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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries.

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On a sunny afternoon in Boonville, Missouri,

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Janice Owen and her eight-year-old daughter, Alissa,

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made their way home within an hour of one another.

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What happened next stunned the small community,

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left even the most seasoned cops shaking their heads

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in disbelief.

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Tina Kramer was getting a fresh start with a new boyfriend.

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But she was concerned because her ex-husband had allegedly

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been stalking her.

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Then on the night of August 10th,

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Tina and her boyfriend were murdered.

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Had Tina's fears been realized,

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could this have been a case of love gone wrong?

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Where is 15-year-old Trisha Autry?

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At her Utah home, she spent many evenings at her computer.

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Then she suddenly disappeared.

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Did Trisha run away to meet someone she met over the Internet,

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or was she abducted against her will?

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Join me for these stories of heartbreak and intrigue

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on Unsolved Mysteries.

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I'll see you tomorrow.

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Make sure she's...

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It had been a routine Monday at Riverdale Care Center

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in Booneville, Missouri, population 8,200.

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43-year-old nurse A. Janice Owen,

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a widow and hard-working mother of two,

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finished her shift at the usual time,

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then headed for home just half a block away.

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The time was 2.15 p.m.

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About an hour later,

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Janice's 8-year-old daughter, Alyssa, was on her way home.

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A sweet kid with a sunny disposition.

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Alyssa got along well with everyone.

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She was riding alone that Monday.

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Her older brother had been dropped off earlier

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at the babysitters.

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She was a cute little smiling girl.

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I just noticed her when she got off the bus

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and walked in front of my bus to get on her property.

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I watched her angle toward the front door of this residence,

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and then I was on my way.

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Later that afternoon,

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Janice's mother stopped by to say hello.

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Janice?

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I tried the door, and it was open.

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I tried the door, and it was unlocked.

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Janice? Hello?

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She didn't answer me,

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so I walked on through the house,

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and she wasn't anywhere to be found in there.

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Alyssa's coat was on the couch,

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her backpack on the floor,

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but Frances found no sign of her daughter or granddaughter.

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It was now 5 p.m.

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So I wrote a note that I'd been there.

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I thought it was funny that night she didn't call me,

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but there was nothing messed up or anything

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that would have given me any idea anything was wrong.

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5.45 p.m.

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A neighbor returning home from work

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says she saw some unusual activity outside Janice's home.

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There was people standing outside her duplex.

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There was cars parked on the street.

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Usually, I mean, I've just never noticed before.

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There was a woman on the porch,

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and there was a younger guy.

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He was wearing the red baseball cap.

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They were both facing the street,

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and they both stared at me as they drove by.

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I kind of thought something was odd about the situation.

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15 minutes later, Amy noticed

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more strange activity outside Janice's home.

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There was a white four-door car in front of her house,

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but on the wrong side of the street,

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and I saw a different guy facing me,

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looking down towards my end of the street.

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My intuition was telling me there was something wrong,

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and I didn't know if it was domestic dispute or what it was.

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But the thought that severe harm would truly happen to anybody,

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that never crossed my mind.

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Janice Owen and her daughter, Alisa, had simply disappeared.

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And what happened between 3.15 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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that Monday afternoon of the Owen home

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would become the topic of much speculation?

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Police departments from two rural counties

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soon found themselves handcuffed by a puzzling case,

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the first of its kind in this area in 20 years.

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Even big city detectives called to assist in the case

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could make no sense of the evidence.

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The next day, Tuesday, 8.45 a.m.

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On the outskirts of Fayette, Missouri,

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just 12 miles north of Booneville,

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three employees from a local sawmill

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spotted something on the side of the road.

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Stop, stop, stop, stop up, back up, back up.

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Oh, stop.

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00:06:02,000 --> 00:06:04,000

Stop, stop, stop.

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At first glance, they thought it was a mannequin.

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00:06:11,000 --> 00:06:15,000

It turned out to be the lifeless body of a young child.

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Minutes later, the Howard County Sheriff arrived on the scene.

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There was no signs of any trauma or anything.

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So we called a corner and he arrived

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and could determine that she'd probably been, you know,

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at least dead six to eight hours.

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In a while, it was Sheriff Paulson,

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Howard County Sheriff's Department.

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With no reports of any missing children locally,

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Sheriff Paulson contacted Booneville Police

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in neighboring Cooper County.

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Yeah, I'll check it out and I'll call you back

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as soon as I know anything.

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Okay.

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Detective Bob Welliver made calls to several schools

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and soon had an answer.

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Little Alyssa Owen had been absent that day.

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It turned out to be her body found on the side of the road.

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Tuesday, 12.15 p.m.

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Detective Welliver drove over to see Alyssa's mother

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and delivered the terrible news.

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No answer. Suspicious he went inside.

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Hello? Anybody home?

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00:07:21,000 --> 00:07:23,000

Mrs. Owen?

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No sign of Janice Owen.

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I didn't see anything out of the ordinary

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that would give me any suspicions that there was a struggle.

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No signs of any blood, no signs of any kind of,

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any trauma or anything.

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We did not see anything out of the ordinary at the house.

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Wednesday, Detective Welliver got a call from the corner.

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The autopsy revealed Alyssa had died of suffocation.

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Her mother was not only missing,

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she had become the prime suspect in a murder case.

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But what possible motive could she have?

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Friends say Janice adored her daughter.

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As the investigation continued,

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more perplexing questions surfaced

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about the events of Monday afternoon.

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Was a woman Amy Pulliam saw on the porch Janice Owen?

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Amy wasn't sure.

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She really didn't know her very well.

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And who were the two men?

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One wearing a red baseball cap,

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the other standing by the white car.

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She didn't know them at all.

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But Amy was sure of the time.

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5.45 p.m.

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Some 45 minutes after Janice's mother told

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Detectives she stopped by the house and found it empty.

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Alyssa?

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Excuse me, sir.

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Lieutenant Welliver, Boomville Police Department.

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Detectives began canvassing the area for more clues.

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Another neighbor reported seeing an older model

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dark-colored pickup truck parked near Janice's home

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Monday afternoon.

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Then an employee with a local waste disposal company

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came forward.

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He described seeing a similar pickup truck Tuesday morning

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on the same road Alyssa was found,

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just minutes before the sawmill workers discovered her body.

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And as it went by, it was going slow.

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When I looked at him, he was looking at me,

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so I waved and he didn't turn his head away or wave or nothing.

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He just stared and just kept right on going.

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And he got his wear and red ball cap.

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Jeff Stacey never got a look into the bed of the pickup truck,

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but he thinks he knows what was there,

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the body of Alyssa Owen.

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Jeff was certain she was not lying on the side of the road

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when he drove by minutes earlier.

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They were dumped with their head to have done it after 8.30 p.m.

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because I was through there and I, you know,

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there's no way the spot she was lying at out of Miss Sainter.

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Was the man behind the wheel the same one

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reportedly seen at Janice's home on Monday?

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And was the dark green pickup truck parked near her home

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that afternoon, the same one spotted near the crime scene

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Tuesday morning?

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Detective searched for answers, but came up empty.

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Over the next month, they chase hundreds of other leads.

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Dead ends at every turn.

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And still no sign of Janice Owen.

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Then on March 27, 2002,

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six weeks after Alyssa's death, tragedy struck again.

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Janice's body was discovered in a creek bed

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some 12 miles from where her daughter had been found.

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She'd been in the water quite a while,

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but there were no really serious signs of trauma

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that we could tell.

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Everything she had on from work were still there.

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Her rings and necklaces and ear rings

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and even her eyeglasses were still on her head.

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The coroner later determined that mother and daughter

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had died within hours of one another and in the same manner.

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Janice Owen and Alyssa Owen had both been suffocated to death.

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More questions.

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Why was Alyssa's body left in plain sight on a well-traveled road?

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Well, her mother's body was apparently dumped

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in a remote creek bed some 12 miles away.

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And who could negotiate the maze of back roads

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at Criss Cross Howard County?

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Police have plenty of theories, but still no suspects.

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It's possible to get from either location to the other location

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if you know the route.

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It probably has to be somebody local.

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I just don't believe a stranger could find those two locations

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separately and just leave.

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What worries me now is they're still out there.

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Who knows that they won't try it to somebody else?

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And I don't want that happening to anybody.

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I would love to say I have it or that I have any clue.

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I am a law enforcement officer.

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I am a detective.

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My job is to leave the options open until I can prove the facts.

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And quite frankly, I don't know.

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Update.

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Shortly after we completed the story,

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there was a major development in the case.

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Police have arrested 25-year-old Angela M. Mies

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and her 18-year-old husband, Eric D. Mies.

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Each is charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

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The couple live in the Booneville area

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and detectives believe they were the man and woman

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seen lurking outside the home of Janice Owen

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the day she and Alyssa disappeared.

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Tina Creamer and Robert Miller met on the job

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at a Lawton, Oklahoma hospital where they both worked.

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They had only recently begun dating.

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The couple plan to spend a relaxing evening

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at Robert's apartment.

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While he prepared dinner, Tina took a hot shower

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to unwind after a long day at work.

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They were not aware they were being watched.

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Robert's habit of leaving his front door unlocked

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would prove tragic.

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Rob?

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25-year-old Tina Creamer and 26-year-old Rob Miller

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never had a chance.

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Just five days before her murder,

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Tina Creamer's divorce had become final.

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Tina and David Kemp had been married for five years.

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According to Tina, David began stalking her

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shortly after they were separated.

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Could their apparently turbulent relationship

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have anything to do with a double murder?

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Investigators turned to those who knew the victims for answers.

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Tina loved the nursing field.

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She loved helping people, anybody she could help.

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She did so much volunteer work for people

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that we didn't even know about till after the fact.

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According to some, Tina's life with David Kemp

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was apparently not very fulfilling.

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I don't believe they had a marriage.

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I don't believe they had a relationship.

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I know he had hit her.

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I know that he was mentally abusive.

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She had no self-esteem left

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till after she left him.

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Tina's new boyfriend, Robert Miller,

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was apparently providing a refreshing change

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from her controlling ex-husband.

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Rob was very affectionate, very loving.

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He brought a lot of love and laughter into her life.

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She had a lot of confidence.

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He was very kind to her.

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She had a lot of confidence.

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Her self-esteem had just exploded

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after she had left David.

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She was a very beautiful woman.

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This lady was really, really good for him.

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Very supportive, you know, made him happy.

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If this had never happened,

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they would have been perfect for each other.

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The bodies of Tina Creamer and Robert Miller

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were discovered when they failed to show up

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for work at the hospital.

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Rob's best friend, police officer Troy Morris,

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responded to the scene.

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I made entry.

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I saw Rob's body lying there on the floor.

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I was too emotional to continue on.

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I was still wanting to preserve the crime scene

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00:16:06,000 --> 00:16:08,000

for our detectives.

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I backed out of the residence

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and chose not to go any further.

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After exiting the residence,

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I did what police officers aren't supposed to do.

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I broke down.

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00:16:26,000 --> 00:16:28,000

I can't describe that feeling.

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00:16:28,000 --> 00:16:30,000

I can't describe it.

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You know, it was about 11.30 last night.

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Tina's family learned what happened from a news report.

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My husband and I, which is her brother,

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was watching TV.

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TV didn't say any names,

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but it showed the apartment.

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And we just knew that it was them.

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Investigators processed the crime scene,

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and news of the murders began to spread.

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Many in Tina Creamer's circle had their suspicions

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

who may have been responsible for the cold-blooded murders,

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and that suspect would soon come to the attention of the police.

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The first thing that led investigators

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to seeking the whereabouts of David Kemp

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was the fact that he had motive.

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He had made threats to kill himself

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and to kill Christina when they split up.

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Robert said on several occasions

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that David Kemp would come up to Comanche County

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Memorial Hospital and leave notes on Tina's car,

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00:17:35,000 --> 00:17:39,000

stating, if I can't have you, that nobody can.

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She stated to me a few days before the murders

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was a comma for the storm.

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Because of threats and letters,

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Rob knew that Tina feared David,

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and we would state to him,

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y'all be careful, you know, watch out for him.

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00:17:58,000 --> 00:18:00,000

Lock your doors.

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When detectives attempted to locate David Kemp for questioning,

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they discovered he had suddenly left town the day after the murders

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without telling anyone where he was headed.

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David Kemp was now considered a possible suspect.

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They speculated that when he received the divorce decree,

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officially dissolving his marriage to Tina,

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it may have upset him.

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But would it have been enough to trigger the murders?

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Although police had no physical evidence

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to connect David Lee Kemp to the killings,

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they located a man who claims he sold Kemp a .45 caliber handgun.

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This person still had in his possession

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some of the shell casings that he had fired previously through that gun.

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He provided the shell casings to us,

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and we were submitted them for forensic examination.

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Those shell casings that were known to be fired through that gun

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matched identically to the shell casings that we found in the crime scene.

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Conclusive proof that David Kemp's gun was the murder weapon.

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An all-out manhunt was launched to track down David Lee Kemp.

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But where was he?

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Investigators had exhausted all leads.

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Then, almost two weeks after the murders,

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a lucky break arrived from California.

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We were notified by California Highway Patrol

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that they had spotted David Kemp's vehicle on a highway

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just outside of Bishop, California.

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One, Charlie, one requesting wants on Oklahoma license plates.

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Kemp's 1998 Dodge Ram pickup truck had broken down.

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The police indicated that there was no one around the vehicle.

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We faxed them a photograph of David Kemp

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and advised them of what he was wanted for.

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Then a man, fitting Kemp's description,

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was spotted walking along the same highway.

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Within a few minutes, they called us back and stated

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that they had tried to approach Mr. Kemp,

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but that he had fled on foot.

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California authorities cornered David Kemp

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in an auto wrecking yard.

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The suspected killer was trapped.

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David Lee Kemp is police department.

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

Step out so we can see you.

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I'm not going to jail, no way!

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Put the gun down, David.

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He began to wave the gun about

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and indicated that he wanted to kill himself.

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We're going to try and help you, David.

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What can I do for you?

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00:20:34,000 --> 00:20:36,000

Let us know. We got to know.

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He made a few demands,

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but the one demand that he did make

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was that he talked to his mother on the telephone.

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Someone get this guy a cell phone.

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

The request was accommodated.

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00:20:51,000 --> 00:20:53,000

I'm sorry, mom, I can't do this.

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00:20:53,000 --> 00:20:55,000

Then as Kemp said his goodbyes,

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he was momentarily distracted.

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Police sharpshooters,

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armed with non-lethal projectiles,

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00:21:01,000 --> 00:21:03,000

saw their opportunity.

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David Lee Kemp was taken into custody.

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The standoff was safely over.

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When David Kemp was taken into custody

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in Bishop, California,

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he did have a .45 caliber pistol with him.

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Subsequent examination indicated

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00:21:24,000 --> 00:21:26,000

that that was indeed the same gun

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that was used in the homicide.

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Once extradited back to Oklahoma,

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David Kemp was assigned

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to the Comanche County Jail,

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where he would await trial

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00:21:37,000 --> 00:21:40,000

for the murders of Tina Creamer and Robert Miller.

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When David was caught and brought back to the jail,

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00:21:43,000 --> 00:21:45,000

we were very happy.

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00:21:45,000 --> 00:21:48,000

We rested at night easier.

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

We were glad he was back

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00:21:50,000 --> 00:21:53,000

so that justice could be served.

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00:22:00,000 --> 00:22:02,000

Six months later,

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00:22:02,000 --> 00:22:05,000

nine inmates at the Comanche County Jail,

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00:22:05,000 --> 00:22:07,000

including David Kemp,

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00:22:07,000 --> 00:22:08,000

overpowered a guard

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

and forced their way to freedom.

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

Eight of the escapees were quickly recaptured.

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The ninth David Lee Kemp

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was last seen heading toward Texas.

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When David escaped,

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00:22:21,000 --> 00:22:23,000

we were angry,

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00:22:23,000 --> 00:22:25,000

very angry,

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

empty.

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00:22:27,000 --> 00:22:29,000

Empty.

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00:22:31,000 --> 00:22:34,000

Feelings of it being so unfair.

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00:22:36,000 --> 00:22:38,000

It was like hearing my brother

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getting murdered for the first time.

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I went to the jail,

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00:22:41,000 --> 00:22:43,000

and I stood there and waited.

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00:22:43,000 --> 00:22:45,000

I even went into the search parties.

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00:22:45,000 --> 00:22:48,000

I wanted to make sure that I was going to do everything I could for Rob

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00:22:48,000 --> 00:22:51,000

to make sure this man, David Lee Kemp, was caught.

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00:22:51,000 --> 00:22:54,000

Personally, I don't know how David can live

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00:22:54,000 --> 00:22:56,000

from one day to the next.

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00:22:56,000 --> 00:22:58,000

He's a coward

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00:22:58,000 --> 00:23:00,000

for what he's done.

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00:23:02,000 --> 00:23:04,000

Three months after the escape,

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

authorities missed an opportunity

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00:23:06,000 --> 00:23:08,000

to take David Kemp back into custody.

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00:23:08,000 --> 00:23:11,000

The night manager of a Las Vegas motel

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00:23:11,000 --> 00:23:14,000

checked to see why a guest hadn't paid his rent.

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00:23:14,000 --> 00:23:16,000

Hello?

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00:23:19,000 --> 00:23:20,000

Hello?

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00:23:20,000 --> 00:23:22,000

Manager, sir?

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00:23:22,000 --> 00:23:24,000

Hello?

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00:23:25,000 --> 00:23:28,000

The manager found the guest sitting in the bathtub,

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00:23:28,000 --> 00:23:31,000

covered with blood, holding a knife to his own stomach

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00:23:31,000 --> 00:23:34,000

in what appeared to be a bizarre suicide attempt

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00:23:34,000 --> 00:23:36,000

that had failed.

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00:23:36,000 --> 00:23:38,000

The man was taken to a psychiatric hospital

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

where his wounds were determined to be nothing more

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

than superficial cuts.

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00:23:43,000 --> 00:23:45,000

The troubled man received treatment

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00:23:45,000 --> 00:23:47,000

and checked himself out.

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00:23:47,000 --> 00:23:49,000

Hospital authorities had no idea

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00:23:49,000 --> 00:23:51,000

that the man was wanted for double murder.

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00:23:51,000 --> 00:23:54,000

The mystery man was David Lee Kemp.

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00:23:58,000 --> 00:24:00,000

Kemp was last seen at a service station

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

on the outskirts of Las Vegas.

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00:24:02,000 --> 00:24:04,000

He was getting into the passenger seat

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00:24:04,000 --> 00:24:06,000

of a black firebird.

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00:24:10,000 --> 00:24:13,000

It's just a never-ending nightmare.

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00:24:13,000 --> 00:24:15,000

I want satisfaction from my brother, Rob.

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00:24:15,000 --> 00:24:18,000

Now, it'll be the only way he can rest in peace.

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00:24:18,000 --> 00:24:20,000

Without that, he's going to be troubled

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

a troubled soul.

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

Our wounds have not even gotten to heal

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

because David's never been tried.

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00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:34,000

And our wounds won't heal

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00:24:34,000 --> 00:24:38,000

till David faces the consequences of what he's done,

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00:24:38,000 --> 00:24:40,000

till justice is served.

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00:24:50,000 --> 00:24:57,000

The End

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00:25:07,000 --> 00:25:10,000

June 24, 2000, Hiram, Utah.

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00:25:13,000 --> 00:25:16,000

Joanne Autry awakens at dawn.

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00:25:16,000 --> 00:25:19,000

Her daughter, Tricia, usually a late sleeper

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00:25:19,000 --> 00:25:21,000

is not in her bedroom.

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00:25:22,000 --> 00:25:24,000

Trish?

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

A search of the entire house

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00:25:27,000 --> 00:25:30,000

fails to turn up any sign of the teenager.

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

Is Trish there by any chance?

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00:25:32,000 --> 00:25:34,000

As Joanne's concern becomes outright panic,

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00:25:34,000 --> 00:25:37,000

she fanically calls her daughter's friends.

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00:25:37,000 --> 00:25:40,000

Trish's sisters scour the neighborhood.

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00:25:40,000 --> 00:25:43,000

When none of us found her,

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00:25:43,000 --> 00:25:46,000

then I became really frightened.

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

All of a sudden, there was this deep fear,

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00:25:49,000 --> 00:25:52,000

deep not of fear in my stomach

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00:25:52,000 --> 00:25:55,000

because it wasn't like Tricia to do this.

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00:25:56,000 --> 00:26:01,000

And I knew that there was something gravely wrong.

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00:26:03,000 --> 00:26:05,000

The sudden and mysterious disappearance

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00:26:05,000 --> 00:26:07,000

of 15-year-old Tricia Autry

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

left her family devastated

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00:26:09,000 --> 00:26:11,000

and the police struggling for clues.

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

In many ways, Tricia is a typical teenage girl,

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00:26:14,000 --> 00:26:17,000

energetic, insecure, and eager to be liked.

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00:26:17,000 --> 00:26:20,000

It was this last desire that may have led Tricia

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

on a dangerous search for romance,

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00:26:23,000 --> 00:26:25,000

a journey that possibly landed her

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

in the clutches of an internet predator.

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

Like many teenagers seeking acceptance,

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

Tricia found adolescence a painful experience.

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00:26:38,000 --> 00:26:42,000

She was a kid that was ostracized in school.

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00:26:43,000 --> 00:26:45,000

The children made fun of her.

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00:26:45,000 --> 00:26:47,000

She didn't have what she really wanted,

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00:26:47,000 --> 00:26:49,000

and that was a really close friend,

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00:26:49,000 --> 00:26:51,000

someone that she could confide all of her

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00:26:51,000 --> 00:26:53,000

adolescent dreams in

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00:26:53,000 --> 00:26:56,000

and be able to share those things with.

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So she was a pretty sad child from that standpoint,

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00:26:59,000 --> 00:27:02,000

is that she just needed that one special friend.

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So Mrs. Autry, has there been any fighting?

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00:27:05,000 --> 00:27:07,000

No, there hasn't been.

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

Police immediately zeroed in on Trish's state of mind

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00:27:10,000 --> 00:27:13,000

and made an explanation for her disappearance.

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00:27:14,000 --> 00:27:17,000

We thought it was a typical runaway juvenile case

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00:27:17,000 --> 00:27:21,000

that we usually get from teenagers about that age

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that just take off, they've got problems at home

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with friends, depression, type of things,

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00:27:29,000 --> 00:27:32,000

and they just leave for a couple of days.

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00:27:32,000 --> 00:27:33,000

Did you make the bed?

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

No, I found it like that this morning.

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00:27:36,000 --> 00:27:40,000

There was only one problem with a runaway scenario.

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Trisha left behind virtually everything

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00:27:43,000 --> 00:27:46,000

she might need all away from home.

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00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:52,000

There literally was nothing taken except the clothes on her back,

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00:27:52,000 --> 00:27:55,000

and so we became convinced that she went simply to meet someone

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for a few minutes with the idea that she'd be coming back.

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00:28:01,000 --> 00:28:03,000

Trisha often hid from her unhappiness

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

by creating elaborate stories,

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00:28:06,000 --> 00:28:10,000

sometimes attaining secret liaisons with much older men.

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00:28:10,000 --> 00:28:12,000

Two weeks before her disappearance,

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00:28:12,000 --> 00:28:16,000

the teenager told her family she had started a new story.

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00:28:16,000 --> 00:28:19,000

Every night she typed furiously,

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00:28:19,000 --> 00:28:22,000

often staying up until the early morning hours.

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00:28:25,000 --> 00:28:29,000

On the night she vanished, Trisha was again at the computer.

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

I'm going to bed.

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00:28:31,000 --> 00:28:34,000

Good night. See you tomorrow.

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00:28:34,000 --> 00:28:37,000

Her sister, Breanne, went to bed at 2 a.m.

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

No one in Trisha's family ever saw her again.

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00:28:42,000 --> 00:28:46,000

For Trisha to disappear was totally out of character for her,

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00:28:46,000 --> 00:28:52,000

and what I was hoping was to find in the story that she was writing

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00:28:52,000 --> 00:28:54,000

some clues to what she was thinking of,

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00:28:54,000 --> 00:28:56,000

what her frame of mind was,

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00:28:56,000 --> 00:29:00,000

and that's why I went immediately there to begin looking.

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When Joanne turned on the computer, there was no story,

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only a few pages of scattered thoughts.

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What then had Trisha Autry been doing on the computer

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for all those countless hours?

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Computer expert John W. Georgie examined the system

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and made several disturbing discoveries.

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Unbeknownst to her mother,

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Trisha had three separate email accounts

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and spent an enormous amount of time in chat rooms.

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Even more alarming was what occurred at 3 a.m.

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on the night Trisha Autry disappeared.

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Everything that possibly could be found,

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who she talked to, what she'd been doing on the computer,

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in the recent frame of time was deleted.

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I figured Trish was taught how to delete these files

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because she did not, from what I was told by her mother,

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have the experience to know where these files were stored.

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And I took this as a very bad sign,

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that obviously somebody was trying to cover their tracks.

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But who could this mystery person have been?

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Trisha gave no hints to her friends or family

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that she had met somebody online.

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Neighbors, however, noticed suspicious activity

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near the Autry home on several occasions.

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About two weeks before she disappeared,

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one of our neighbors had seen her

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get out of a red car on the corner

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and what he thought was some suspicious behaviors,

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the way she was walking back to the house from the corner,

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as if she didn't want to be seen.

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So that was our first report of a red car.

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According to another neighbor,

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the red car appeared again at 4 a.m.

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on the morning Trisha disappeared.

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The headlights from a car coming up the street

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kind of struck the bedroom window, got my interest.

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So I was looking out the window

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and I saw kind of an economy type red car.

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A young man got out of the car and, oh, he was nervous.

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First thing popped in my mind,

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oh, somebody's sneaking out of the house.

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And after a few minutes,

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a lady was coming down the street

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and they walked to the car together

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and went on their merry way.

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I believe that she could be seduced

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into thinking she found someone who needed her

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and could love her.

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I think that she was bait, good bait, for a predator.

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Hello.

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Two hours after Trisha was seen getting into the red car,

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Glenda Trip, a local convenience store employee,

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witnessed a strange incident.

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Are you all right, honey?

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Yeah, I'm OK, thanks.

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She seemed really apprehensive and nervous

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and she never acted like she was wanting to buy anything,

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but she kept kind of stretching her little head

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and looking out the window

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like she was looking for someone or watching for someone.

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I've seen her in and about the neighborhood,

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so I knew Trisha.

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I have no doubt in my mind that it was Trisha.

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After spending 20 minutes in the store

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and making no purchases, Trisha vanished.

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Over the next two months,

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the police and the arteries posted missing posters

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in the surrounding communities.

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A man in Bountiful, Utah,

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saw one of the fliers and immediately contacted the authorities.

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What Jerry's startup witnessed

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would cast an entirely new and unsettling light on the case.

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I had gone into the supermarket to do some shopping.

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I saw coming through the door this young lady,

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followed by another lady and a gentleman

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lagging behind a little bit to the right of them.

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The man matched the description of the individual

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who was seen picking up Trisha from her home.

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Both he and the woman never let the girl out of their sight

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and constantly berated her in hushed tones.

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I looked a little bit closer and saw that her eyes

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were partially closed and her face was a little puffy.

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My goodness, this young lady's perhaps been beaten or abused.

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I thought she was drugged.

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She had the appearance of being drugged.

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Was it Trisha? Yes.

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How confident am I that that was her?

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100%.

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I knew beyond a shot of a doubt that was her.

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That was her.

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My feeling right now is she's probably being kept from coming back,

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either by force or by somebody keeping her sedated or on drugs

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or something that wants to keep her.

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I think this is an abduction type of situation.

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I don't think it's a typical runaway.

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For me as a mother, the greatest thing is this is a tiny person that I

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loved and nurtured and worried about and I can no longer protect her.

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I don't know where she is.

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When I drive through town and I see things that we would have been

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sharing together or activities come up that we commonly did together as a family.

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And she's not there and there's no, I mean, sometimes the grief just washes over you

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and it takes your breath away.

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Since we filmed the story of Trisha Autry's disappearance, investigators from

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the Sheriff's Department in Logan, Utah have made a tragic discovery.

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Trisha's case is no longer classified as that of a missing person.

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Sadly, it is now a homicide and a suspect is in custody.

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Six months after Trisha's disappearance,

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the Cache County Sheriff's Deputies became suspicious about the activities of

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Cody Lynn Nielsen, a maintenance man working for a wildlife research facility

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in Millville, Utah, eight miles from the home of Trisha Autry.

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Near the time of Trisha's disappearance, Nielsen had been observed using a backhoe

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on facility property to dig deep trenches and refill them for no apparent reason.

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We contacted a cadaver dog team out of Duchain County here in Utah

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and we brought the dogs up to this site and they were real interested and they hit

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what they called hit on this one area right here that we knew that our suspect had been digging.

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And the dogs hit on this several times, about seven different dogs hit on this.

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Sheriff's Department investigators began to dig with their own backhoe

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at the location suggested by the dogs.

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When we got to about ten feet, we found a human jaw bone,

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which later was determined to be Trisha Autry's.

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It was just nothing short of a miracle that we found that piece of evidence in that big of a hole.

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In other trenches, Sheriff's deputies found more of Trisha's remains and clothing,

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some of which had been burned.

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For Trisha's mother, the news of the discovery brought great pain, but also a sense of relief.

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Primarily because of our faith, we know where she is now.

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Where before we wondered, we would lie awake together at night

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and worry about whether she was in the cold or whether someone was hurting her.

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It's probably been very agonizing, but also very validating because we knew that she did not run away.

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Grace Hospital, Richmond, Virginia

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On February 9, 1965, a shadowy figure holding a tiny infant slipped silently down the hall.

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The child had been diagnosed with congenital glaucoma,

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a rare condition, a present at birth, that leaves a complete blindness,

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unless surgery is performed within the first few months of life.

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The woman who said her name was Mary Carson gave the child's name as Kim, her age, two and a half months.

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Nurse supervisor Billy Uptdike held the little girl while Mary completed admission papers.

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However, Billy was stunned by what she heard next.

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Mary told Billy she had two older children at home that couldn't be left alone.

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She said she would return first thing in the morning.

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She seemed very calm. She didn't display any emotion at all, and I would have been crying.

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It would have been heartbreaking if I had to leave my baby.

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She seemed very calm. She didn't display any emotion at all, and I would have been crying.

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It would have been heartbreaking if I had to leave my baby.

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Perhaps it affected Mary far more than she let on, but Billy would never know.

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When she returned to work the next day, she was shocked to learn that Mary had failed to show up for her baby's operation.

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Number disconnected. All notified, administration.

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Without her, doctors could not perform the surgery.

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Desperate, hospital administrator Douglas Pace attempted to track Mary down himself.

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I went out to the address looking for the mother, and I found a vacant lot.

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All the houses had been demolished and the block was completely vacant.

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I was stunned and shocked, and made me feel kind of sad that I realized then we had a baby on our hands without a parent.

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With time running out, Douglas Pace convinced the judge to issue a court order allowing doctors to perform the surgery.

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The operation was considered a success, but Kim's eyesight would never be normal.

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An article in the February 11, 1965 edition of The Richmond Times generated an outpouring of

sympathy, donations and adoption inquiries.

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But the coverage failed to turn up one solid clue as to who would abandon baby Kim.

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A police investigation also led nowhere.

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Eighteen months, numerous operations and several foster homes later, another report in The Times caught the eye of local residents Richard and Sandra Butler.

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Sandra's husband Richard was especially taken by the heart-wrenching story.

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This is going to be my baby. This is what he said.

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End of discussion.

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He thinks we're going to do this. I'll go along with him.

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We made a mind up from start. We wanted on. We got him.

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Sandra and Richard opened their home and their hearts to the toddler they named Kimberly Dawn.

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Kim was treated exactly like the Butler's two biological children.

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But her poor eyesight made life a constant struggle.

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I do remember being very angry, being very frustrated about not being able to go and do a lot of things that other children could do.

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Which was hard because on one hand they wanted me to grow up very normal, but yet I couldn't do all the normal things.

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Despite her disability, Kim graduated from high school, attended college and went to work as a teacher.

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In 1989, she married Michael Smith, the deputy sheriff.

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Over the years, Kim showed little interest in learning about her birth parents until she became a parent herself.

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Once I became a mom and had two children and could tell you to this day, every moment about the day they were born, the time, how much they weighed their birth dates,

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I started thinking I don't know any of those things about me.

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But it was more than curiosity that led Kim to search for her identity.

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As a baby, her son Tyler had suffered from repeated bouts of respiratory infections. Doctors feared the cause was genetic.

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That was kind of like the straw that broke the camel's back after going to several doctors and being able to tell anything they needed to know about my side of the family.

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That was kind of what made me decide that it was time for me to start a search.

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If I could just find those answers to all those questions I have, and most importantly find the medical history for my children and I, that's what I'm in search of.

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That's what I hope to gain.

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Kim is understandably concerned for the health of her children, yet she harbors no anger against her birth mother.

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We always were led to believe that she left me because maybe she couldn't afford the medical treatment I would need having congenital glaucoma.

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I can't be angry at her about that. She could have not taken me to the hospital. She could have not registered me for the surgery. Therefore, I might not have any sight today.

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Kimberly Smith was dropped off at a Richmond, Virginia hospital on February 9th, 1965.

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With every mystery, a single critical clue may be the key to a solution. Perhaps you hold that key. Join us for the next edition of Unsolved Mysteries.