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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries.

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Thieves target \$3 million in an armored car in Las Vegas.

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They steal the vehicle and disguise themselves as they make their getaway by jet.

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Many called it the perfect crime.

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Perhaps you can help bring the thieves to justice.

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On a healthy well like 41 year old man was found dead in his bed of a

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parent natural causes, few suspicions were raised.

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Until the autopsy revealed he'd been murdered.

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And now a small circle of Hood River Oregon residents are finding themselves under suspicion.

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An innocent night out suddenly becomes a battle for survival for a young Indiana woman.

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What makes this story unique is that she has chosen to fight back.

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That the identity of one man who is accused of terrorizing her is known.

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Authorities now need your help to catch him before he strikes again.

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This single mom had everything to live for.

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A beautiful daughter and a new man in her life.

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Then she mysteriously vanished.

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Police later found her SUV.

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But why was there no trace of Nikki McCown anywhere?

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With every mystery a single critical clue may be the key to a solution.

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Perhaps you hold that key.

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Join us for unsolved mysteries.

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Las Vegas.

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Or the lure of the quickscore in Tysos Gamers to risk it all with a pull of a handle or the turn of a card.

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For those daring enough to take a much greater gamble, however, the biggest payoff is not in the casinos.

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It is in the armored vans that supply the casinos with millions of dollars in cash.

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Friday, October 1, 1993 begins like every other day for 21-year-old Heather Tallchief.

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Radio check, route 3, you're right, can't drop off, number one.

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She and her two partners are responsible for making the rounds of several casinos, replenishing their automatic teller machines with cash.

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How much are you taking in?

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125, 150.

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Better put in a little more.

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It's got to fill them for a weekend.

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Heather would drive to the back portion of the casino and drop us off.

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I would be carrying the money and my partner, I would enter the casino.

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The final ATM the guards will service is near the casino's side entrance.

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The standard procedure calls for Heather to move the van there to pick up her partners when their job inside is finished.

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When my partner and I exited the casino, we did not see the van anywhere.

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We assumed that maybe she would have gotten lost, that she was stuck in traffic, or that maybe she might have been in an accident.

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We didn't know.

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So I, in joking, suggested that she might have taken the vehicle.

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A surveillance camera recorded the moment when she was last seen.

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The tape reveals no sign that she had been hijacked or met with any sort of foul play.

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The Las Vegas police can find no trace of Heather or the van.

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Ultimately they conclude that she has fled by design with three million dollars in cash.

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Heather Talcheev appears to have pulled off what many consider to be the perfect crime.

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She not only got away with the money, but managed to elude capture for eight years.

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According to the FBI, it is one of the largest armored car robberies in which the perpetrator has not been brought to justice.

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Perhaps you can help authorities finally track Heather down.

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No one suspected that Heather Talcheev had the inclination or the audacity to commit such a brazen crime.

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She was a nurse from Buffalo, New York of Seneca Indian descent, building a promising career in medicine.

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Then inexplicably, she surfaced in Las Vegas seeking a new job.

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Heather Talcheev applied for the job with the armored car company approximately two months before the robbery.

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And the investigation has led us to believe that this entire event from the moment of applying for the job to the robbery

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was all planned in advance for the sole purpose of committing this crime.

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Shortly after the robbery, investigators searched Talcheev's apartment.

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They discovered fingerprints that provided an important clue. Heather, it seemed, had not acted alone.

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The prints are identified as those of Roberto Solis, a convicted murderer who had been released from prison six years earlier.

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In 1969, he had shot and killed an armored car guard during an unsuccessful robbery.

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Intelligent and articulate, Solis used his time in prison wisely.

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Over 17 years, he authored five books. His achievement was heralded by professional writers as proof of his rehabilitation.

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That's how he got an early release from the state penitentiary.

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A lot of well-known poets would write in his behalf and he was allowed to be released early.

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Talcheev and Solis met in San Francisco where they began a relationship and subsequently planned this crime.

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Once we get you into an armored car company, there'll be a lot of time before they give you a big cash run.

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I know what to put down in the application.

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48-year-old Solis and 21-year-old Heather were an unlikely romantic couple and adept partners in crime.

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Investigators learned that they designed their scheme with meticulous care.

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They recognized that the most difficult challenge in a multi-million dollar robbery is often not the theft itself,

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but the getaway.

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Two hours after Heather sped the armored van from the casino, an unusual couple arrived at Las Vegas' Hughes Airport.

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They had chartered a private jet to Denver, Colorado.

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They were very well disguised. Solis looked like an older gentleman, a doctor.

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Talcheev like a sickly, invalid, older lady.

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There's only three small suitcases were taken aboard the craft when they traveled from Las Vegas to Colorado.

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If he had a million dollars or three million dollars, it would take approximately eight to ten suitcases to transport that much money.

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We surmise that they must have shipped the money on ahead.

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Three days later, the FBI traced Heather and Solis to Denver.

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But by then it was too late.

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Denver, they believed, had been only a brief stopover for the fugitives before they continued on to their final destination.

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But where was it?

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Investigators found an address that indicated they may have fled to Florida.

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But that address turned out to be merely a postal drop containing two forged passports.

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Both were for entry into the South American nation of Suriname.

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But the FBI questioned whether this had truly been Talcheev's and Solis' destination.

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It was possible that they had intended for the documents to be found as part of an elaborate effort to mislead their pursuers.

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Thirteen days after the robbery, investigators discovered the armored van in a commercial rental site in Las Vegas.

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Inside the building they rented were packing materials.

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This confirmed the FBI's suspicions that the three million dollars had been shipped to some unknown destination.

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They learned that Heather and Solis had set up a phony business here so that they could abandon the van in plain view without attracting suspicion.

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He told everybody he's starting a new business.

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Solis opened this business under the guise of retrofitting vehicles to be used as armored car vehicles.

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In that manner didn't draw any attention to the other people in the area when a real armored vehicle was brought into the facility.

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The ploy was one of many carefully crafted details to a seemingly flawless crime.

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I think that it was well thought out, well conceived and well executed.

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But crime doesn't pay and I don't think it's a perfect crime.

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I think that we'll still get them.

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They only have to make a mistake one time and we've got them.

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So what else do you want to know about me?

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Although Hood River, Oregon residents Eric, Tamiya Su and Diana Anderson had known each other for years, this was their first date.

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It was just kind of, you know, checking each other out and seeing if maybe this is someone that I would like to spend more time with and I think it was the same for both of us.

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What do you do for fun?

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Golf.

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Eric was an attentive host and the date seemed to be going well.

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However, beginning at 11 p.m., the couple was harassed by mysterious tapping noises outside.

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What was that?

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And the sound of someone apparently at the front door.

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The second time the doorbell rang, footsteps could be heard running away, but there was no sign of anyone.

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It was not funny at that time of night when I have to get in my car and drive home by myself.

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That was the last time Diana Anderson saw Eric Tamiya Su.

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Eric's home was located in a remote area outside of town next to the fruit orchard business he owned and operated.

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A week after Eric's date with Diana, Don Dixon, a friend and business consultant drove out to Eric's house to check on him.

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Hey Eric! Eric, it's Don, you home?

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According to Dixon, for several days he had fielded phone calls from other friends of Eric's who had not been able to reach him.

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Dixon used the key Eric had given him to enter the home through a back door.

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Eric, you home? It's Don.

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He was greeted by an overpowering smell.

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It was an odor that I'd never smelled before. Eric?

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My initial hope was that this was the garbage that I had seen left out.

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Getting no response, Dixon headed upstairs to the master bedroom.

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Eric!

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There was no question in my mind that he was dead, so I set a prayer.

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I set a prayer, I went downstairs and I called 911 and asked for assistance.

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Investigators from the Hood River County Sheriff's Department quickly arrived on the scene.

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When I first walked in, it appeared to me that we were dealing with an unattended death, that something had happened, whether it was a medical problem or a heart attack, those kind of things.

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There was no sign of trauma that we could see right off, nothing did indicate that there was any kind of foul play.

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At the time of his death, Eric told me Arsut didn't seem to have an enemy in the world.

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But not topsy would reveal that he did not die of natural causes. In fact, he was killed by three gunshots to the head.

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Incredibly, the advanced state of decomposition of the body had disguised the true nature of his death. Who killed Eric Tamiasu?

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At this time, the investigation has focused on three potential suspects, all of whom have agreed to be interviewed.

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One of them happens to be the sheriff overseeing the murder investigation.

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As Eric Tamiasu's body was being removed from his house on the day it was discovered, Sheriff Joe Wampler approached Eric's friend Don Dixon with what Don considered a strange request.

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Does Eric have a burn powder on here?

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He said we looked for a gun, we've looked for bullet holes, we've looked for shells, and to spare the family grief and discomfort, we're going to bring the bedding out and we want you to burn it.

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If I could burn it there, I could burn it there.

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And I said if it would help the family, I would be happy to do what I can to assist.

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At sunrise a following morning, Don Dixon set fire to the soil bedding that had been removed from Eric's room.

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When he was done, there was nothing left behind but a metal frame and a pile of ashes.

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A day later during Eric Tamiasu's autopsy, Hood River County investigators were stunned to learn three small caliber bullets were lodged in his head.

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Investigators now had a homicide on their hands and theories begin to emerge.

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Because of Sheriff Joe Wampler's decision to burn the bed, potentially valuable clues had been destroyed.

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Based on the lack of evidence that this was going to turn into a criminal case, it was my decision to burn the bed.

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It was my decision at that time because the family, they might just actually appreciate not having to go through the trauma of viewing the horrid things that were left behind.

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But could the Sheriff have had a more sinister motive for destroying potential evidence?

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A possible answer may have come up in a conversation Don Dixon said he had with Eric regarding a new romantic relationship.

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There's this Polynesian woman I've been seeing a little bit.

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This Polynesian woman described as older than he was and the rumor mill has that the Sheriff's wife is Polynesian and older than Eric.

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But that could be purely coincidental.

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I've heard a rumor that my wife was having an affair with Mr. Tamiatsu.

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And out of retaliation for that, then I went up there and did these things.

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Even went to the trouble of destroying the evidence, burning the bed and all that stuff.

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00:16:37,520 --> 00:16:40,520

All I can say is they're looking in the wrong direction.

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If Sheriff Wampler had nothing to do with the murder, who did?

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Eric Smith, Eric Tamiatsu's lifelong friend is considered potential suspect number two.

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Don Dixon, who occupied an office in the same building, says he overheard a heated argument Eric Smith had with the victim just days before the murder.

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He and Eric Smith had been in business together and Eric Tamiatsu felt that Eric was pocketing money.

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And that he owed him between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

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And he needed to collect it because the orchard business was really on a down slide and he needed

the money to finish the crop year.

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According to Dixon, after Tamiatsu confronted Smith about the money, Eric Tamiatsu was clearly upset.

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I asked him if he was okay, if everything was all right.

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He said, that's son of a bitch, and got into his car and that's the last words that I heard from Eric Tamiatsu.

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00:17:41,520 --> 00:17:45,520

I can tell you flat out for a fact, Eric and I did not have an argument.

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00:17:45,520 --> 00:17:49,520

Eric didn't owe me money, I didn't owe him money.

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Don lives in a fantasy world.

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But it was no fantasy that Eric Tamiatsu and Eric Smith did at one time have a side business together selling used cars.

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However police believe that the amount invested was far less than Don Dixon claimed.

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When I checked into the business dealings with Eric Smith and Eric Tamiatsu, we found out that they both invested the same amount of money, which was probably \$15,000 to start this business, not \$50,000 or \$60,000.

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And it kind of went downhill and they had to go out of business.

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If Eric Smith was not involved in Eric Tamiatsu's death, who else might have been?

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Potential suspect number three, the man who discovered the body, Don Dixon.

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As questions began to amount, some began to wonder whether Dixon, Tamiatsu's orchard consultant, was as close to him as he claimed to be.

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What Eric told me was that Don is somebody he bought spray from.

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Period.

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Talk to anyone, Eric's friends, most of them don't even know who Don is.

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It was Don Dixon who notified Eric's sister, Ramona Tamiatsu of her brother's death just minutes after he discovered the body.

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She recalled that what he said next struck her as very strange.

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He said it didn't look like there was any foul play and it also appeared that there weren't any exit wounds and I said, what are exit wounds, what are you talking about?

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I said, what? Why would there be gunshot wounds?

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00:19:32,520 --> 00:19:37,520

Well, I clearly looked closely at the body to try and see if he had shot himself.

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00:19:37,520 --> 00:19:41,520

I mean, because that was one of my first reactions was it was suicide.

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He had been very depressed and I had looked closely because of that.

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00:19:49,520 --> 00:19:56,520

I mean, I honestly believe that a logical reason Eric was dead in bed was suicide.

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But Eric Tamiatsu had been shot three times. His death was clearly not a case of suicide.

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Investigators theorized that the killer knew not only the remote location of the Tamiatsu home but also his layout.

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The murder weapon, believed to be a small caliber handgun, was not found.

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Could one of these men have murdered Eric Tamiatsu or could someone else have pulled the trigger?

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In one final twist to this classic, who done it?

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Diana Anderson says that during her date with Eric Tamiatsu, they went outside to look for the source of the strange noises and found a single unexplained shoe print.

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Could that have been the shoe print of Eric Tamiatsu's killer?

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Investigators will never know. Heavy rains in the days following their date washed away any potential evidence left that night.

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I don't know if the killer was dead or if the killer was dead.

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I don't know if the events on Saturday night had anything to do with Eric's murder or if it was just coincidence.

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I think it's a possibility, but I don't know.

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For now, many unanswered questions still hang over the town of Hood River.

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Did the sheriff deliberately destroy evidence on the case?

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I did not have anything to do with the death of Eric Tamiatsu, no.

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Could Eric Smith have wanted Eric Tamiatsu dead?

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Eric was my best friend. He was the best man at my wedding. He was like my brother.

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Did Don Dixon tell the truth about his connection to the murder?

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I have no way of knowing who was involved with Eric Tamiatsu's death.

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The only ones that I know that didn't do it are my wife and myself.

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Other than that, everybody else in my mind is suspect.

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All the principles in this case have taken and passed polygraph tests arranged by the Hood River County Sheriff's Department.

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Except Don Dixon.

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Dixon recently took an independently administered polygraph.

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The results were deemed inconclusive by the Sheriff's Department.

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A local hangout popular with college students in Misawaka, Indiana.

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A young woman and a friend have come here for a night out.

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At her request, we've changed her name. We will call her Lori.

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We did our usual, setting up the pool table, making little jokes where I'll bet you that I'll be there.

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I am honorable tonight.

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And whoever wins that would get a free drink.

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Though Lori wasn't aware of it, she had caught the attention of some other men in the bar.

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Yes.

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Here you go.

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I'm going to go get a drink.

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00:23:01,520 --> 00:23:03,520

I'm going to get a drink.

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00:23:03,520 --> 00:23:05,520

I'm going to get a drink.

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00:23:05,520 --> 00:23:07,520

I'm going to get a drink.

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00:23:07,520 --> 00:23:10,520

Here you go.

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Lori briefly left her friend and went to the bar to order her victory drink.

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Can I get a beer, please?

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She now noticed that the men at the bar seemed fixated on her.

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Uncomfortable, she walked away.

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As she moved through the bar, Lori paused near an exit.

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She had no inkling of what was about to happen.

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What had begun as a simple evening of friendly billiards would soon become a night of terror for

Lori.

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Over the next few hours, she would experience every woman's worst nightmare.

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Lori is bravely chosen to tell her traumatic story to help police.

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Investigators need your help to track down the individuals responsible for the suffering that Lori ultimately endured and survived.

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Without warning, a group of men surrounded Lori.

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And they abducted her from the bar.

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I was taken to a car that was no more than six feet from that final door.

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And it was two men pushing me into this car.

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I screamed, but that scream was very short and fleeting because so quick they had me in that car.

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And quicker than I could snap my finger, we were backing up.

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A terrified Lori was restrained by the man in the back seat.

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After about 20 minutes, the two kidnappers who conversed in Spanish got into an argument.

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Then the driver suddenly pulled the car over and left.

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I believe that the man in the front had decided not to carry on from this point.

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The remaining man pulled Lori into the front seat and drove her to a nearby apartment.

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As her abductor dragged her through the door, Lori desperately sought anything she could use as a weapon.

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

Where am I?

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

But Lori's attempt to fight back only served to further enrage her assailant.

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00:25:51,520 --> 00:25:54,520

He dragged me into a bedroom.

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00:25:54,520 --> 00:26:00,520

And that is where he was able to overpower me and he violently raped me there.

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00:26:03,520 --> 00:26:08,520

After the assault, I got this fire inside of me.

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00:26:08,520 --> 00:26:12,520

No more was all I could hear in my brain.

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00:26:13,520 --> 00:26:17,520

So I just took that power and I gave him a kick.

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00:26:17,520 --> 00:26:21,520

My knees, I brought my knees up and kicked him off of me.

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00:26:22,520 --> 00:26:30,520

And it gave me enough time to get up off of that nasty mattress and dirt and filth.

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And I ran through into the living room.

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I just thought, get out to the door.

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Hoping to hamper her attacker's pursuit, Lori threw furniture in his path.

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But he easily ran over it.

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00:26:51,520 --> 00:26:54,520

And he threw me up against this wall.

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00:26:54,520 --> 00:27:00,520

By my neck, I could hear the bones in there crunching.

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00:27:00,520 --> 00:27:04,520

And I could feel it. The pain was overwhelming.

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00:27:04,520 --> 00:27:08,520

And I couldn't breathe and the lights were going dark.

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I knew he's killing me.

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00:27:10,520 --> 00:27:15,520

And I said, no, I have more to life than this.

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And I brought that knee up and as hard as I could, bang, I took that foot into his gut.

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00:27:24,520 --> 00:27:28,520

And it threw him back, made him fall to his butt.

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And I just booked it for all, everything I had.

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I was a track star that day.

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I ran for that back kitchen door and by the grace of God, I was able to get the door out, ran out that door.

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And I could hear him coming and he's screaming, you know, and it's getting louder.

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00:27:51,520 --> 00:27:53,520

Meaning he is right on my tail.

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And I ran and I screamed.

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And I could hear him coming through that gate.

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00:28:04,520 --> 00:28:08,520

There was a dumpster at the end of this alley.

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And I ran real quick around behind that dumpster and I squatted.

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And I sat there and I listened and I could hear the gravel coming.

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I know he was out there looking for me.

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So I tried to just hold my breath and you're so hysterical.

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That was the hardest thing, to control my breathing because I didn't want him to hear me.

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Petrified with fear, Lori waited 20 minutes before she fled the safety of her hiding place and located a pay phone.

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How long ago did this happen?

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10 minutes ago.

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He grabbed me and pulled me out of there.

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I came tonight to claim.

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00:28:54,520 --> 00:28:56,520

Nobody came.

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00:28:56,520 --> 00:28:58,520

Ma'am, I'm sorry.

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00:28:58,520 --> 00:29:00,520

They know where you are now.

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00:29:00,520 --> 00:29:02,520

They're going to be sending help now.

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Police responded to the scene immediately.

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What a relief that was.

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I could just feel my body just drained of exhaustion from the fear.

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Lori next retraced her escape route to lead authorities back to the scene of her brutal assault.

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She was going through the most traumatic time in her life.

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But yet she was able to give us the location of the residence where it took place.

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She was able to give us a description of her attacker.

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Within a few hours of Lori's escape, police secured a search warrant and entered the property where the attack occurred.

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Everything was as she said it would be.

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There were key pieces of her clothing that were found in this bedroom.

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She said she was wearing beige pants.

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It was important that she remembered where this attack took place because that's how we were able then to identify the suspect.

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Because we could link the suspect to the residence.

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We were then able to identify a person named Rufino Costaneda as a potential suspect in his case.

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He had a history of choking and assaulting at least one other woman.

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Tell me if you recognize any of these people.

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Okay.

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The day after the abduction, Detective Whitfield included Costaneda's prior booking photo in a lineup he showed to Lori.

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That's him.

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Now that Rufino Costaneda was positively identified, tracking him down became a priority.

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But Costaneda had apparently vanished the day after Lori's kidnapping.

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Investigators learned he abruptly resigned from his job following a visit by two unknown individuals.

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Costaneda has not been seen since.

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Investigators suspect Costaneda's partner in the abduction was a relative.

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However, there is not currently sufficient evidence to make an arrest.

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Lori continues to be haunted by the horrifying attack.

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You might be out in public and there might be a smell of something that takes you right back to it.

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And it's just like you're right back there living it.

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I remember every single thing.

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I don't remember bits and pieces.

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00:31:44,520 --> 00:31:45,520

I remember everything.

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Right down to the smell of that man, to the sweat that was on my body, all of that.

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This man needs to get off the streets before he does this again because I don't believe the next woman will make it.

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And nor do I believe that I was the first.

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July 22, 2001.

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It was a sweltering day in Richmond, Indiana.

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But when 20-year-old Nikki McCowen walked into her mother's house,

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it wasn't only the weather that had her hot under the collar.

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Who's that?

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These two guys at the laundry mat would not leave me alone.

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Well, you're a very beautiful girl.

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I can understand that.

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No, these guys are creepy.

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She just was really upset.

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I don't even want to go back down and get my laundry.

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And I laughed at first, you know, because she's such a pretty girl.

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I just thought that some man was making a play, you know.

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I said, Nikki, just calm down because she really was really upset.

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Authorities believe Nikki McCowen did return to the laundry mat a short time later.

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But no one knows for sure.

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Nikki mysteriously disappeared that muggy summer day.

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She has not been seen or heard from since.

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Police suspected foul play.

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However, two elements essential to solving most homicides were missing.

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There was no body and no parent motive.

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Nikki was friendly, had no known enemies and looked forward

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of great anticipation to her upcoming wedding.

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That never happened.

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Leaving detectives with a complex puzzle and pieces that simply didn't fit.

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So you guys are going to get fitted for your taxi dose today?

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Yeah, we're going to go by there later.

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Sunday, July 22nd began routinely enough.

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After attending church, Nikki set off to do the laundry.

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While her fiancé, Bobby Webster, met the best man in his wedding

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at a local tuxedo shop.

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Bobby and Nikki planned to get together later that afternoon.

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The big event was just three weeks off

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from the bride to be one of the special days to be extra special.

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Nikki had a nine-year-old daughter from a prior relationship

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and even her ex-boyfriend seemed happy for her.

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She spent so much money, put so much into this wedding.

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She wanted it to be the most perfect wedding.

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She wanted her face to be perfect, her hair to be perfect,

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her body to be perfect.

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She wanted everything to be perfect.

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Nikki had always been a perfectionist,

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despite being the youngest and most precocious of ten kids

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and a close-knit family.

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She was a daredevil.

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She would try anything.

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She loved sports.

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She was very academically inclined too.

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She made the honor roll all the time.

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She made the Dean's List here recently over in college.

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So what happened to Nikki that summer day in 2001?

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Did she return to the laundromat where she was confronted

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by two strangers up to no good?

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And why did those close to Nikki find no trace of her anywhere?

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The day after Nikki's disappearance,

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Monday, July 23rd, her fiance contacted the Richmond Police Department.

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Filling all that information, that missing persons report was very difficult.

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Because a situation like this, you just see happening on like a TV movie or something.

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You never really think in your wildest imagination

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you'd be in that situation until it really happens.

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And it's really confusing, really.

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Over the next week,

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detectives looked into the alleged incident at the laundromat

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and the possibility that Nikki had been abducted.

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They also had questions for her fiance, Bobby Webster.

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According to police, Bobby had begun acting very strangely

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in the days immediately following Nikki's disappearance.

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Instead of postponing the wedding, he canceled it entirely,

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demanding a full refund from the reception hall.

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Bobby then tried to return his wedding band, also for cash.

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But the manager refused.

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Nikki had paid for the ring and her name was on the receipt.

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Allegedly, the heated argument nearly turned violent

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and Bobby had to be escorted from the store.

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Bobby said he needed the money to help find Nikki,

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to pay for flyers and a cell phone.

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I was to the point where it was like,

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you know, it doesn't matter right now, this wedding doesn't matter.

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Nikki's well-being is what matters right now.

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Detectives weren't convinced and pressed Bobby to take a polygraph test.

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He refused at first, but later said yes.

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One of the questions that was asked to Mr. Webster was,

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did you have anything to do with the disappearance of Nikki McCallan?

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And he says no, and according to the operator,

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the needle about jumps off the chart.

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So not only did he fail it, I mean he failed it miserably.

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Bobby denies that accusation.

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He claims neither he nor his lawyer ever saw the results.

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I just said, look, you ain't got to give it to me,

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just send it to my lawyer.

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But they don't do stuff like that around here,

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that's what they told me.

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More than three months passed, still no sign of Nikki McCallan.

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Then on November 5th, 2001, detectives caught a break.

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Nikki's SUV was found parked at a sprawling apartment complex

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in Dayton, Ohio, 45 minutes east of her home in Indiana.

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It had apparently been abandoned for some time.

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Police found a punched-out door lock,

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an ignition that had been tampered with,

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and a missing stereo system.

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We kept getting told by the police,

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you know, we got to locate this truck,

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it's the big piece of the puzzle,

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and when they located it, it was a little relieved

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that now they can find Nikki.

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Unfortunately, locating the SUV raised more questions than it answered.

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Police found no fingerprints or other promising leads

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that might help them find Nikki.

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However, they did make one important discovery, her laundry.

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The clothes appeared that they'd come just from the laundromat,

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they were folded neatly, they hadn't,

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00:38:47,520 --> 00:38:50,520

did not have the appearance that someone had went through the clothing

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or taken any of the items.

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That seemed to rule out the abduction theory.

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If Nikki had been forcibly removed from the laundromat,

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why would her clothes be in the back of the SUV?

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Even more puzzling was this,

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who drove the vehicle from Richmond to Dayton and why?

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Detectives canvassed the area

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and soon found that Nikki's ex-boyfriend

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lived in another part of the large apartment complex

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where the SUV was found.

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We talked to the police,

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we talked to the father of her child

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and he was very cooperative.

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We checked his alibi, we found out

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he wasn't working the time that she was reported missing.

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He agreed to take a lie detector test

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and come through that fine.

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So we could eliminate him as a suspect.

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Another dead-end.

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However, investigators discovered that Nikki did make a phone call to date

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and the day she disappeared.

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It's Nikki.

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To a co-worker who lived about a mile from where the SUV was found.

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They talked about some specialty hair and nail products

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and Nikki was told she could purchase the items at a store in Dayton.

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This leads us to think that we've got two different scenarios.

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Something happened to her over here in Richmond, Indiana

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where she drove over to Ohio

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and something happened to her over there.

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There was also a third possible scenario.

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If Nikki did drive to Dayton that Sunday afternoon

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perhaps something tragic happened on the way.

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But how did her SUV end up in the parking lot

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of her ex-boyfriend's apartment complex?

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Was it simply an unbelievable coincidence?

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I find it hard to believe.

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And then if it's not coincidental

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then what better way to throw the suspicion off of somebody

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over here in Richmond by taking the vehicle

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and putting it over where say her ex-boyfriend and the father of her child lives.

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That theory led detectives right back to Bobby Webster

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and his suspicious behavior following Nikki's disappearance.

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But Nikki's sister believes Bobby is innocent of any wrongdoing.

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I love Bobby to death.

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And there's no way he'd do this.

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He'd have to be the double himself to be able to walk around here

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and still see us face to face, you know?

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I mean everybody has their limits.

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Nikki's mother, however, isn't so sure about Bobby.

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Have you seen Nikki?

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There's a wise old woman once told me

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keep your friends close and your enemies even closer.

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So I stuck with him like glue.

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Because I figured if Bobby did do this

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or if he knew anybody did do it

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he would come to me.

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Police continue to follow up on other possible suspects

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while also keeping a close eye on Bobby Webster.

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I believe that based on all the information we have so far

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that if Mr. Webster did not have anything to do

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with the disappearance of Nikki McCown

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he does know quite a bit about what did happen to her.

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I don't know anything about Nikki's disappearance or whereabouts.

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I have nothing to do with it.

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I mean I love Nikki more than I love myself.

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And all I wanted to do was just be the best man I could.

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And you know it feels unfair that I'm in this situation

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and I mean now just because I love so much, you know?

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I just understand it.

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Meanwhile a distraught family

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and a heartbroken young child wait and hope.

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There's a little girl nine years old

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who every night after she gets in the bed

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and says, Grandma I've said my prayers for Mommy.

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How much longer are we getting any closer?

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And I keep telling her every day is closer and closer.

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I just want somebody

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somewhere to come clean.

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Because there is somebody out there that knows something.

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Nikki didn't deserve this.

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Nikki McCown's fate remains a mystery.

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Friends say she adored her daughter

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and would never run off by herself.

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Perhaps a fiancé had something to do with the disappearance.

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But what possible motive did he have?

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And what about Nikki's ex-boyfriend?

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He cooperated fully and passed a polygraph test.

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Could it have been a random act of violence?

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If that was the case, why was Nikki's vehicle found abandoned

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at the apartment complex in Dayton?

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For plexing questions without any good answers.

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Nikki McCown is 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 115 pounds.

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She has brown eyes, brown hair,

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and a small scar over her left eye.

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Nikki was last seen on July 22, 2001 in Richmond, Indiana.

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