belongings,

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00:30:55,200 --> 00:30:59,000

a large amount of cash, an empty cat carrier,

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00:30:59,000 --> 00:31:03,240

and Leah's mother's diamond engagement ring.

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00:31:03,240 --> 00:31:06,000

As long as I've known Leah, she has worn her mother's engagement

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00:31:06,000 --> 00:31:06,720

ring.

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00:31:06,720 --> 00:31:08,720

It was her most prized possession.

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00:31:08,720 --> 00:31:11,800

And when we discovered that the ring had been found in the car,

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00:31:11,800 --> 00:31:20,360

it was definitely, for me, it was kind of a bad sign.

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00:31:20,400 --> 00:31:22,720

What happened to Leah Roberts?

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00:31:22,720 --> 00:31:25,880

Was she even in her jeep when it crashed?

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00:31:25,880 --> 00:31:30,160

If she was, why was there no sign of her being hurt?

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00:31:30,160 --> 00:31:33,480

And finally, why would she leave behind everything

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00:31:33,480 --> 00:31:35,720

that she cared most about in this world?

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00:31:38,520 --> 00:31:41,200

Perhaps Leah did accidentally drive off the road

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00:31:41,200 --> 00:31:44,200

but survived relatively unscathed.

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00:31:44,200 --> 00:31:46,680

She then would have been stranded in one of the most remote

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00:31:46,680 --> 00:31:49,520

wilderness regions in the country.

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00:31:49,520 --> 00:31:54,920

Leah may have presented an irresistible target for a killer.

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00:31:54,920 --> 00:31:57,560

You can't rule out foul play when you don't see somebody

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00:31:57,560 --> 00:31:59,080

for over a year.

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00:31:59,080 --> 00:32:03,440

But there's no evidence to indicate that that has happened.

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00:32:03,440 --> 00:32:08,040

We did process the vehicle for your typical evidence,

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00:32:08,040 --> 00:32:11,200

hairs and fibers and blood and nothing.

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00:32:11,200 --> 00:32:12,760

Nothing to indicate that that's happened.

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00:32:13,760 --> 00:32:19,880

Or maybe the lack of blood at the crash site

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00:32:19,880 --> 00:32:24,480

indicates that Leah suffered an internal injury, conceivably

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00:32:24,480 --> 00:32:27,000

a debilitating head injury.

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00:32:27,000 --> 00:32:28,800

Could she now be walking the streets

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00:32:28,800 --> 00:32:32,080

with no memory of who she is or where she came from?

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00:32:34,680 --> 00:32:37,080

There is a third possibility.

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00:32:37,080 --> 00:32:40,040

Did Leah Roberts, inspired by her favorite author, Jack

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00:32:40,080 --> 00:32:43,000

Kerouac, leave her former life behind

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00:32:43,000 --> 00:32:45,880

in one final dramatic gesture?

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00:32:45,880 --> 00:32:48,800

I can understand Leah's needing to get away

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00:32:48,800 --> 00:32:53,080

and find some peace within herself.

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00:32:53,080 --> 00:32:57,960

But considering the loss that our families experience,

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00:32:57,960 --> 00:33:03,560

it's difficult for me to think that she would leave us open

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00:33:03,560 --> 00:33:06,240

for another loss like this.

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00:33:06,240 --> 00:33:09,160

It's difficult to imagine her wanting to distance herself

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00:33:09,160 --> 00:33:12,840

from her family for as long as she has.

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00:33:12,840 --> 00:33:15,640

But of course, you don't want to imagine the negative things

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00:33:15,640 --> 00:33:17,480

that could have happened.

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00:33:17,480 --> 00:33:20,200

You don't ever know what someone's thinking in their head.

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00:33:20,200 --> 00:33:23,120

No matter what they tell you, you still don't know.

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00:33:23,120 --> 00:33:25,040

Not 100% you never know.

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00:33:25,040 --> 00:33:28,840

That's why none of this makes sense to anybody.

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00:33:28,840 --> 00:33:31,640

It's so out of character for her in some ways

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00:33:31,640 --> 00:33:32,840

and then in some ways it's not.

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00:33:40,160 --> 00:33:43,040

One week after Leah Roberts' jeep was found,

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00:33:43,040 --> 00:33:45,160

an anonymous tipster called investigators

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00:33:45,160 --> 00:33:48,440

and reported that his wife had just seen Leah at a gas station

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00:33:48,440 --> 00:33:50,800

30 miles from Seattle.

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00:33:50,800 --> 00:33:53,760

Leah appeared confused and disoriented.

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00:33:53,760 --> 00:33:56,360

But before authorities could obtain further information

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00:33:56,360 --> 00:34:00,000

from the witness, he panicked and hung up the phone.

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00:34:00,000 --> 00:34:02,160

The police are now asking for your help.

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00:34:03,160 --> 00:34:06,560

Leah Roberts is 5 feet 6, weighs 130 pounds,

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00:34:06,560 --> 00:34:08,600

and has sandy blonde hair.

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00:34:08,600 --> 00:34:11,000

She has a beauty mark on her right upper lip

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00:34:11,000 --> 00:34:13,160

and a surgical scar on her right hip.

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00:34:20,920 --> 00:34:23,320

rural Kentucky, a kind of homespun place

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00:34:23,320 --> 00:34:27,160

for most folks who are downright neighborly.

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00:34:27,160 --> 00:34:28,960

On a quiet Sunday morning, Leah was

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00:34:28,960 --> 00:34:31,960

taking a break during a routine patrol.

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00:34:31,960 --> 00:34:35,720

The pickup truck suddenly sped by with both tail lights out.

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00:34:38,720 --> 00:34:41,640

Deputy Elder had no idea who was behind the wheel

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00:34:41,640 --> 00:34:43,240

or that all hell was about to break loose.

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00:34:46,720 --> 00:34:49,000

When I came up behind him, he was driving fine.

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00:34:49,000 --> 00:34:50,720

The only thing that I directed my attention to

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00:34:50,720 --> 00:34:52,200

was the no-tail lights.

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00:34:52,200 --> 00:34:54,200

I was in the car, and I was in the car.

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00:34:54,200 --> 00:34:56,200

I was in the car, and I was in the car.

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00:34:56,200 --> 00:34:57,760

The only thing that I directed my attention to

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00:34:57,760 --> 00:35:00,280

was the no-tail lights.

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00:35:00,280 --> 00:35:02,840

I caught up with it, and it was a camouflage truck,

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00:35:02,840 --> 00:35:04,800

Kentucky militia on the back.

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00:35:04,800 --> 00:35:06,560

I had no idea what that was.

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00:35:06,560 --> 00:35:08,440

I just didn't know.

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00:35:08,440 --> 00:35:09,840

That's when I made the traffic stop.

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00:35:13,760 --> 00:35:14,720

Good evening, sir.

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00:35:14,720 --> 00:35:15,360

Good evening.

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00:35:15,360 --> 00:35:17,480

I'm Deputy Elder with the Bell County Sheriff's Office.

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00:35:17,480 --> 00:35:19,040

Hey, Deputy Elder.

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00:35:19,040 --> 00:35:21,240

The reason I stopped you is your tail lights are out.

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00:35:21,240 --> 00:35:25,040

At first, Deputy Elder saw no reason for concern.

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00:35:25,040 --> 00:35:26,680

The drivers seemed friendly enough,

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00:35:26,680 --> 00:35:29,000

and he agreed to take care of the problem right away.

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00:35:29,000 --> 00:35:30,840

I'll just go down the road here and get that fixed.

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00:35:30,840 --> 00:35:32,320

Thank you for telling me about that.

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00:35:32,320 --> 00:35:34,920

But then everything changed.

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00:35:34,920 --> 00:35:36,520

However, I do need to see your driver's license

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00:35:36,520 --> 00:35:37,680

to make sure it's valid.

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00:35:37,680 --> 00:35:39,160

No, you don't need to see my license.

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00:35:39,160 --> 00:35:39,920

Yes, sir, I do.

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00:35:39,920 --> 00:35:41,120

The reason you don't need to see this,

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00:35:41,120 --> 00:35:43,080

because I'm a member of the Kentucky State Militia.

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00:35:43,080 --> 00:35:45,040

He started getting very agitated.

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00:35:45,040 --> 00:35:46,880

He started turning real red.

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00:35:46,880 --> 00:35:48,160

He was started yelling.

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00:35:48,160 --> 00:35:50,360

And in fact, I get my powers derived from

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00:35:50,360 --> 00:35:51,560

the concentration of static weapons.

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00:35:51,560 --> 00:35:52,960

That's when I caught the glimpse of a pistol

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00:35:52,960 --> 00:35:54,080

magazine to the window.

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00:35:54,080 --> 00:35:55,720

Yes, I have weapons in the vehicle.

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00:35:55,720 --> 00:35:56,720

Sir, for my safety.

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00:35:56,720 --> 00:35:57,720

Do you have any weapons in your vehicle?

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00:35:57,720 --> 00:35:58,720

Sir, put your hands, put your hands.

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00:35:58,720 --> 00:35:59,720

Put your hands.

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00:35:59,720 --> 00:36:00,720

Put your hands where I can see it.

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00:36:00,720 --> 00:36:01,720

I don't think it's in my hands anywhere.

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00:36:01,720 --> 00:36:02,720

Sir, put your hands where I can see it.

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00:36:02,720 --> 00:36:04,920

I kept screaming at him, step out of the truck,

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00:36:04,920 --> 00:36:06,200

step out of the truck.

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00:36:06,200 --> 00:36:08,560

And then that's when he threw it in drive, and he took off.

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00:36:13,280 --> 00:36:15,400

I just couldn't believe this was going on.

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00:36:15,400 --> 00:36:16,400

It's a Sunday.

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00:36:16,400 --> 00:36:19,480

It's supposed to be dead shift, you know?

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00:36:19,480 --> 00:36:22,600

Not anymore.

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00:36:22,720 --> 00:36:25,880

Careening along Route 25, the two vehicles were locked

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00:36:25,880 --> 00:36:28,840

in a dangerous high-speed cat and mouse game,

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00:36:28,840 --> 00:36:33,160

when the prey suddenly became the predator.

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00:36:33,160 --> 00:36:36,000

He turned, a U-turn, and came back at the cruiser.

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00:36:40,480 --> 00:36:44,800

When he stops, I back my cruiser up.

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00:36:44,800 --> 00:36:46,640

I swerved and missed him.

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00:36:46,640 --> 00:36:48,520

And he whipped it back around.

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00:36:48,520 --> 00:36:52,080

And he was chasing me at that point in time.

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00:36:56,240 --> 00:36:57,720

And I was on the radio, and I was telling him,

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00:36:57,720 --> 00:36:59,240

this person said he's chasing me.

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00:36:59,240 --> 00:37:00,840

Give me some backup now!

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00:37:00,840 --> 00:37:02,640

And I said, I don't know what he's trying to do.

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00:37:02,640 --> 00:37:06,200

I said, this guy's crazy, but he's chasing me.

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00:37:06,200 --> 00:37:07,720

It was a bizarre scene that quickly

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00:37:07,720 --> 00:37:13,000

shifted from dangerous to deputy, with a deputy now under siege.

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00:37:13,000 --> 00:37:14,960

Hey, man, I need backup now!

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00:37:14,960 --> 00:37:15,960

He's shooting at me!

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00:37:16,640 --> 00:37:23,000

Then, with bullets flying in his life on the line,

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00:37:23,000 --> 00:37:24,960

deputy elder turned the tables again.

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00:37:33,320 --> 00:37:36,000

Moments later, he was bearing down on the truck,

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00:37:36,000 --> 00:37:38,240

and the driver suddenly slammed on his brakes

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00:37:38,240 --> 00:37:39,320

and jumped from the vehicle.

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00:37:42,000 --> 00:37:42,880

Come on!

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00:37:42,880 --> 00:37:44,040

Come on, you're on your way!

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00:37:44,040 --> 00:37:45,880

Get your hands up!

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00:37:45,880 --> 00:37:46,800

Get your hands up now!

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00:37:46,800 --> 00:37:48,080

Don't you mess with me, boy!

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00:37:50,640 --> 00:37:53,080

According to police, a wild shooting spree ensued.

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00:37:55,760 --> 00:37:59,240

The enraged gunman unloaded more than 30 rounds

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00:37:59,240 --> 00:38:00,680

and peeled off down the highway.

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00:38:03,240 --> 00:38:05,600

Deputy elder fired back, but the truck

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00:38:05,600 --> 00:38:11,280

was a moving target and quickly disappeared into the night.

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00:38:11,280 --> 00:38:12,640

I was shaking.

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00:38:12,640 --> 00:38:17,520

I didn't know whether to cry or scream, get mad.

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00:38:17,520 --> 00:38:19,480

I didn't know what to do.

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00:38:19,480 --> 00:38:22,160

I just didn't know what to think, what the hell happened.

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00:38:24,880 --> 00:38:27,280

Deputy elder was still in shock the next morning

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00:38:27,280 --> 00:38:29,720

when at least part of the puzzle fell into place.

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00:38:32,240 --> 00:38:34,320

Authorities discovered the gunman's vehicle

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00:38:34,320 --> 00:38:37,000

abandoned in the backwoods.

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00:38:37,000 --> 00:38:40,160

They identified the owner as 55-year-old Stephen Howard

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00:38:40,160 --> 00:38:40,800

Anderson.

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00:38:42,640 --> 00:38:44,480

In the back of Anderson's truck,

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00:38:44,480 --> 00:38:47,440

sheriff's deputies claim they found enough weapons and ammo

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00:38:47,440 --> 00:38:50,200

to equip a small army.

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00:38:50,200 --> 00:38:51,280

There were six pipe pounds.

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00:38:51,280 --> 00:38:53,120

They found in the cab of the vehicle.

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00:38:53,120 --> 00:38:56,400

There was a semi-automatic rifle, over 9,000 rounds

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00:38:56,400 --> 00:38:59,200

of ammunition of various calibers found

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00:38:59,200 --> 00:39:01,920

in the back of the vehicle in a camper.

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00:39:01,920 --> 00:39:04,160

And there was other survival gear and clothing

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00:39:04,160 --> 00:39:06,280

and some food as well.

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00:39:06,280 --> 00:39:09,520

Given the mindset that we believe Stephen Anderson has,

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00:39:09,520 --> 00:39:10,960

when you see that type of weaponry,

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00:39:10,960 --> 00:39:13,680

it poses a serious threat to property and people.

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00:39:17,000 --> 00:39:19,320

Further investigation revealed that Stephen Anderson

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00:39:19,320 --> 00:39:22,080

apparently did have ties with a civilian paramilitary group

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00:39:22,080 --> 00:39:24,720

known as a Kentucky State Militia,

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00:39:24,720 --> 00:39:28,280

an organization not sanctioned by any government body.

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00:39:28,280 --> 00:39:31,600

It stated mission to protect and defend the US Constitution

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00:39:31,600 --> 00:39:34,560

from all enemies, foreign and domestic.

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00:39:34,560 --> 00:39:36,760

But according to law enforcement officials,

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00:39:36,760 --> 00:39:39,120

some members can be fanatical and dangerous.

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00:39:41,960 --> 00:39:45,000

Even when compared to the group's extreme element,

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00:39:45,000 --> 00:39:48,560

Stephen Anderson was considered a loose cannon.

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00:39:48,560 --> 00:39:52,000

In fact, a short time before the shootout with deputy Elder,

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00:39:52,000 --> 00:39:56,600

Anderson had been booted out of the militia.

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00:39:56,600 --> 00:39:59,880

Steve was dispensable for conduct on becoming.

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00:39:59,880 --> 00:40:05,360

His agenda would be to do the Second Revolution now.

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00:40:05,360 --> 00:40:08,000

In our opinion, it's not time.

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00:40:08,000 --> 00:40:11,400

The legislative process in Kentucky still works.

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00:40:11,400 --> 00:40:14,320

When that system ceased to function,

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00:40:14,320 --> 00:40:16,800

then it's time for a revolution.

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00:40:16,800 --> 00:40:18,440

Do you have any weapons in the vehicle?

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00:40:18,440 --> 00:40:20,120

Yes, I have weapons in the vehicle.

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00:40:20,120 --> 00:40:24,720

When Stephen Anderson poised to launch his own private war,

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00:40:24,720 --> 00:40:28,200

authorities were anxious to find out.

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00:40:28,200 --> 00:40:30,040

After obtaining a search warrant,

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00:40:30,040 --> 00:40:33,040

they uncovered another huge cache of weapons and explosives

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00:40:33,040 --> 00:40:33,960

on Anderson's property.

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00:40:34,400 --> 00:40:36,800

More pipe bomb, grenades, machine guns,

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00:40:36,800 --> 00:40:39,560

and approximately 12,000 rounds of ammunition.

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00:40:42,800 --> 00:40:46,320

Agents also found a low-powered ham radio transmitter,

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00:40:46,320 --> 00:40:48,400

allegedly used by Anderson to broadcast

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00:40:48,400 --> 00:40:51,960

hate-filled vendettas against the establishment.

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00:40:51,960 --> 00:40:53,840

I can see it now.

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00:40:53,840 --> 00:40:56,040

Joe Patri is driving down the road.

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00:40:56,040 --> 00:40:59,600

In fact, just five days before the shootout with deputy Elder,

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00:40:59,600 --> 00:41:02,360

Anderson acted out an eerily serious attack

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00:41:02,400 --> 00:41:06,200

on Anderson, and Anderson acted out an eerily similar scenario

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00:41:06,200 --> 00:41:07,960

to the actual encounter.

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00:41:07,960 --> 00:41:11,080

Well, Mr. Patri, I need to see your National ID card now

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00:41:11,080 --> 00:41:13,040

and get you to step out of the vehicle.

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00:41:13,040 --> 00:41:16,320

But sir, that violates the Constitution.

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00:41:16,320 --> 00:41:17,840

I don't care about no Constitution.

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00:41:17,840 --> 00:41:20,280

I said give me your National ID card.

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00:41:20,280 --> 00:41:21,480

Well, OK, buddy.

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00:41:21,480 --> 00:41:23,800

I'll give you my National ID card.

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00:41:23,800 --> 00:41:24,800

Scan this.

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00:41:28,800 --> 00:41:32,280

Have a nice day, officer.

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00:41:32,640 --> 00:41:37,440

Anderson's chilling words were shocking and scary.

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00:41:37,440 --> 00:41:40,800

I had no idea that he had done that, you know?

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00:41:40,800 --> 00:41:42,760

There's no doubt in my mind now that he had that planned.

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00:41:42,760 --> 00:41:43,680

Good evening, sir.

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00:41:43,680 --> 00:41:44,600

Good evening.

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00:41:44,600 --> 00:41:47,240

Any police officer that come in contact with him,

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00:41:47,240 --> 00:41:50,680

that's what was going to happen.

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00:41:50,680 --> 00:41:54,680

There was going to be a shootout, no matter what.

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00:41:54,680 --> 00:41:57,040

Steven Anderson is still on the run,

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00:41:57,040 --> 00:42:01,160

and authorities need your help to bring him to justice.

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00:42:01,160 --> 00:42:03,760

It's quite possible that when Steven Anderson abandoned

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00:42:03,760 --> 00:42:05,800

his vehicle, he may have hidden the woods

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00:42:05,800 --> 00:42:09,080

for a period of time and either sought out or received help

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00:42:09,080 --> 00:42:11,680

from people in the area.

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00:42:11,680 --> 00:42:14,360

Steven Anderson is wanted by the Kentucky State Police

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00:42:14,360 --> 00:42:18,480

for the attempted murder of Deputy Scott Elder.

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00:42:18,480 --> 00:42:22,160

He is also wanted by the ATF, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

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00:42:22,160 --> 00:42:25,600

and Firearms, for violation of federal explosive laws.

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00:42:31,340 --> 00:42:32,520

OK, then.

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00:42:46,760 --> 00:42:49,080

Stories without endings.

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00:42:49,080 --> 00:42:51,840

Stories of defying imagination.

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00:42:51,840 --> 00:42:55,760

Stories were you may have that one vital clue.

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00:42:55,760 --> 00:42:58,120

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