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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries

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In a peaceful suburb of Los Angeles,

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a feud over a drug debt spirals out of control.

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An innocent teenage boy is taken hostage

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and a family is destroyed.

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Jill Bierman had a passion for cycling.

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One morning she set off for a ride through Bloomington, Indiana

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and inexplicably vanished.

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Was she abducted?

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Or was she the victim of a tragic accident?

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It began innocently enough.

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A selfless good deed by Billy Fisher convinced Nancy Hire

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that they should become friends.

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Three weeks later, Nancy sat down to dinner

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with Billy and his father.

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Soon too would be dead and a third missing.

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Authorities need your help to bring a killer to justice.

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Kristen Motiferry came to San Francisco

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for a summer of adventure.

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Then she vanished.

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Did she drown in the Pacific?

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Or was she lured into the arms of a murderer?

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Join me for these stories of intriguing deception.

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Prime ingredients for Unsolved Mysteries.

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Nick Markowitz celebrates his bar mitzvah

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with dozens of friends and loved ones.

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It would be the last joyous occasion

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before tragedy rips a Markowitz family apart.

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Ladies and gentlemen, let's give it up for the Markowitz.

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The seeds of that tragedy lie with Nick's older half-brother, Ben.

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For the first time in his life,

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he has been a part of the family of Markowitz.

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For most of his life, Ben has been in trouble.

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And now young Nick is about to be engulfed

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in Ben's world of deceit and betrayal.

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Ben owes money to this man, Jesse James Hollywood,

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who has given his notorious name at birth.

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On August 6, 2000, Jesse allegedly decided to find Ben

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and collect what is owed him, one way or another.

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According to reports, Jesse and two of his friends

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cruise the quiet streets of West Hills, California,

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looking for Ben.

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They cannot find him, but instead spot Nick.

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A fateful decision is made.

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Nick!

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Hey, guys.

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What's going on?

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I don't know.

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No, I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I think you don't.

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No, I don't.

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Yeah, you think you don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I gotta get going, man.

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I guess.

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Witnesses say that they saw the van pull over

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and there was a physical confrontation

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and that young Nick was forced into the van and the van left.

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Go, go, go, go, go!

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On that day, he was simply a young man who,

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his only problem was that he had an older brother

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who had provoked the wrath of Jesse James Hollywood.

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At first glance, Jesse James Hollywood and his friends

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seemed like difficult suburban teenagers.

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They grew up in loving middle-class homes

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and were given every chance to succeed in life.

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But somewhere along the way, Jesse allegedly went off track.

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And by chance, Nicholas Markowitz crossed Jesse's path.

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The result was catastrophic.

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Now one of them is dead and the other a fugitive from justice.

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As a child, there was no hint that Jesse James' outlaw name

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might turn out to be prophetic.

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Jesse and his close knit group of friends

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would spend countless summer days playing baseball

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while their families watched with pride.

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But police believe that Jesse, the innocent little eager,

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somehow transformed into a big-time suburban drug dealer.

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Incredibly, at the age of 19, Jesse reportedly amassed

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enough illicit profits to buy an expensive home

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and the party began.

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Jesse James Hollywood was driving an expensive car.

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He was partying with his friends on nearly a daily basis.

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And he was living a rather lavish lifestyle for a young man

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without any legitimate means of employment.

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Less than two miles away but a world apart,

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15-year-old Nick Markowitz lived with his parents,

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Jeff and Susan.

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Nick was a typical teenager.

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He was a likable kid. Everybody loved Nick.

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He had a great sense of humor.

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He was always positive and fun to be around.

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But Nick's 25-year-old half-brother Ben

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was an entirely different story.

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According to police, Ben was a friend of Jesse Hollywood

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and often bought marijuana from him.

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Shortly before the kidnapping,

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Ben and Jesse had a falling out after Ben refused to pay

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a \$1,200 drug debt.

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He's a real little guy.

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Very obnoxious, just the type of guy you'd want to take his stuff.

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I didn't fear him. He was, like I just said,

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he was just, Jesse was just a little man.

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I was like \$1,200, he asked, sure, I'll get you later, buddy.

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What's going on, Ben? Jesse, what are you doing?

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Where have you been?

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Jesse James Hollywood reportedly confronted Ben

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on several occasions.

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I told you I would get your money, all right?

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Come to my house like this, man.

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Come to the house. What are you smoking, huh?

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This is your last chance.

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You got that?

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After numerous run-ins with Ben,

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Jesse reportedly had had enough.

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And on August 6th, he went looking for his former friend.

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Nick Markowitz just happened to be in the wrong place

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at the wrong time.

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I was making Nick breakfast and went upstairs to get him,

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and he was not there.

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I paged him, and he did not return my page.

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I guess I must have paged him 100 times.

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I knew something was wrong.

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Police believe that Nick could not return his mother's call

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because Jesse James had kidnapped him.

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Nick was purportedly taken to a home in Santa Barbara, California

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and restrained.

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There he would remain a hostage until his brother, Ben,

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paid his debt.

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On the following day, witnesses report seeing Nick

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at the Santa Barbara home.

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Jesse is not at the house.

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Nick is no longer bound nor gagged.

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In fact, Nick's captors seem to treat him like a guest.

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Nick was free to move around the residence.

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Young people that did come and go from the residence,

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although they were told that he had been, in essence, kidnapped

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by his demeanor there, he was not acting as they might expect

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someone that had been kidnapped would be acting.

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I personally feel that Nick had the expectation

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that at some point in time he would be freed.

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Don't worry about him. He's fine.

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In the ensuing days, there was no reported effort

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by Jesse James Hollywood to exchange Nick for the money

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Ben Markowitz owed him.

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According to witnesses, Jesse realized a situation

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was quickly spiraling out of control.

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He telephoned his lawyer for advice.

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That won't, I can't be.

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Police believe that Jesse came to a disturbing realization.

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If Nick was released and told authorities about the spontaneous

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kidnapping, Jesse could spend the rest of his life behind bars.

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We believe that as a result of that conversation,

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Jesse came to the conclusion that he would be in a better

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situation to kill Nick as opposed to trying to return him.

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Authorities theorize that Jesse then contacted this man,

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Ryan Hoyt, a 21-year-old acquaintance who also owed Jesse

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\$1,200 for drugs.

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In this home video taken by Jesse James Hollywood,

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he can be heard demanding payment from Ryan Hoyt.

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You're saying they're going to give my money back on Monday?

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What's going to be there tomorrow, Hoyt?

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I'm serious, man.

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Stop recording.

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What's going to be in the bank?

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You never answered it. I want to know.

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\$500. At least \$500.

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Now stop f\*\*\*ing recording.

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Jesse allegedly offered Ryan a way to pay off his debt.

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Hey, Ryan. It's Jesse.

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Listen, I got a little proposition for you.

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On August 8th, police believe that Ryan Hoyt and two

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accomplices led Nick Markovitch to Lizard's Mouth,

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a remote area in the Las Padres National Forest.

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Jesse James Hollywood was not there.

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PUNCH

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We were friends.

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All of us were friends.

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And the way that it went down,

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I feel very responsible for it.

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All I can really do is just overthink it in my head

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and, you know, I believe in as many nights where I couldn't sleep.

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Four days later, the body of Nick Markovitch was discovered.

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An anonymous tip from a teenager who saw Nick at the Santa Barbara

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home quickly identified several suspects in his kidnapping and murder.

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Within days, police arrested Ryan Hoyt and three accomplices

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for the crime. All four pleaded not guilty

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and remain in custody at the Santa Barbara County Jail.

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But Jesse James Hollywood was nowhere to be found.

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Authorities believe publicity about the murder caused Hollywood to flee.

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We don't know where he went. We don't know where he is now.

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But he did leave the jurisdiction eventually.

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He returned to the San Fernando Valley area.

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But since that time, his whereabouts have been unknown to us.

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At nightmarish you wake up from, this is worse than a nightmare.

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They've destroyed me. They've gutted me.

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I am soulless. I am lost.

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Every evening at dusk, Eric and Marilyn Bierman perform a quiet ritual.

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The candle's flame represents the flicker of hope

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that they will solve a perplexing mystery that has shattered their lives.

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On May 31st, 2000, their 19-year-old daughter Jill looked forward

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to another morning indulging her passion for fitness.

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She left their home in Bloomington, Indiana at 9 a.m.

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Her job did not begin until noon.

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She had plenty of time to first enjoy the sport she loved best.

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Jill treated a bike ride like a workout.

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She took it pretty seriously and she wanted to ride hard

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and her friends have told me that going for a bike ride with Jill

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was not very much fun because they couldn't keep up.

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Jill had just completed her freshman year as a business major

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at Indiana University.

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Her family and friends' subscriber is the epitome of a fun-loving,

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all-American girl.

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Twelve hours later, Eric and Marilyn became alarmed

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when Jill failed to return home.

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It's way after dark. It's very late.

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It's cold outside and I was alternating between being sad

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or worried or maybe even angry thinking,

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why would she do this?

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Why would she go off and not tell us what she's up to?

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I mean, just all those mixed emotions.

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I don't know what to think.

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It was then that we both were really, I think, terrified

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as to just what might have happened to her.

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Jill Bierman had vanished without a trace.

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Bloomington police and the FBI received over 3,000 tips.

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But what happened to Jill is still unknown.

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Authorities believe she might have been abducted,

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although there was no evidence to support that conclusion.

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They also thought she may have been the victim of a hit-and-run accident.

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But if that were true, where was her body?

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The investigation yielded many clues, but no answers.

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News of Jill's disappearance spread quickly through our Bloomington.

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Two days after she vanished,

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townspeople by the hundreds joined investigators in an exhaustive search.

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Local cycling clubs traced the routes Jill may have taken.

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They had groups of people not only searching the roads,

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but about 150 feet or so off on each side of the road.

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And the woods and the ravines and the areas along several of the roads

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and places that we know that Jill liked ride.

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Despite the massive effort, no trace of Jill was found.

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But the same day the search began, a vital clue surfaced.

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A resident of Bloomington stepped forward,

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reporting that he had retrieved an abandoned bicycle two days earlier.

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The same day Jill had disappeared.

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Only later, when news about Jill broke, did he realize its significance.

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The bicycle serial number enabled police to confirm that it was Jill's.

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Investigators searched the area surrounding where the bike was found.

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But they found nothing.

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The location raised their suspicions.

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Jill was last seen south of her home riding in a southerly direction.

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Her bike was 10 miles northwest of that site.

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That's not a route that she would have been on that day.

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That's about 10 miles away.

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It's through town, it's through a great deal of traffic,

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and Jill hated riding in any kind of traffic.

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She just, she wouldn't ride in the traffic.

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She's not with the bike, and the bike is somewhere she would not have ridden,

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and this isn't making any sense.

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This is even more mysterious and more scary now,

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because now I don't know what to think.

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Three days after Jill vanished, the mystery deepened.

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A digital radio was found neatly placed in the parking lot of a Bloomington church.

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It was the same model and color as one that Jill usually took with her when she cycled.

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At the moment the radio was found,

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a church goer in the parking lot witnessed a pickup truck that investigators viewed with suspicion.

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There's no indication that that pickup truck was related to the Walkman,

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however we've attempted to try and find the, not only the pickup truck,

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but certainly the individual driving it, and we've been unsuccessful in doing that.

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Ten days later, a young woman, Jill's age, was involved in an attempted abduction

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just three miles from where Jill's bike was found.

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We certainly believe that there could be a correlation between the event in Aliceville and Jill's disappearance.

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Is it possible that the same assailant, who is still unidentified, also targeted Jill?

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We've had any number of theories in this, and certainly one of those theories is that Jill was targeted.

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And that they placed the bicycle in an area different from where she was last seen

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in an effort to try and at least lead us away from the area in which she was in fact abducted.

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The possibility that Jill was abducted seemed more plausible

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when news broke a year later about another female cyclist in Kentucky.

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A motorist struck her and tried to drag her into his car before he was chased away by a witness.

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A police artist made this sketch of the suspect,

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but whether this man also attempted to abduct Jill is unknown.

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The only other theory investigators consider possible is that Jill was a victim of a hit-and-run accident.

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We believe that Jill was a victim of a hit-and-run accident.

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We believe that it was certainly possible that Jill was struck by a group of people who were high on drugs, alcohol, or both, that these folks panicked.

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And instead of leaving her or trying to get help for her, they put her and the bike in a vehicle and took her.

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The hit-and-run theory however is flawed by one perplexing detail.

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The damage to Jill's bicycle was minimal.

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Still investigators say it is possible that Jill was not struck while riding,

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but after she dismounted to rest or make repairs.

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Ultimately however, what happened to Jill remains unneeded.

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The investigation is still underway.

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The bike repairs.

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Ultimately however, what happened to Jill remains unknown.

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It's one of the hardest things about this whole situation is the not knowing.

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Without knowing whether she's alive, without knowing where she is.

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I miss that smile. I miss her laugh.

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It's a nightmare that just keeps going on.

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Every night we light the candle on the front doorstep.

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It stays lit all night until the next morning.

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It's kind of a beacon of hope.

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And just as a reminder that Jill is still missing.

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And every day we pray that that's going to be the day that we find Jill.

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So did we just pick up the parade from the park?

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21 year old Nancy Hyer and 19 year old Billy Fisher met by chance in 1986.

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Okay.

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I'll take your word for it.

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Billy first saw Nancy on a train heading into New York City.

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She had become lost and was on the verge of tears.

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Billy stepped forward and volunteered to escort Nancy back home to Hicksville, Long Island.

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The two began a close friendship.

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Nancy thought Billy was a really nice guy.

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She did say to me, he's starting to look at me like a girlfriend kind of thing.

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And I don't like him that way.

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But she didn't want to hurt his feelings because he was so nice.

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On a stormy night three weeks later Nancy received a call from Billy.

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I want to get home from work tomorrow, okay?

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Alrighty, I'll talk to you later. Bye-bye.

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I wonder if I'll actually be able to follow those directions.

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She told her sister Deborah that Billy had asked for a ride home from his father's house in Southampton.

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Despite the weather, Nancy decided to repay Billy's earlier act of kindness.

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I don't really think you should be going out in this weather Nancy.

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And I said, I can't believe you're going to drive in this weather.

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You don't even like to drive at night.

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And she says, well, he's done so much for me that I'm going to just go.

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00:22:33,000 --> 00:22:34,000

Alrighty.

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I'm all ready to go.

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You look great.

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00:22:37,000 --> 00:22:38,000

Thank you.

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Nancy's mother, Joan, was also concerned about her daughter driving during a storm.

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As I saw my daughter drive away, I was a little fearful myself.

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Worry. Just mothers worry.

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That's enough.

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Nancy Hire set off into the downpour for the hour-and-a-half drive to Southampton.

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Her friendship with Billy Fisher would soon lead to tragedy.

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An unsuspecting Nancy Hire was heading straight into another family's conflict,

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one that was about to turn violent.

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Billy Fisher had cystic fibrosis, a degenerative respiratory disease,

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and was overwhelmed with medical bills.

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He was seeking money from his estranged father who'd abandoned the family 15 years earlier.

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What followed next was a chain reaction of ill-fated events,

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ultimately put Nancy Hire in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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At the time Billy Fisher met Nancy,

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he was swamped in debt and increasingly ill.

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Hi, may I speak to William Fisher, please?

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00:23:54,000 --> 00:23:57,000

He decided to ask his father, William, for help,

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00:23:57,000 --> 00:24:00,000

even though the two hadn't spoken in over a year.

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

Hello. Hi, Dad.

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00:24:01,000 --> 00:24:07,000

He was employed by a well-to-do car dealership in Manhattan and the city of New York.

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He was making a very high salary.

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The investigation determined that he began and had been using cocaine extension.

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To the point that it affected his performance at his place of employment.

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Billy's father invited his son to visit for the weekend and discuss the money situation.

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Hi, Billy. How you doing?

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00:24:30,000 --> 00:24:31,000

I'm okay.

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00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:33,000

Come on, I'm not going to bite you.

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Nobody knows how Billy got to Southampton.

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

But a day after arriving, he called Nancy Hire to his apartment.

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After arriving, he called Nancy Hire to take him home.

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00:24:53,000 --> 00:24:57,000

That night, Joan Hire waited anxiously for Nancy to return.

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I was pacing the living room constantly at the front door, looking out the window.

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00:25:03,000 --> 00:25:07,000

The clock was going, 12 o'clock, 1 o'clock, 2 o'clock.

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

I kind of figured she's a responsible girl.

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00:25:12,000 --> 00:25:17,000

She might have had to stay over because of the weather or the time of night.

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

But then I still kept hesitant because I said she would never not call me.

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Yes, well, I know she's 21, but could you please...

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00:25:26,000 --> 00:25:28,000

The next morning, still no call.

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00:25:28,000 --> 00:25:30,000

Joan began to panic.

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00:25:30,000 --> 00:25:32,000

The police could not help.

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00:25:32,000 --> 00:25:35,000

Nancy had not been gone long enough to be declared missing.

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I know she left directions and a phone number around her somewhere.

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00:25:38,000 --> 00:25:40,000

I don't know where she left it.

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Running out of options, Joan and Nancy's sister, Deborah, rummaged through her bedroom.

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No, wait, here it is.

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00:25:46,000 --> 00:25:47,000

Fisher.

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00:25:51,000 --> 00:25:53,000

Yes, hello.

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00:25:54,000 --> 00:25:56,000

This is Nancy Hire's mother, Joan.

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00:25:56,000 --> 00:25:58,000

Mr. Fisher, yes.

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00:25:58,000 --> 00:26:01,000

I'd like to know if my daughter came out there last evening.

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00:26:01,000 --> 00:26:02,000

Yeah, she was here.

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00:26:02,000 --> 00:26:04,000

I cooked the roast.

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00:26:04,000 --> 00:26:07,000

We had some drinks and dinner.

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00:26:07,000 --> 00:26:09,000

And for you, young lady?

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Meeting room.

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00:26:11,000 --> 00:26:14,000

He said we had dinner.

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00:26:14,000 --> 00:26:15,000

Cheers.

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

He said and I gave them something to drink.

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

Nice to see you, son.

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And they went out after that.

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

Well, listen, you both take care and drive safely.

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He said, oh, they probably just went somewhere.

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

He says, oh, Billy's somewhere and Nancy's somewhere else.

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00:26:33,000 --> 00:26:37,000

If I hear anything, I'll give you a call.

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He seemed very forthcoming.

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Do what you got to do.

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That he was concerned about his own son.

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We were thinking at that point that young Billy had taken her somewhere and done something.

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Another day passed with no sign of Nancy and Joan filed a missing persons report.

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But with no proof of foul play, there was little the police could do.

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So Joan turned back to the last person who saw her daughter.

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She repeatedly called William Fisher, who became increasingly confrontational.

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00:27:13,000 --> 00:27:18,000

Mr. Fisher, could you go over step by step exactly what happened that evening?

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Look, like I told you before, they came over.

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00:27:21,000 --> 00:27:26,000

He would fly off the handle and tell me, let the police handle this.

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00:27:26,000 --> 00:27:28,000

I have no idea where these kids went.

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

And he was getting very, very hostile over the phone.

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00:27:32,000 --> 00:27:35,000

Goodbye.

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So I kept getting more suspicious of Mr. Fisher.

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Ten days after Nancy's disappearance, in a parking lot two miles from William Fisher's house,

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police responded to a report of an abandoned car.

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They were Nancy higher?

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Sergeant, he comes back to that missing girl, Nancy higher.

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See if he can pop the trunk.

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00:28:03,000 --> 00:28:06,000

Oh my God, Sergeant, get back here.

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00:28:06,000 --> 00:28:09,000

Oh my God.

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Located in the trunk of the car was a young Billy Fisher.

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A second body was located on a, and that was young Nancy.

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The autopsy reported that Billy had been shot 18 times.

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The vast majority of those rounds were in the head at close range.

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Nancy's autopsy revealed that she had been stabbed twice with a very long, sharp instrument.

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At that same time, neighbors reported strange activity at the Fisher home.

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Apparently William was remodeling his master bedroom at 3 a.m. in the morning.

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Well, you can see it's been freshly painted.

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Police secured a search warrant for the Fisher residence.

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Slight indentations were observed on a section of the wall, and it was removed.

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So are we fine here?

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222 caliber bullets were recovered.

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A single strand of hair was fused to one of the bullets.

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It was identified as Billy Fishers.

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That established that this was the crime scene.

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Additional testing established that there was a large amount of blood splattered all about the halls of the hallway,

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consistent with an individual Nancy being stabbed in that area immediately outside the master bedroom.

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Well, what does that mean?

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The evidence clearly implicated William Fisher, but the sheer brutality of the killings obscured his motive.

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Well, everybody works to pay the bills, so what?

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What could have caused Fisher, a man with plenty to lose, to shoot his son 18 times and then murder a complete stranger?

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You think I can afford to live here if I don't work?

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00:30:02,000 --> 00:30:05,000

Why don't you help me?

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00:30:05,000 --> 00:30:07,000

This is about money, isn't it?

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Could an argument have broken out over Billy's financial problems?

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00:30:11,000 --> 00:30:15,000

Just the same as always. It's always about money, isn't it?

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00:30:15,000 --> 00:30:19,000

It's you, you, you, constantly. All the time.

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00:30:19,000 --> 00:30:22,000

It's always about money.

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00:30:22,000 --> 00:30:32,000

Nancy, who was only in the house because of an act of kindness, was now a witness to murder.

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I can't imagine a parent killing their own child and then taking someone else's child that they don't even know anything about.

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I just can't still today believe that anything could happen like this.

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Police sought a warrant for murder against William Fisher, but before it could be issued, Fisher disappeared.

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His car was found abandoned at JFK Airport.

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Police later discovered he had taken a second mortgage out in his house in excess of \$100,000.

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William Fisher has evaded arrest on murder charges for nearly two decades.

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William Peter Fisher is 57 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall and 185 to 200 pounds.

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These age-enhanced photos depict what Fisher may look like today.

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He wears expensive clothing, drinks heavily and may have fled the country.

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San Francisco, California.

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18-year-old Kristin Modafari enjoys a summer of adventure.

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A county-genre student, she is 3,000 miles from her home in North Carolina.

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The extended visit is a dream come true for a young woman eager to explore life on her own.

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Monday, June 23rd begins like any other day.

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At 7 a.m. she arrives at the upscale Crocker Galleria.

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She has taken a job at a coffee shop to pay for a photography course at UC Berkeley.

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As always, she is eager to explore the city at the end of her shift,

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according to the new friends she had met, perhaps too eager.

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She wanted to come to the big city and find some excitement,

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but it seemed to be coupled with a naivete, maybe,

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or not a real understanding of how the big city works.

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At 3 o'clock, Kristin leaves a coffee shop, then disappears without a trace.

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Kristin Modafari's dream summer in San Francisco lasted only three weeks.

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The police would be frustrated by tantalizing leads that went nowhere.

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A mysterious blonde woman seen with Kristin,

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Page is inexplicably torn from a diary,

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and an anonymous phone called directing them to a shadowy figure who may know what happened.

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The mystery is a nightmare not only for the police, but also for Kristin's parents.

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Bob and Debbie Modafari wasted no time after they learned Kristin had vanished.

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The following day, they flew the 3,000 miles from North Carolina.

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When we found out that she had disappeared, we were just shocked.

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We couldn't eat, we barely spoke, we just were just even having trouble breathing.

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When you are faced with a situation like this, you really don't know how strong you can be.

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You can either crawl in a hole and die, and give up, or you can fight.

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And I think there was no choice for us. We were going to fight for our daughter.

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But finding Kristin would be a formidable task.

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Like many missing persons' cases, it was difficult even knowing where to start.

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You don't have a crime scene, you have no witnesses,

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you can't even establish that a crime has occurred.

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And you just kind of build on little pieces of information, hunches, whatever you can come up with,

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and see if you can put the puzzle together.

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One of the first pieces of the puzzle was a sighting of Kristin by one of her coworkers.

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45 minutes after her shift ended, she was seen in the Crocker Galleria with a blonde woman.

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She thought that was kind of strange because she never really stuck around after work.

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As soon as she checked out, she was gone.

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And they were very close together, like they were hanging out together, talking together, definitely with each other.

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So we made a lot of effort to try to get the blonde woman to come forward, identify herself,

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and we appealed a number of times through the media,

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but never got a response to all our appeals to the blonde woman to come forward.

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With few leads, the police took an unusual step.

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A bloodhound attempted to retrace Kristin's path from the coffee shop the day she vanished.

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When we were downtown, I could tell he was on a trail.

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He knew exactly where he was going. Every turn was perfect.

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The police could not be certain, however, that this was a path Kristin took the day she disappeared.

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It could have been a rock Kristin had previously traveled without incident.

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He then led us up to Geary Street, heading out towards Land's End Beach.

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Kristin's co-workers had told police that on the day she vanished, she talked to visiting Land's End Beach.

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We then got down to the beach area and came to a point where the trail seemed to have stopped.

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A chilling possibility revealed itself.

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That's a very treacherous part of the San Francisco waterline.

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Numerous people each year are washed off the rocks and are never seen again.

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So that was a distinct possibility that she had, in fact, fallen into the ocean.

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We really don't believe that's what happened to Kristin.

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It's a very tourist-oriented area. There's always people around.

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If she had fallen into the water, somebody would have seen something.

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If Kristin did not suffer a tragic accident, what became of her?

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A startling twist to the mystery occurred 17 days after she vanished.

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An anonymous mail telephoned a San Francisco TV newsroom.

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He said Kristin had been murdered.

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How do you know these two women?

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He went into a very long description of who he said killed her.

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And he told me that there were two women and he named them.

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And he said that Kristin had been killed as a result of a lesbian love affair that went wrong.

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Detectives tracked down the two women named by the caller,

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but determined they did not know Kristin and had nothing to do with her disappearance.

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We then asked these people, who has a grudge against you?

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Who would want to see you go through this?

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And each person, separate and independent, gave the name of John.

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All right, so I made the phone call. So what?

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John, who asked us not to use his last name,

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told police that two women were his girlfriend's employers.

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He claimed they were harassing her at work.

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To get back at them, he said, he phoned in the false tip.

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He said he got the idea when he saw TV news coverage about Kristin

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and he knew nothing about the case beyond what he saw on television.

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Still, the police suspected there was more to John's story.

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They investigated his background

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and discovered disturbing allegations of previously abusing women.

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The next step was to determine whether he had any connection to Kristin.

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Police say that John met women largely through personal ads.

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Come on, here it is, right here. I bet you this one's it. Check it out.

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Previously, they had found an ad in Kristin's apartment.

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They think she might have placed.

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If you read it, it sounds like it could be Kristin.

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It's all the kind of things she was interested in.

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It was photography, walking the city, music, art.

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It was all the kind of things that Kristin was there to do.

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If the ad had brought Kristin and John together,

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a baffling piece of the puzzle could now be seen in a new light.

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John, we were told, used other women to lure women to himself.

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So we felt that perhaps this blind woman could have been a plant

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to draw Kristin to this John.

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The police uncovered more troubling pieces of information from the women John allegedly abused.

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One of them claimed he made an alarming reference to Kristin.

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That's what he said.

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Now you know what I did to Kristin.

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Don't make me do it to you.

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I never made a statement like that.

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John agreed to do an interview with us on condition that we not reveal his face and alter his voice.

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The reason she made that statement, she was angry that I was leaving San Francisco.

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I was leaving her and I didn't want her anymore.

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She was very angry, very bitter.

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One more troubling coincidence was discovered at the home of John's girlfriend.

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Her diary was missing several pages.

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Pages covering the same time period Kristin had been in San Francisco.

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We asked her, why is this the way it is?

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And she told us that John had torn the pages out

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and said that some of the stuff that was in there could come back to hurt him.

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Despite such disturbing pieces of information,

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police say they have no clear evidence that John had any involvement in Kristin's disappearance.

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Also John says he has taken and passed a polygraph examination conducted by a reputable expert.

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At the very least, this John made a stupid, stupid mistake by making this phone call to the TV station.

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But if he is more involved, then we still need to find out those answers

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and we still need to keep after him until we find out whether or not he's guilty.

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I never met Kristin, I never saw her.

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There's absolutely no connection to Kristin and I in any way.

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And what I did was wrong.

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I wish I never made that call.

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But I did.

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And I just wanted to tell the parents, oh sorry I am.

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I'm really, really sorry for what I did.

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Kristin Motifairy had come to San Francisco embracing a future full of promise.

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What shattered that future remains a mystery.

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For her parents, the search for answers continues.

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We owe this to her, we owe this to ourselves and we owe this to her sisters.

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Someone stole Kristin's dreams and that's not fair.

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