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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries.

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Sean and Jodi Bordeaux had been married two years.

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They had great jobs at a casino on the Kikapu Indian

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Reservation in Kansas.

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And Jodi was expecting their first child.

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Tragically, their dream life would

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be dealt a devastating blow.

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Who wanted to kill Jodi Bordeaux?

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For hundreds of working clients,

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for hundreds of working class families,

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a school that offered affordable music lessons

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for their kids seemed too good to be true.

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It was.

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One owner loved the limelight.

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The other was a chameleon who mysteriously changed

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identities.

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Allegedly, both were ruthless con artists.

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Over the course of a decade, at least four young girls

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vanished under similar circumstances

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from towns in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Many suspected cases are somehow connected.

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One day, Gilbert Ortiz was a happily married family man

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and the next fighting for survival.

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After his wife allegedly poisoned him

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and ran away with her son, we'll bring you an update

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00:01:10,240 --> 00:01:14,200

on Ortiz's heart-wrenching journey.

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00:01:14,200 --> 00:01:17,720

Join me for these intriguing stories and more.

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You may be able to help solve a mystery.

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A dark November night in Powhatan, Kansas, a small farmhouse

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on the edge of the Kikapu Indian Reservation,

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Jodi Bordeaux and her husband, Sean,

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have lived here for over a year.

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For weeks, they have been receiving

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disturbing anonymous phone calls.

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Hello?

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But on this night, they weren't just calls.

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Jodi was sure someone was in their yard.

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One night, she had heard noises outside of the house

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and I tried to convince her that it was probably

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00:02:42,040 --> 00:02:44,600

a raccoon or a coyote or something

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00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:46,240

and that she really didn't have nothing

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00:02:46,240 --> 00:02:49,360

to be afraid of.

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00:02:49,360 --> 00:02:51,320

But Sean was wrong.

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00:02:51,360 --> 00:02:54,760

The danger Jodi perceived was very real

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00:02:54,760 --> 00:02:57,400

and would ultimately lead to her murder.

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Sean and Jodi worked at the Golden Eagle.

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It was the first Indian-owned casino in the area.

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00:03:06,560 --> 00:03:09,400

It held great potential for the Kikapu tribe,

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with an annual revenue stream in the millions

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00:03:11,960 --> 00:03:16,640

and job opportunities for the local tribespeople.

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Sean, who was part Lakota Indian and Jodi,

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00:03:19,320 --> 00:03:23,360

were part of the management team hired to run the casino.

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Although the Kikapu Tribal Council

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retained the final word in all decisions,

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Sean and Jodi were also trying to start a family.

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After several miscarriages, Jodi sought out a fertility expert

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and within a few months, the couple's dream had come true.

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00:03:41,200 --> 00:03:44,520

Jodi was pregnant with a baby girl.

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00:03:44,520 --> 00:03:48,920

She was absolutely ecstatic over this pregnancy

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00:03:48,920 --> 00:03:52,960

and that her happiness was something that spilled over

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00:03:52,960 --> 00:03:55,800

into her friends and her acquaintances

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00:03:55,800 --> 00:04:01,800

and everybody just pretty much felt happy for her and with her.

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Everything seemed to be going Jodi's way.

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Soon, her take charge personality got her promoted

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to staff supervisor of the slot machine department.

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Jodi was a little fireball.

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00:04:12,320 --> 00:04:14,560

She put a lot of energy, a lot of effort

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into everything she did.

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00:04:16,360 --> 00:04:20,520

So to see her in the casino, you would think

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00:04:20,520 --> 00:04:22,360

she was running most things.

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00:04:22,360 --> 00:04:25,600

And even that perception in and of itself

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00:04:25,600 --> 00:04:30,920

is kind of a little bit, it can draw jealousy and envy

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00:04:30,920 --> 00:04:34,120

from some of the people who may be in the same position saying,

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how does she get all the attention?

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Jodi believed that some of the staff

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00:04:39,640 --> 00:04:41,600

were resentful of her new position.

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00:04:41,600 --> 00:04:43,360

Good morning.

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I heard your grandmother died.

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For instance, one employee, a slot technician,

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00:04:47,440 --> 00:04:50,920

accused her of fabricating excuses to get extra time off.

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00:04:50,920 --> 00:04:53,200

Our busiest weekend?

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00:04:53,200 --> 00:04:54,600

Good time to have to go out to a funeral.

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There's some competitiveness when it comes to these jobs.

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And having two people coming from one from another tribe

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and one from no tribe at all and going

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00:05:06,800 --> 00:05:08,320

into high positions in the casino,

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I'm sure rubbed a lot of people on the Kickapoo

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00:05:11,280 --> 00:05:12,480

reservation the wrong way.

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To complicate things, as a department supervisor,

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Jodi's position required her to oversee job performance.

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According to Sean, Jodi often had to report the slot text

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00:05:24,840 --> 00:05:27,200

bad attitude and tardiness.

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00:05:27,200 --> 00:05:31,600

He kept coming back with more problems for her.

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00:05:31,600 --> 00:05:35,360

And eventually, she had to take a little bit more

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00:05:35,360 --> 00:05:39,080

of a hard line on him and start writing him up

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00:05:39,080 --> 00:05:40,640

and holding him to the letter of the law

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00:05:40,640 --> 00:05:43,560

as our policies and procedures mandated.

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00:05:43,640 --> 00:05:46,880

We're here to talk about some reports we have about you

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00:05:46,880 --> 00:05:49,080

being late for work.

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00:05:49,080 --> 00:05:51,480

When things didn't improve, the employee

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00:05:51,480 --> 00:05:54,560

was brought before the Casino Management Board for review.

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I don't even know why some of those reports are even written.

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It's like everybody else gets away with everything.

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He was reprimanded and put on probation.

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I'm the one who gets in trouble.

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00:06:04,680 --> 00:06:07,160

But the problems persisted, and the slot tech

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00:06:07,160 --> 00:06:08,360

was eventually fired.

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00:06:08,960 --> 00:06:12,320

It was just weeks later when Sean believes out of vengeance,

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00:06:12,320 --> 00:06:14,800

the slot tech brought a grievance against Jodi directly

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00:06:14,800 --> 00:06:16,600

to the Tribal Council.

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00:06:16,600 --> 00:06:19,440

Look, there's a meeting this afternoon.

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00:06:19,440 --> 00:06:22,200

You need to attend.

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00:06:22,200 --> 00:06:25,920

The complaint ultimately led to Jodi losing her job.

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00:06:28,760 --> 00:06:32,960

So Jodi spent the next month petitioning to get it back.

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She hoped the Tribal Council would reconsider.

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00:06:35,960 --> 00:06:38,040

Do you think of anything else I can add?

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00:06:38,040 --> 00:06:43,840

Jodi was hoping that she would be rehired at the Golden Eagle.

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And that was a discussion that her and I had participated in.

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00:06:49,080 --> 00:06:53,320

And there was a possibility that she would have come back

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00:06:53,320 --> 00:06:57,280

to work at the Golden Eagle.

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When the news spread that Jodi might return to the Casino,

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00:07:00,120 --> 00:07:02,120

the anonymous phone calls began.

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Never in my wildest dreams did I think they had anything to do

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00:07:07,120 --> 00:07:10,120

with having to worry for our lives.

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I had no idea that we were being threatened.

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Late on November 21, Sean and Jodi were in the Casino.

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Late on November 21, Sean and Jodi were spending a quiet night

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at home.

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On a strange noise startled the Bordeaux dog.

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Sean followed him to the back porch.

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00:07:47,120 --> 00:07:50,120

The next thing I hear is a popping noise kind of over

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00:07:50,120 --> 00:07:53,120

and behind my head.

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00:07:53,120 --> 00:07:57,120

And then it was like somebody lit a 20 pack of firecrackers.

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00:08:00,120 --> 00:08:07,120

Jodi got to the bedroom and she turned to see if I was OK.

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00:08:07,120 --> 00:08:12,120

And one bullet went into the bedroom.

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00:08:12,120 --> 00:08:14,120

Jodi?

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00:08:14,120 --> 00:08:16,120

Jodi?

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00:08:16,120 --> 00:08:20,120

And that one bullet struck her in the head.

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00:08:24,120 --> 00:08:27,120

Sean could see that Jodi was dead.

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00:08:27,120 --> 00:08:33,120

He quickly dialed 911 hoping to save his unborn baby.

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00:08:33,120 --> 00:08:37,120

And as I pick up the phone and I look up at the wall,

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00:08:37,120 --> 00:08:39,120

I notice that it's riddled with bullets.

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00:08:42,120 --> 00:08:46,120

Jodi didn't suffer in that she died instantly.

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00:08:46,120 --> 00:08:48,120

My baby suffered.

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00:08:48,120 --> 00:08:52,120

You know, here's my little baby in there and she's relying on mom.

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00:08:52,120 --> 00:08:54,120

And next thing you know, there's no mom.

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00:08:54,120 --> 00:08:56,120

And she dies a slow death.

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00:08:56,120 --> 00:08:58,120

That really hurts.

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00:09:00,120 --> 00:09:04,120

So I think when I kissed her, I think it was her calling me

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00:09:04,120 --> 00:09:08,120

in a spiritual way as to say, I have to go now.

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00:09:10,120 --> 00:09:12,120

And that was goodbye.

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00:09:15,120 --> 00:09:19,120

That night Sean lost both Jodi and the baby.

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And despite an exhaustive investigation,

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four years later no one has been charged with the murder.

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The Bordeaux's home was so isolated, there were no witnesses,

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00:09:28,120 --> 00:09:30,120

no weapon was found.

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Today, a killer is still on the loose.

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Kevin Hill is a county attorney assigned to the Bordeaux murder.

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He has been working with local and state authorities on the investigation.

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We've gone from a point where just about everyone was a possible suspect

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to a point where we're focusing on an individual or a group of individuals

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that may have been responsible for this.

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These individuals were not strangers to Jodi Bordeaux.

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Individuals knew her and they would have had an axe to grind with her

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due to employment issues.

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But there are a few key roadblocks to capturing anyone involved.

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I believe that part of the problem is just that there's not a lot of trust

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00:10:18,120 --> 00:10:22,120

with Indian people and non-Indian law enforcement.

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00:10:22,120 --> 00:10:26,120

And that's probably part of the problem with the Inquisition

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00:10:26,120 --> 00:10:30,120

and any other investigations that are taking place.

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There's been serious question about retribution of anybody coming forward.

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If there are members of the Kickapoo tribe that have any information

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that would help us solve this,

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they have a responsibility to their fellow tribal members,

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00:10:48,120 --> 00:10:51,120

to their fellow community members to come forward.

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00:10:51,120 --> 00:10:54,120

This is an unsolved crime here on our lands.

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Let's do something about it.

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00:10:59,120 --> 00:11:05,120

I go through each day thinking of my family, thinking of what could be,

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00:11:06,120 --> 00:11:08,120

thinking of my little girl.

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00:11:08,120 --> 00:11:13,120

And so the most difficult thing is just watching my life go by.

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00:11:14,120 --> 00:11:16,120

Without a family.

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Since the murder, Sean has left Kansas.

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00:11:21,120 --> 00:11:26,120

But he still holds out hope that someday there will be justice for Jody.

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00:11:27,120 --> 00:11:32,120

Despite Sean's belief that a casino employee was somehow involved in his wife's murder,

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00:11:32,120 --> 00:11:36,120

authorities at this time have not released a list of official suspects.

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00:11:36,120 --> 00:11:42,120

They seek your help in providing new information necessary for an arrest in this case.

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In a mostly working class Hispanic neighborhood in North Hollywood, California,

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something extraordinary was going on.

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00:11:53,120 --> 00:11:55,120

One, two, three.

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00:11:58,120 --> 00:12:04,120

A new music school had opened and hundreds of parents eagerly signed up their children for low-cost lessons.

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00:12:05,120 --> 00:12:07,120

Very good. Now let's go.

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00:12:07,120 --> 00:12:10,120

The school was owned by Mario Yunus and Omar Arroyo,

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00:12:10,120 --> 00:12:15,120

who hired veteran instructors that teach students a lost art of playing the accordion.

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00:12:16,120 --> 00:12:19,120

I knew they had a hold of something big.

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00:12:19,120 --> 00:12:23,120

And I knew it was going to be a lot of money. I just knew it.

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00:12:23,120 --> 00:12:26,120

And I wanted it to work.

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00:12:26,120 --> 00:12:28,120

Let's give Jody a round of applause.

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00:12:28,120 --> 00:12:31,120

Mario Yunus and Omar Arroyo were an odd couple.

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00:12:31,120 --> 00:12:35,120

Yunus was a studio musician fluent in several languages.

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00:12:35,120 --> 00:12:38,120

Arroyo an aspiring salsa singer and used car salesman.

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00:12:40,120 --> 00:12:44,120

However, there was nothing unusual about their carefully crafted sales pitch.

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00:12:44,120 --> 00:12:47,120

Their enthusiasm hit all the right notes.

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00:12:47,120 --> 00:12:49,120

Wow, that was amazing.

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00:12:49,120 --> 00:12:51,120

I'm so excited.

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00:12:51,120 --> 00:12:53,120

I'm so excited.

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00:12:53,120 --> 00:12:55,120

I'm so excited.

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00:12:55,120 --> 00:12:57,120

We're excited.

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00:12:57,120 --> 00:13:01,120

We're excited to have him here and hit all the right notes.

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00:13:01,120 --> 00:13:04,120

Wow, that was excellent.

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00:13:04,120 --> 00:13:06,120

I'm very, very proud of you.

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00:13:06,120 --> 00:13:08,120

And I think it's time for you to move up to the next level.

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00:13:08,120 --> 00:13:10,120

Wow, that sounds great, sweetie.

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00:13:10,120 --> 00:13:11,120

Wonderful.

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00:13:11,120 --> 00:13:16,120

They said that my daughter had won a scholarship to learn piano, accordion, and organ.

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00:13:16,120 --> 00:13:18,120

I thought, oh great.

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00:13:18,120 --> 00:13:22,120

You know, this is the perfect opportunity for my daughter to get some lessons.

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00:13:22,120 --> 00:13:24,120

Mario Yunus acted as a frontman.

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Charming and persuasive, he often met with parents,

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00:13:27,120 --> 00:13:29,120

but his partner worked behind the scenes.

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00:13:29,220 --> 00:13:34,020

The Mercedes package is \$2,500, and the Toyota package is \$1,800.

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00:13:34,120 --> 00:13:35,020

Oh, I see.

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00:13:35,120 --> 00:13:37,020

I think I'll take the Toyota package.

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00:13:37,120 --> 00:13:41,020

The package was that it was the accordion that you were buying,

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00:13:41,120 --> 00:13:44,020

but they were going to teach three different instruments

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00:13:44,120 --> 00:13:45,020

by the end of the three years.

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00:13:45,120 --> 00:13:48,020

Making \$32 increments every month, if that's OK.

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00:13:48,120 --> 00:13:51,020

And part of it would be also taking them on field trips

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00:13:51,020 --> 00:13:51,920

like Disneyland.

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00:13:56,020 --> 00:13:57,920

However, the ink was barely dry on the contract

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00:13:58,020 --> 00:13:59,920

when everything fell apart.

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00:14:00,020 --> 00:14:01,920

Early one morning, Martha Gallardo

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dropped off vaudeering for her weekly lesson.

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It was a day mother and daughter would never forget.

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00:14:08,020 --> 00:14:08,920

Mom, make holes.

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00:14:09,020 --> 00:14:09,920

What do you mean?

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00:14:10,020 --> 00:14:10,920

You sure?

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00:14:11,020 --> 00:14:11,920

Yeah.

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00:14:12,020 --> 00:14:13,920

She said, nobody's there.

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00:14:14,020 --> 00:14:14,920

They're gone.

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00:14:15,020 --> 00:14:17,920

And at first I thought, oh, don't be silly, you know?

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00:14:18,020 --> 00:14:19,920

But then he just like hid me.

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00:14:19,920 --> 00:14:21,820

And I said, oh, my god, fraud.

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00:14:21,920 --> 00:14:24,820

That's the first thing that came into my mind

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00:14:24,920 --> 00:14:28,820

because I knew I had given them my credit card.

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00:14:28,920 --> 00:14:31,320

According to police, Martha's instincts were right.

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00:14:31,420 --> 00:14:33,820

She had been targeted for fraud.

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00:14:33,920 --> 00:14:37,820

Reportedly, Arroyo and Eunice even duped their own employees,

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00:14:37,920 --> 00:14:39,820

lying about the credit card scheme

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00:14:39,920 --> 00:14:41,820

and paying them with bogus checks.

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00:14:43,920 --> 00:14:45,820

I got tired of getting bad checks.

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00:14:45,920 --> 00:14:47,820

I don't know how many bad checks I got from,

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00:14:47,920 --> 00:14:48,820

how many different banks.

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00:14:48,820 --> 00:14:50,720

And they said, well, we've got another class for you.

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00:14:50,820 --> 00:14:53,720

And I said, I've got to be paid.

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00:14:53,820 --> 00:15:00,720

And they said, well, after you do this class, we'll pay you.

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00:15:00,820 --> 00:15:05,720

John Caldwell taught the class, but he says he never saw the money.

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00:15:05,820 --> 00:15:08,720

And when Martha Gallardo received her credit card bill,

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00:15:08,820 --> 00:15:11,720

she found a single charge for the entire cost of the accordion,

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00:15:11,820 --> 00:15:16,720

more than \$1,800.

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00:15:16,720 --> 00:15:22,620

Allegedly, it was a cheap import worth about \$300.

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00:15:22,720 --> 00:15:25,120

However, many other unsuspecting families,

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00:15:25,220 --> 00:15:29,120

unaware of laws designed to protect consumers from credit card fraud,

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00:15:29,220 --> 00:15:33,620

were reportedly hit much harder.

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00:15:33,720 --> 00:15:34,820

The parents were mad.

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00:15:34,920 --> 00:15:35,920

They were angry.

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00:15:36,020 --> 00:15:39,820

They were hurt because they felt like, OK, wait a minute.

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00:15:39,920 --> 00:15:41,120

We have no money.

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00:15:41,220 --> 00:15:42,420

And what are we going to do?

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00:15:42,420 --> 00:15:47,320

These people, their credit cards were up to like \$10,000, \$20,000.

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00:15:47,420 --> 00:15:51,820

One particular guy was \$39,000.

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00:15:51,920 --> 00:15:54,920

According to police, Omar Arroyo and Mario Yunus

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00:15:55,020 --> 00:15:57,820

had swindled the money through identity theft.

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00:15:57,920 --> 00:16:01,320

By using personal information lifted from music school applications,

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00:16:01,420 --> 00:16:05,320

Arroyo and Yunus were able to open fraudulent credit card accounts.

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00:16:05,420 --> 00:16:10,320

Some with substantial lines of credit.

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00:16:10,320 --> 00:16:12,820

In just over a year, authorities say their take

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00:16:12,920 --> 00:16:16,120

was an incredible \$1.5 million.

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00:16:16,220 --> 00:16:19,820

But these alleged con men also had another trick up their sleeves,

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00:16:19,920 --> 00:16:23,420

one that would surprise and shock everyone.

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00:16:23,520 --> 00:16:24,720

We want some answers.

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00:16:24,820 --> 00:16:26,420

You're all going to have to leave.

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00:16:26,520 --> 00:16:29,220

The alleged scheme began to unravel when Martha Gallardo

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00:16:29,320 --> 00:16:32,220

and some of the other parents found out the music school had reopened

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00:16:32,320 --> 00:16:33,220

at a new location.

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00:16:33,320 --> 00:16:34,720

We want to speak to the owner.

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00:16:34,820 --> 00:16:36,220

I don't know what you're talking about.

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00:16:36,320 --> 00:16:37,220

I am.

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00:16:37,320 --> 00:16:39,020

A confrontation with a school's director,

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00:16:39,020 --> 00:16:41,920

who police believe was also a pawn of Arroyo and Yunus,

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00:16:42,020 --> 00:16:45,920

quickly became heated, especially when a TV reporter showed up.

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00:16:46,020 --> 00:16:47,920

Oh, I will not speak on camera.

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00:16:48,020 --> 00:16:48,920

Excuse me.

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00:16:49,020 --> 00:16:49,920

Out of my presence.

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00:16:50,020 --> 00:16:50,920

No, yes.

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00:16:51,020 --> 00:16:51,920

Come on.

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00:16:52,020 --> 00:16:53,920

You all have to leave right now.

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00:16:54,020 --> 00:16:55,920

I'm calling the police.

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00:16:56,020 --> 00:16:58,620

Moments later, officers arrived on the scene

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00:16:58,720 --> 00:17:01,920

unaware that the school was allegedly a front for fraud.

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00:17:02,020 --> 00:17:02,920

No, I'm the manager.

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00:17:03,020 --> 00:17:03,920

These people are trespassers.

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00:17:04,020 --> 00:17:04,920

They're thieves.

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00:17:05,020 --> 00:17:05,920

All right.

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00:17:06,020 --> 00:17:07,920

The irate parents were immediately

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00:17:07,920 --> 00:17:09,320

escorted from the building and told

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00:17:09,420 --> 00:17:11,820

to take the grievances to civil court.

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00:17:11,920 --> 00:17:14,820

However, many families chose to file criminal complaints,

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00:17:14,920 --> 00:17:17,820

including Martha and her husband.

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00:17:17,920 --> 00:17:19,320

I don't appreciate that.

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00:17:19,420 --> 00:17:20,820

Do you have a copy of the contract with you?

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00:17:20,920 --> 00:17:21,820

Yes, we do.

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00:17:21,920 --> 00:17:22,820

OK.

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00:17:22,920 --> 00:17:23,820

Go ahead.

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00:17:23,920 --> 00:17:26,820

I've seen some real unique case, but I've never

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00:17:26,920 --> 00:17:34,020

handled a case as this, where it has so many victims.

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00:17:34,020 --> 00:17:37,920

We have over, I could say, 200 victims.

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00:17:38,020 --> 00:17:40,920

And it involves a large amount of monies.

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00:17:41,020 --> 00:17:43,420

Have you seen any two males that might

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00:17:43,520 --> 00:17:45,120

have looked like the owners of the place?

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00:17:45,220 --> 00:17:47,120

Detected by EO, quickly discovered

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00:17:47,220 --> 00:17:49,920

that the two alleged swindlers ran a number of music schools

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00:17:50,020 --> 00:17:52,420

under a variety of aliases.

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00:17:52,520 --> 00:17:54,420

And cash is OK, yes?

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00:17:54,520 --> 00:17:58,220

Meanwhile, according to police, Omar Arroyo and Mario Yunus

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00:17:58,320 --> 00:18:02,220

went on separate spending sprees with some of the stolen cash.

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00:18:02,420 --> 00:18:05,220

Arroyo reportedly spent more than \$100,000

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00:18:05,320 --> 00:18:09,720

to cut a salsa CD under the name Luis Omar.

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00:18:09,820 --> 00:18:12,520

Yunus had also crafted a new identity,

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00:18:12,620 --> 00:18:16,420

but he was playing a very different tune.

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00:18:16,520 --> 00:18:18,620

Oh, well, hi, Ms. Twin sister.

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00:18:18,720 --> 00:18:19,720

She's from Israel.

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00:18:19,820 --> 00:18:20,620

No kidding.

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00:18:20,720 --> 00:18:23,120

Arroyo's real estate agent did a double take,

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00:18:23,220 --> 00:18:26,620

and with good reason, Mario Yunus had undergone much more

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00:18:26,720 --> 00:18:27,920

than a makeover.

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00:18:27,920 --> 00:18:32,420

He was now a she, using the name Delia Leon.

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00:18:32,520 --> 00:18:33,920

Please, you want to go take a look at it?

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00:18:34,020 --> 00:18:35,120

Yeah, please, feel free.

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00:18:35,220 --> 00:18:35,920

Take a look.

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00:18:36,020 --> 00:18:37,120

It's great, right?

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00:18:37,220 --> 00:18:42,920

Mario Yunus had undergone a sex change operation up

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00:18:43,020 --> 00:18:46,120

in San Francisco and paid for this operation

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00:18:46,220 --> 00:18:50,220

with one of the kids' parents' credit cards.

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00:18:50,320 --> 00:18:53,720

Charges amounted to over \$33,000.

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00:18:54,220 --> 00:18:57,220

And that was only a portion of the cost.

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00:18:57,320 --> 00:18:59,020

The rest was also reportedly charged

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00:18:59,120 --> 00:19:01,020

of various credit cards.

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Then, according to police, Omar Arroyo and Delia Leon

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00:19:04,720 --> 00:19:06,420

became lovers.

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00:19:06,520 --> 00:19:09,620

The couple lived like royalty, running a luxurious home

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00:19:09,720 --> 00:19:11,620

in LA's Woodland Hills.

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00:19:11,720 --> 00:19:13,820

To give the impression they were a family,

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00:19:13,920 --> 00:19:16,120

Arroyo brought his two daughters from a former marriage

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00:19:16,220 --> 00:19:17,620

over from Puerto Rico.

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00:19:17,720 --> 00:19:20,120

You haven't filled out an application.

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00:19:20,220 --> 00:19:21,120

OK.

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00:19:21,220 --> 00:19:22,620

How many children did you have?

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00:19:22,620 --> 00:19:23,520

I had three children.

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00:19:23,620 --> 00:19:24,520

OK.

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00:19:24,620 --> 00:19:27,520

However, life in Shangri-La soon hit a sour note

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00:19:27,620 --> 00:19:29,520

when a new office assistant, reportedly

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00:19:29,620 --> 00:19:32,020

besieged by complaints from angry parents,

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00:19:32,120 --> 00:19:33,020

decided to go to the police.

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00:19:33,120 --> 00:19:36,020

Right here.

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00:19:36,120 --> 00:19:37,220

So where are you working?

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00:19:37,320 --> 00:19:39,820

I'm working at kids' music kingdom,

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00:19:39,920 --> 00:19:41,520

and that's in Mission Hills.

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00:19:41,620 --> 00:19:44,020

It was a break detected by Arroyo needed.

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00:19:44,120 --> 00:19:46,520

But with only aliases to go on, he

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00:19:46,620 --> 00:19:49,220

would need to conduct a stakeout to nail the alleged

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00:19:49,320 --> 00:19:52,020

con artists.

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00:19:52,020 --> 00:19:54,920

And with all due respect to the surveillance,

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00:19:55,020 --> 00:20:01,920

in order to try to identify the true identity of our suspects,

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00:20:02,020 --> 00:20:07,420

we were able to come up with their true names.

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00:20:07,520 --> 00:20:09,520

Detective Bayo then followed the suspects

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00:20:09,620 --> 00:20:10,920

to their upscale neighborhood.

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00:20:14,720 --> 00:20:17,020

A few days later, armed with a search warrant,

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00:20:17,120 --> 00:20:19,920

police raided the home.

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00:20:20,920 --> 00:20:22,620

Let me see your hands up.

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00:20:22,720 --> 00:20:26,120

Reportedly, Delia Leon attempted to escape through the backyard,

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00:20:26,220 --> 00:20:27,620

but was quickly apprehended.

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00:20:27,720 --> 00:20:28,520

What are you doing?

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00:20:28,620 --> 00:20:29,520

What are you doing?

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00:20:29,620 --> 00:20:31,620

Ow, what are you doing?

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00:20:31,720 --> 00:20:34,320

She denied any involvement in the credit card scam.

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00:20:34,420 --> 00:20:35,720

I was just a consultant.

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00:20:35,820 --> 00:20:37,820

Watch your head, please, man.

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00:20:37,920 --> 00:20:41,320

Police weren't so lucky with their alleged partner in crime.

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00:20:41,420 --> 00:20:44,320

Omar Arroyo had left town just hours before the raid.

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00:20:45,120 --> 00:20:47,720

I was surprised I'm not finding Omar.

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00:20:47,820 --> 00:20:52,120

And I later learned that he had left to Puerto Rico

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00:20:52,220 --> 00:20:53,720

the night before.

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00:20:53,820 --> 00:20:57,820

Omar was in the process of doing promotions on his CD.

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00:21:00,820 --> 00:21:03,120

Thanks to some parents who refused to be victims,

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00:21:03,220 --> 00:21:06,020

and skillful police work by Detective Bayo,

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00:21:06,120 --> 00:21:09,720

Delia Leon, a.k.a. Mario Yunus, was in custody,

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00:21:09,820 --> 00:21:12,220

and the music schools were in the same place.

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00:21:12,220 --> 00:21:16,120

He was in custody, and the music schools were closed down.

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00:21:16,220 --> 00:21:19,120

Fortunately, Martha Gallardo was able to clear the excessive

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00:21:19,220 --> 00:21:21,120

charges from her credit card.

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00:21:21,220 --> 00:21:24,120

But many families paid a heavy price.

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00:21:43,120 --> 00:21:46,120

On a previous broadcast, we presented the puzzling case

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00:21:46,220 --> 00:21:48,120

of Sandra Oriano.

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00:21:48,220 --> 00:21:50,120

She plummeted 10 stories to her death

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00:21:50,220 --> 00:21:53,120

from this hotel balcony in Southern California.

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00:21:53,220 --> 00:21:57,120

Investigators run certain if it was an accident, suicide,

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00:21:57,220 --> 00:21:59,120

or murder.

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00:21:59,220 --> 00:22:01,620

Sandra had come to California on a business trip

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00:22:01,720 --> 00:22:05,120

with her boss, Robert Salazar.

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00:22:05,220 --> 00:22:09,120

They checked into adjacent rooms on the eighth floor.

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00:22:10,120 --> 00:22:12,020

The next morning, Sandra's body was found

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00:22:12,120 --> 00:22:16,020

sprawled on the ground below.

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00:22:16,120 --> 00:22:19,020

Police interviewed Robert Salazar.

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00:22:19,120 --> 00:22:22,020

He said he had escorted Sandra to her room around midnight.

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00:22:22,120 --> 00:22:24,020

He left her alive and well.

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00:22:24,120 --> 00:22:26,020

But suspicions arose and detectives

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00:22:26,120 --> 00:22:29,020

found articles of his clothing in her room.

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00:22:29,120 --> 00:22:34,020

When questioned again, he offered a very different story.

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00:22:34,120 --> 00:22:38,020

He said that he had, in fact, gone into the room with Sandra

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00:22:38,020 --> 00:22:40,920

and that they had engaged in sex.

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00:22:41,020 --> 00:22:44,920

And that at one point, they were on the balcony.

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00:22:45,020 --> 00:22:48,920

Sandra had positioned herself on the railing of the balcony

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00:22:49,020 --> 00:22:52,920

in such a way that she threw one of her legs over the top

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00:22:53,020 --> 00:22:56,920

of the balcony and lost her balance and had fallen.

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00:22:59,920 --> 00:23:03,920

Sandra's family was outraged by Salazar's allegations.

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00:23:04,020 --> 00:23:06,920

They asserted she would never have consensual sex with him,

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00:23:06,920 --> 00:23:10,820

that she was devoted to her fiance.

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00:23:10,920 --> 00:23:14,320

Police used a dummy to test Salazar's account of what

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00:23:14,420 --> 00:23:14,820

happened.

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00:23:18,420 --> 00:23:21,560

We tried it several times, and we actually ended up

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00:23:21,660 --> 00:23:24,220

trying to make it land where she landed.

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00:23:24,320 --> 00:23:29,320

And we had to basically throw the dummy in that direction

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00:23:29,420 --> 00:23:32,820

to make it land there.

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00:23:32,920 --> 00:23:34,820

Despite the suspicions of the police,

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00:23:34,820 --> 00:23:40,720

Robert Salazar was not charged with any crime until now.

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00:23:40,820 --> 00:23:45,720

On March 2, 2001, nearly five years after Sandra's death,

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00:23:45,820 --> 00:23:48,720

Robert Salazar was arrested for her murder.

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00:23:48,820 --> 00:23:51,720

On May 30, he appeared at a preliminary hearing

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00:23:51,820 --> 00:23:53,720

in West Covina, California.

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00:23:53,820 --> 00:23:54,720

Another large item.

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00:23:54,820 --> 00:23:57,720

Your Honor, I'm going to ask that this be more of a.

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00:23:57,820 --> 00:24:00,720

Investigators said a reevaluation of evidence,

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00:24:00,820 --> 00:24:03,720

as well as DNA tests, led to the district attorney finally

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00:24:03,720 --> 00:24:04,620

charging Salazar.

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00:24:27,520 --> 00:24:29,620

One Friday afternoon, Kim Swartz

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00:24:29,720 --> 00:24:32,620

was preparing dinner when her seven-year-old daughter, Amber,

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00:24:32,620 --> 00:24:35,520

asked permission to play in front of their Panol, California

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00:24:35,620 --> 00:24:36,520

home.

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00:24:36,620 --> 00:24:39,520

Oh, but our friends are going to be here in five minutes.

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00:24:39,620 --> 00:24:40,520

Please.

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00:24:40,620 --> 00:24:44,520

Amber asked if she could use the jump rope in the whole closet

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00:24:44,620 --> 00:24:47,520

and jump rope outside.

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00:24:47,620 --> 00:24:49,520

So I walked with her over to the closet and opened up the door

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00:24:49,620 --> 00:24:51,520

and she grabbed the jump rope.

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00:24:51,620 --> 00:24:52,520

Thank you, Mommy.

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00:24:52,620 --> 00:24:53,520

I love you.

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00:24:53,620 --> 00:24:57,020

And on her way out the door, she just stopped and turned and said,

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00:24:57,120 --> 00:24:58,020

I love you, Mommy.

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00:24:58,120 --> 00:24:59,520

And out the door she went.

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00:25:02,620 --> 00:25:05,520

Amber planned to jump rope until Kim's friend Debbie

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00:25:05,620 --> 00:25:07,520

and her daughter, Marisa, came by.

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00:25:14,520 --> 00:25:15,520

Hello.

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00:25:15,620 --> 00:25:16,520

Hi.

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00:25:16,620 --> 00:25:17,520

Come in.

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00:25:17,620 --> 00:25:19,020

They walked in the door and Marisa

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00:25:19,120 --> 00:25:20,520

instantly asks where Amber was.

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00:25:20,620 --> 00:25:22,520

I said she was outside jumping rope.

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00:25:22,620 --> 00:25:27,520

And so both of them at that point said, we didn't see her out there.

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00:25:27,620 --> 00:25:30,520

So I said, well, maybe she was over in the vacant lot.

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00:25:30,620 --> 00:25:31,520

I know she's out there.

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00:25:31,620 --> 00:25:32,520

Go get her.

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00:25:32,620 --> 00:25:35,520

So Marisa quickly ran right back outside looking for Amber.

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00:25:35,620 --> 00:25:36,520

I'm glad it's Friday.

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00:25:36,620 --> 00:25:37,520

Oh, me too.

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00:25:37,620 --> 00:25:38,520

Yeah.

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00:25:38,620 --> 00:25:42,520

She came running back inside saying she didn't see her.

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00:25:42,620 --> 00:25:44,520

So at that point I went outside.

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00:25:44,620 --> 00:25:47,520

I started hollering Amber's name.

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00:25:47,620 --> 00:25:49,520

Amber!

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00:25:49,620 --> 00:25:51,520

Amber!

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00:25:51,620 --> 00:25:53,520

And she wasn't there.

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00:25:53,620 --> 00:25:57,520

So I recalled the only two people that I thought that Amber may

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00:25:57,620 --> 00:25:58,520

have wandered off to.

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00:25:58,620 --> 00:26:01,520

And I got answering machines.

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00:26:01,520 --> 00:26:04,420

So obviously they weren't there.

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00:26:04,520 --> 00:26:06,420

Amber!

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00:26:06,520 --> 00:26:08,420

Amber!

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00:26:08,520 --> 00:26:10,420

Amber went for you!

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00:26:10,520 --> 00:26:11,420

Amber!

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00:26:11,520 --> 00:26:12,420

I couldn't find Amber.

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00:26:12,520 --> 00:26:15,420

I was afraid.

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00:26:15,520 --> 00:26:18,420

I didn't want anything to be wrong.

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00:26:18,520 --> 00:26:19,420

I wanted her to be home.

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00:26:23,520 --> 00:26:26,420

Kim Swartz would never see her only daughter again.

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00:26:27,320 --> 00:26:31,320

The disappearance of Amber was a second devastating tragedy Kim

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00:26:31,420 --> 00:26:33,320

Swartz was forced to endure.

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00:26:33,420 --> 00:26:36,320

Her husband, Bernie, a penult police officer,

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was killed in the line of duty when Kim was pregnant with Amber.

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00:26:39,420 --> 00:26:42,320

This latest tragedy would transform the widowed mother

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00:26:42,420 --> 00:26:45,320

of three into an activist.

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00:26:45,420 --> 00:26:48,320

Following hours of searching, investigators concluded

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Amber Swartz had been abducted.

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00:26:50,420 --> 00:26:51,320

Over here.

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00:26:51,420 --> 00:26:53,320

The morning after she disappeared,

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00:26:53,320 --> 00:26:56,220

a pair of pink socks was discovered in the park a short distance

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00:26:56,320 --> 00:26:58,220

from Amber's home.

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00:26:58,320 --> 00:27:00,220

When the park had been searched the previous night,

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00:27:00,320 --> 00:27:03,220

the socks were not there.

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00:27:03,320 --> 00:27:06,220

To come back the next morning and find these socks in a place

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00:27:06,320 --> 00:27:10,220

that had already been searched, certainly sent up a lot of red flags.

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00:27:10,320 --> 00:27:13,220

They were just like the socks that Amber had on her feet.

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00:27:13,320 --> 00:27:16,220

I could say that because I had helped Amber put her new shoes

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00:27:16,320 --> 00:27:18,220

on that we had just bought.

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00:27:18,320 --> 00:27:21,220

We knew fairly quickly that this was going to be a disaster.

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00:27:21,220 --> 00:27:25,120

We knew fairly quickly that this was going beyond our resources

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00:27:25,220 --> 00:27:28,120

and we reached out to the FBI and to the neighboring agencies

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00:27:28,220 --> 00:27:33,120

and pulled in other resources so that we could conduct a proper investigation.

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00:27:33,220 --> 00:27:37,120

Mrs. Swartz, I just have a few more questions that I'd like to ask you, okay?

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00:27:37,220 --> 00:27:38,120

Okay.

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00:27:38,220 --> 00:27:43,120

When FBI agents visited her home, Kim was struck by the unusual questions they asked.

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00:27:43,220 --> 00:27:46,120

Have you been in Social Security in the last two or three days?

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00:27:46,220 --> 00:27:48,120

No.

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Like had I or Amber received anything in the mail from someone that we didn't know?

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Had Amber come home with anything?

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She couldn't really explain who it came from to me.

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00:27:59,120 --> 00:28:02,020

Had I received phone calls from anyone I didn't know?

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Just really bizarre questions, but the way they were being asked

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kind of led me to believe they were so specific

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that they had to be about somebody.

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In the days following Amber's disappearance,

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many strangers offered to help, but three days after her daughter vanished,

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Kim was visited by a man she will never forget.

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His name was Tim Bindler.

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00:28:27,020 --> 00:28:28,920

My name's Timothy.

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00:28:29,020 --> 00:28:31,920

I'm with the search for Amber, for your dear Amber.

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00:28:32,020 --> 00:28:35,920

He was, it looked like he'd been up all night.

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00:28:36,020 --> 00:28:39,920

Basically was saying how he wanted to be the one to save her.

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00:28:40,020 --> 00:28:41,920

He wanted to be the one to bring her home to me.

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I've been searching in a lot of places that,

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00:28:43,920 --> 00:28:47,820

and I think some of the authorities might not be searching for because I know kids.

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Bindler's van also caught Kim's attention.

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It almost looked like a van that he painted himself.

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He's got these plates that say love you.

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00:28:56,920 --> 00:29:00,820

He's got posters on the outside of the van.

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Because I want you to know I want to be the one to find her.

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00:29:05,920 --> 00:29:10,820

According to Kim, Bindler became extremely emotional as he talked to Amber.

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I want to be the one to save her and bring her back to you.

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00:29:16,820 --> 00:29:20,720

Did you see Amber Schwartz on June 3rd?

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No.

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Tim Bindler was questioned extensively by the FBI following Amber Schwartz's abduction.

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According to authorities, the results of his polygraph were inconclusive.

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Did you speak to Amber Schwartz on June 3rd?

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No.

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Tim Bindler is a very bright man. He's a very intelligent man.

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He's a Berkeley grad right up near the...

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John Philpin is a trained forensic psychologist.

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He spent more than 1,000 hours interviewing Tim Bindler for his book Stalemate.

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There are law enforcement agencies which consider him a suspect.

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There's also the perception shared by a number of people

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that Tim has done absolutely nothing wrong and that he is a misunderstood Good Samaritan.

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Tim Bindler's attorney John Burrus maintains that Bindler's actions should not be viewed with suspicion.

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The point of fact is he is trying to be helpful.

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He does that voluntarily. It is a sense that he has that he has an obligation and a duty to go out

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and try to find missing children.

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According to John Philpin, Tim Bindler seemed to have a particular interest in the grave of a girl named Angela Bouge.

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Five-year-old Angela disappeared four and a half years before Amber

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and was later found sexually assaulted and strangled.

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The FBI placed Tim Bindler under surveillance.

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His alleged habit of visiting Angela Bouge's grave site up to 90 times a year had caught their attention.

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To have been to this little girl's grave, this little girl that he never knew,

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I just can't imagine anybody going to somebody's grave that many times in that period of time

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00:31:12,420 --> 00:31:19,320

unless there's something else going on in that person's mind.

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According to John Burrus, the fact that Bindler visits grave sites should not cast suspicion on his client.

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For him, it has a special kind of significance that is personal to him,

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but certainly not an indication that he's putting by in that graveyard.

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00:31:38,320 --> 00:31:40,220

Good dog!

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Eleven days after Amber vanished, a bloodhound from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department

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tractors sent to Angela's grave site.

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Police say the dog also picked up Amber's scent in Bindler's van.

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California courts are often leery about the reliability of bloodhound evidence.

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Sadly, five months after Amber's disappearance, the East Bay area was shocked by the abduction of another young girl,

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nine-year-old Michaela Garrett, outside a Hayward Market.

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As Michaela went to retrieve her scooter, a man forced her into his car.

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Michaela!

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By now, parents in the surrounding communities were living in fear.

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Then two months later, a nearby Dublin, 13-year-old Eileen Michelle Off, disappeared.

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Despite the fact that some suspicion had been directed at him, Tim Bindler helped search for Eileen.

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A few years later, a mother in the town of Fairfield informed the police that her daughter had begun receiving mail

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from a man they didn't know.

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One young girl was getting letters from Tim.

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Oddly enough, these letters were written backwards and had to be held up to a mirror to read,

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which I'm sure would set any parent on edge, you know, to have your kid all of a sudden get this really weird letter.

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I'm gonna play with my friends down the street.

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Just a few blocks from where the letter was received, another young girl disappeared.

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Four-year-old Nikki Campbell was playing in her driveway.

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Nikki lived on Salisbury Drive in Fairfield, and she had been out playing with her brother in the afternoon.

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Her mom came home from work and asked, where's Nikki?

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While she was out playing, they couldn't find her.

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Four days after Nikki's disappearance, her scent, like Amber Swartz's before her, was allegedly tracked by bloodhounds to Angela Bugey's grave.

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The grave that Tim Bindler reportedly visited so regularly.

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You put all of these coincidences together, you see them pile up, the dogs, the cemetery, the various scents in the various places.

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And you really have to question, which is what I believe law enforcement was doing, and I think it's their role to do it.

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You really have to question, you know, is this a coincidence or is there something to it?

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If there was something more to it, then you would think after all this time there had been some more evidence that was more definitive, and there hasn't been any.

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Following the Nikki Campbell disappearance, the Fairfield Police Department searched Tim Bindler's home and found nothing.

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Believing that his reputation had been unfairly tonished by the Fairfield Police Department's handling of the Nikki Campbell investigation,

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Tim Bindler bought a defamation lawsuit against the city of Fairfield.

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The city settled out of court for \$90,000.

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Citing the advice of his attorney, Tim Bindler turned down a request for an interview.

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Although he has been questioned by police, it's important to note that Bindler has not been charged with any crime relating to the disappearances of these girls.

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And he has consistently claimed he is innocent.

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Kim Swartz refuses to give up.

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Even though Amber with a baby in her 20s, Kim will not rest until she finds out what happened to her daughter.

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Within weeks of Amber's disappearance, Kim Swartz created the Amber Foundation for Missing Children.

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The Foundation's goals continue to be educating parents on ways to prevent child abductions, so that what happened to Kim Swartz may never happen to them.

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No one knows how her confidentiality breaks into play the family's Ky ■■■s.

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00:35:41,720 --> 00:35:44,120

Something first.

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00:35:44,220 --> 00:35:48,620

Maybe we shouldn't play the game of history.

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00:35:48,720 --> 00:35:57,620

We should, these days, not speak for ourselves,■■■ use, and communicate with the people in the surrounding areas.

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00:35:57,720 --> 00:36:04,620

Making their homejiang■■■you.

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You can have any content based on your stories and your background.

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00:36:07,720 --> 00:36:13,900

On a previous broadcast, we brought you the story of Gilbert Ortiz, who was looking for

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00:36:13,900 --> 00:36:16,760

his young son, Jonathan.

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Authorities suspected that Gilbert's wife had taken Jonathan after she'd been accused

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of committing a heinous crime.

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After eight years, Gilbert and his son have finally been reunited.

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After serving in the military, Gilbert Ortiz moved with his wife and child to Redwood City,

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Virginia.

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Though they were happy at first, Gilbert and Elizabeth fought frequently over money.

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When Gilbert received a promotion at work, he thought that his future suddenly seemed

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brighter.

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But within a week, Gilbert Ortiz was in a hospital suffering from cardiac arrest, kidney failure,

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00:36:54,880 --> 00:36:58,200

and pneumonia, and fighting for his life.

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Doctors worked feverishly to determine what had caused him to become so violently ill.

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After lapsing in and out of consciousness for two weeks, Gilbert told police he thought

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he might have been poisoned.

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I lift weights and all, but I could never get big, and that's the kind of guy she likes.

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Gilbert said Elizabeth met him in the store parking lot to give him a special body-building

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00:37:24,080 --> 00:37:27,880

drink, which had already been mixed in a plastic sports bottle.

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It looked like a real shake, I mean like a chocolate shake.

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And then I want to try to sort of like burn my throat.

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And then my throat was really, really burning, and I was all shaky.

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And then I felt like getting sick.

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Paramedics came and rushed Gilbert to the hospital.

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Elizabeth Ortiz met them in the emergency room.

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Doctors hoped that she could provide an explanation for Gilbert's sudden mystery illness.

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Have you ever seen that bottle?

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No, never.

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00:37:58,160 --> 00:38:03,640

We needed to know where that sports bottle came from, if it was something that was purchased

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00:38:03,640 --> 00:38:09,480

from a fast food store, and it was really a bad mixture that really made him sick, or

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00:38:09,480 --> 00:38:11,240

whether it was a deliberate mix.

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This is the Coyah Hospital.

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I have a poisoning to report.

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I need to speak to an officer.

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After he had been determined that the shake had been tainted with a common insecticide,

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police obtained a search warrant to see if they could trace it or the plastic bottle

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to Elizabeth.

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00:38:25,560 --> 00:38:30,680

But when they arrived at the Ortiz apartment, they discovered that Elizabeth Ortiz had vanished

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00:38:30,680 --> 00:38:32,000

along with Jonathan.

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00:38:32,000 --> 00:38:35,400

Then that's when it hit me.

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00:38:35,400 --> 00:38:36,400

She did.

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00:38:36,400 --> 00:38:38,400

When it told me I said, where's the baby?

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00:38:38,400 --> 00:38:40,640

She said, he's gone.

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00:38:40,640 --> 00:38:45,040

That's the main part that really got me.

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With the evidence they gathered, police were able to make a case against Elizabeth Fuentes

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Ortiz, accusing her of attempted murder with special circumstances for torture.

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After following thousands of tips with possible sightings of Elizabeth Ortiz, Sergeant Katherine

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Anderson finally received a phone call from an FBI agent.

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Investigations, you did this to Sergeant Anderson?

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00:39:12,840 --> 00:39:18,040

Basically March 14th of 2000, I received a phone call from the FBI telling me that they

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00:39:18,040 --> 00:39:21,480

had Elizabeth Ortiz in custody in Mexico.

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When Elizabeth was arrested in Mexico, she was by herself.

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00:39:24,960 --> 00:39:28,520

The FBI gave me their word that they would continue to look for the little boy in Mexico

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00:39:28,520 --> 00:39:32,320

in the area that they had arrested Elizabeth in.

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00:39:32,320 --> 00:39:35,640

Elizabeth Ortiz was brought to Redwood City for trial.

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00:39:35,640 --> 00:39:38,160

But where was Jonathan?

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00:39:38,160 --> 00:39:43,080

Assuming that Elizabeth would want to see her son, Anderson had an age-progress composite

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00:39:43,080 --> 00:39:46,400

created and posted at the jail.

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00:39:46,400 --> 00:39:50,880

Then Sergeant Anderson received the second phone call she had been hoping for.

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I received a phone call from a deputy telling me that they had a little boy at the jail

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00:39:55,040 --> 00:39:59,320

and the little boy was a dead ringer for the composite picture that we had.

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00:39:59,320 --> 00:40:02,720

Jonathan had been brought to the jail by a relative.

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According to the police, the boy had been living in Mexico during the time he was missing.

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The following day, Gilbert finally was able to see the son he had never stopped thinking

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00:40:13,560 --> 00:40:14,560

about.

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00:40:14,560 --> 00:40:21,440

I was two years old when he disappeared and when I got him back he was ten.

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00:40:21,440 --> 00:40:27,600

As soon as I saw him, he just came and hugged me.

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00:40:27,600 --> 00:40:30,000

That's all it took.

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00:40:30,000 --> 00:40:31,000

One big hug.

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00:40:31,000 --> 00:40:33,360

I cannot explain what that felt like.

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00:40:33,360 --> 00:40:40,160

It's just too much of an emotion, I guess.

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00:40:40,160 --> 00:40:45,000

Gilbert and Jonathan have begun the long process of healing and getting to know one another

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00:40:45,000 --> 00:40:46,320

as father and son.

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00:40:46,320 --> 00:40:51,360

The hardest part of this experience was losing a little boy that I really loved.

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00:40:51,360 --> 00:40:53,880

Not what she did, not what I went through.

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00:40:53,880 --> 00:40:54,680

Just losing him.

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