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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,000

Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries.

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

1976.

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00:00:33,000 --> 00:00:35,640

Donna Baldeo finds a threatening note outside the bank

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00:00:35,640 --> 00:00:37,680

where she works demanding money.

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00:00:37,680 --> 00:00:40,160

The author of the note threatens violent retaliation

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00:00:40,160 --> 00:00:42,520

if Donna does not heed the warning.

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00:00:42,520 --> 00:00:45,120

Five weeks later, a deadly fire erupts outside

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00:00:45,120 --> 00:00:46,360

of her apartment.

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00:00:46,360 --> 00:00:47,680

Coincidence?

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00:00:47,680 --> 00:00:52,800

It was Donna Baldeo the target of a vicious extortionist.

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00:00:52,800 --> 00:00:55,640

An alarming number of children in a rural western town

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00:00:55,640 --> 00:00:57,760

are diagnosed with leukemia.

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00:00:57,840 --> 00:01:00,240

Two have already lost their lives.

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00:01:00,240 --> 00:01:01,960

What is happening in Fallon, Nevada

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00:01:01,960 --> 00:01:06,840

to create what doctors call a cancer cluster?

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00:01:06,840 --> 00:01:10,520

A well-known Colorado family man responded to a call for help

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00:01:10,520 --> 00:01:12,520

and never came back.

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00:01:12,520 --> 00:01:15,400

Could the stranded motorist who placed the distress call

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00:01:15,400 --> 00:01:18,040

have had anything to do with the disappearance of Dale

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00:01:18,040 --> 00:01:20,280

Williams?

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00:01:20,280 --> 00:01:21,680

Join me.

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00:01:21,680 --> 00:01:24,640

Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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00:01:24,640 --> 00:01:26,640

Or perhaps you may encounter one that simply

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00:01:26,640 --> 00:01:27,640

cannot be explained.

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00:01:56,640 --> 00:02:18,980

October 1976.

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00:02:18,980 --> 00:02:21,640

An affluent suburb outside Sacramento, California.

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00:02:27,000 --> 00:02:29,560

I remember waking up with a flashlight

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00:02:29,560 --> 00:02:30,640

shining in my face.

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00:02:30,640 --> 00:02:31,640

Ah!

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00:02:31,640 --> 00:02:33,200

It's a hour.

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00:02:33,200 --> 00:02:36,320

And I was looking down the barrel of a gun.

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00:02:36,320 --> 00:02:39,760

And he said, don't move.

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00:02:39,760 --> 00:02:42,280

Don't make a sound or I will kill you.

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00:02:42,280 --> 00:02:43,520

Give me your hand.

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00:02:43,520 --> 00:02:48,320

And within a moment's notice, my life was all of a sudden

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00:02:48,320 --> 00:02:50,600

in the control of somebody else.

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00:02:50,600 --> 00:02:52,320

Just do as I tell you.

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00:02:52,320 --> 00:02:54,840

The rape victim whose identity we're not revealing at her

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00:02:54,840 --> 00:02:56,840

request is one of more than 40 women

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00:02:56,840 --> 00:02:58,600

believed to have been assaulted by a man who

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00:02:58,600 --> 00:03:03,200

terrorized the Sacramento area during the 1970s.

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00:03:03,200 --> 00:03:05,800

The mysterious attacker known to police as the East Area

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00:03:05,800 --> 00:03:08,440

Rapist was never identified.

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00:03:08,440 --> 00:03:10,760

Incredibly more than 20 years later,

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00:03:10,760 --> 00:03:13,320

dramatic advances in law enforcement technology

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00:03:13,320 --> 00:03:16,520

determined that the same man was responsible for a series

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00:03:16,520 --> 00:03:19,120

of murders in the 1980s.

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00:03:19,120 --> 00:03:21,120

Authorities seek your help in tracking down

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00:03:21,120 --> 00:03:24,040

a suspect who's eluded police for nearly 30 years.

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00:03:27,160 --> 00:03:31,360

During the 1970s, the man who had defied detection for decades

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00:03:31,360 --> 00:03:33,560

established himself as a unique offender

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00:03:33,560 --> 00:03:36,560

with unusual signature habits, including

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00:03:36,560 --> 00:03:40,960

boldly lingering in victims' homes for hours.

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00:03:40,960 --> 00:03:43,680

I know that at some point he was out in the living room

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00:03:43,680 --> 00:03:45,440

smoking.

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00:03:45,440 --> 00:03:47,760

And the police felt that he maybe had gotten

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00:03:47,760 --> 00:03:49,200

into my refrigerator.

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00:03:51,560 --> 00:03:54,840

I think he was in the house anywhere from 2 and 1

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00:03:54,840 --> 00:03:55,800

1 to 3 hours.

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00:03:58,480 --> 00:04:03,360

I lay there for what seemed like a long period of time

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00:04:03,360 --> 00:04:04,880

with no noise.

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00:04:04,880 --> 00:04:10,120

And then all of a sudden, I couldn't see.

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00:04:10,120 --> 00:04:11,240

I couldn't move.

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00:04:11,240 --> 00:04:13,160

And I couldn't yell.

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00:04:13,160 --> 00:04:15,920

And I remember wondering, is this it?

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00:04:15,920 --> 00:04:19,640

Is this the way I'm going to die?

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00:04:19,640 --> 00:04:22,400

Eventually, after sexually assaulting his victim,

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00:04:22,400 --> 00:04:24,560

the rapist would quietly sneak away.

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00:04:29,760 --> 00:04:31,680

Detective Carol Daly interviewed

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00:04:31,680 --> 00:04:35,360

many of the rapist's victims.

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00:04:35,360 --> 00:04:38,320

The Easter Airapeus very definitely

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00:04:38,320 --> 00:04:42,640

did a psychological rape, along with the physical rape.

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00:04:42,640 --> 00:04:46,680

And the manner in which he would threaten the victims,

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00:04:46,680 --> 00:04:49,440

the length of time that he stayed in the home.

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00:04:50,000 --> 00:04:53,240

His crime was different and unique.

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00:04:53,240 --> 00:04:54,520

Did you find anything?

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00:04:54,520 --> 00:04:56,400

For Lieutenant Richard Shelby, this

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00:04:56,400 --> 00:05:00,200

would become one of the most demanding cases of his career.

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00:05:00,200 --> 00:05:01,400

It was a high priority.

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00:05:01,400 --> 00:05:02,960

It had a lot of publicity.

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00:05:02,960 --> 00:05:03,920

It had a lot of victims.

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00:05:03,920 --> 00:05:05,120

The guy's dangerous.

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00:05:05,120 --> 00:05:10,840

Our office and city police both had special teams working it.

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00:05:10,840 --> 00:05:13,080

Evidence recovered near two crime scenes,

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00:05:13,080 --> 00:05:15,480

indicated the rapist had spied on his victims

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00:05:15,480 --> 00:05:16,880

before he struck.

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00:05:16,880 --> 00:05:18,760

I'll look cast all of us, too.

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00:05:18,760 --> 00:05:19,880

Proud of the area.

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00:05:19,880 --> 00:05:21,000

He knew it well.

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00:05:21,000 --> 00:05:22,000

See?

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00:05:22,000 --> 00:05:23,800

You sit right here and look right in her window.

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00:05:26,360 --> 00:05:28,320

Some of the cases, he knew the victims.

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00:05:28,320 --> 00:05:30,120

He knew their time, their schedule.

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00:05:30,120 --> 00:05:31,240

He knew that of the neighbors.

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00:05:31,240 --> 00:05:33,240

And some of them were crime of opportunity.

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00:05:33,240 --> 00:05:34,280

They weren't supposed to be there.

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00:05:34,280 --> 00:05:35,720

There they were.

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00:05:35,720 --> 00:05:36,760

So he took advantage of it.

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00:05:39,920 --> 00:05:42,680

The first 15 attacks occurred in homes only inhabited

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00:05:42,680 --> 00:05:44,280

by women and children.

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00:05:44,280 --> 00:05:46,920

But then the rapist became even more brazen.

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00:05:46,920 --> 00:05:51,760

He targeted homes in which a man was also present.

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00:05:51,760 --> 00:05:54,960

When the rapist would come in, he would, at gunpoint,

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00:05:54,960 --> 00:06:00,320

order the female to tie up the male in the house.

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00:06:00,320 --> 00:06:02,160

And then he would remove the female

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00:06:02,160 --> 00:06:05,440

to the other part of the house, where he would also tie her up.

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00:06:08,280 --> 00:06:11,840

And then he would put the dishes on the husband.

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00:06:11,840 --> 00:06:16,440

If I hear one click battle, I'll kill everyone in the house.

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00:06:16,440 --> 00:06:19,000

While he was in the other room, occupied

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00:06:19,000 --> 00:06:22,400

with the sexual assault, he could hear whether or not

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00:06:22,400 --> 00:06:26,520

the male was trying to get free.

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00:06:26,520 --> 00:06:29,920

I can't think of any other rapes that I worked other than this

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00:06:29,920 --> 00:06:33,640

one, where a suspect was willing to go in and do

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00:06:33,640 --> 00:06:36,000

the types of things that the East Area Rapist did when

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00:06:36,000 --> 00:06:38,600

there were other people in the house.

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00:06:38,600 --> 00:06:40,360

Yeah, we have to return.

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00:06:40,360 --> 00:06:42,120

There was so much fear in the community.

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00:06:42,120 --> 00:06:44,160

And there were so many rumors out there

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00:06:44,160 --> 00:06:46,160

about what the East Area Rapist was doing.

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00:06:46,200 --> 00:06:48,680

So we were holding town hall meetings.

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00:06:48,680 --> 00:06:50,520

We understand your concern.

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00:06:50,520 --> 00:06:54,560

They were in sense to think that a man could have been

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00:06:54,560 --> 00:06:56,800

in the home when these rapes occurred and not

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00:06:56,800 --> 00:06:59,600

have done anything about it.

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00:06:59,600 --> 00:07:03,240

In this particular meeting, a gentleman got up and said,

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00:07:03,240 --> 00:07:05,200

I don't believe that could happen.

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00:07:05,200 --> 00:07:08,440

But if he ever comes into my house, I'm going to be ready.

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00:07:08,440 --> 00:07:11,960

That man and his wife would later become victims.

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00:07:11,960 --> 00:07:14,520

It led me to believe that the rapist was

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00:07:14,520 --> 00:07:17,640

in the audience that night and probably followed

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00:07:17,640 --> 00:07:19,240

this couple home.

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00:07:19,240 --> 00:07:23,760

I think that he liked the excitement of the game.

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00:07:23,760 --> 00:07:27,360

I think it was as much a game with the investigators

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00:07:27,360 --> 00:07:30,000

as it was for what he was doing to the victims.

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00:07:33,000 --> 00:07:35,320

The sadistic game being played by the rapist

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00:07:35,320 --> 00:07:38,720

often extended beyond the attack itself.

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00:07:38,720 --> 00:07:40,720

Hello.

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00:07:40,720 --> 00:07:43,440

Several victims reported receiving disturbing phone

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00:07:43,480 --> 00:07:46,040

calls from the rapist years later.

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00:07:46,040 --> 00:07:47,640

Who is this?

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00:07:47,640 --> 00:07:51,520

I felt by what he said to me that he had been still watching

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00:07:51,520 --> 00:07:54,120

me and stalking me.

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00:07:54,120 --> 00:07:56,720

I felt absolutely terrified.

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00:07:56,720 --> 00:08:01,400

I think the phone calls were just his way of saying,

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00:08:01,400 --> 00:08:03,200

you're still my hostage.

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00:08:03,200 --> 00:08:05,920

Even though I'm not in your house, psychologically,

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00:08:05,920 --> 00:08:08,760

you're still my hostage.

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00:08:08,760 --> 00:08:11,640

By the late 1970s, the East Area Rapist

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00:08:11,720 --> 00:08:14,640

had moved west to communities in Contra Costa County,

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00:08:14,640 --> 00:08:16,960

50 miles from Sacramento.

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00:08:16,960 --> 00:08:19,560

Authorities traced five more sexual assaults to him

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00:08:19,560 --> 00:08:23,040

there before the attacks abruptly stopped.

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00:08:23,040 --> 00:08:25,600

Everybody speculated on where this guy might have gone

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00:08:25,600 --> 00:08:28,960

and why he might have stopped.

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00:08:28,960 --> 00:08:31,720

And there was nowhere to go with it.

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00:08:31,720 --> 00:08:35,480

We had no real physical description.

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00:08:35,480 --> 00:08:39,360

Years passed, the trail grew colder, then 400 miles

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00:08:39,400 --> 00:08:41,920

south at the Orange County, California Sheriff's

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00:08:41,920 --> 00:08:43,040

Department.

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00:08:43,040 --> 00:08:45,120

Forensic scientist Mary Hong compared

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00:08:45,120 --> 00:08:47,440

seaman samples from several unsolved rape

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00:08:47,440 --> 00:08:49,840

murders in the Southern California area

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00:08:49,840 --> 00:08:53,200

and linked the crimes to the same perpetrator.

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00:08:53,200 --> 00:08:55,440

Meanwhile, back in Contra Costa County,

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00:08:55,440 --> 00:08:57,720

Sheriff's Department criminalist Paul Holes

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00:08:57,720 --> 00:09:01,240

ran DNA profiles on seaman recovered from the East Area

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00:09:01,240 --> 00:09:04,600

Rapist assaults in his county.

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00:09:04,600 --> 00:09:09,200

Then in 2001, Paul Holes contacted Mary Hong.

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00:09:10,200 --> 00:09:11,200

Let me grab that file.

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00:09:11,200 --> 00:09:14,200

Independently, he was thinking that this guy has to be

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00:09:14,200 --> 00:09:16,200

committing these crimes somewhere else.

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00:09:16,200 --> 00:09:20,200

So he actually was calling these agencies and finding out

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00:09:20,200 --> 00:09:23,200

if they had any cases that fit his profile.

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00:09:23,200 --> 00:09:25,200

OK, I've got D3-15-16.

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00:09:25,200 --> 00:09:29,200

I had him read me the profile that he had on this case.

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00:09:29,200 --> 00:09:32,200

And I compared that to the profile that I had in our cases

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00:09:32,200 --> 00:09:34,200

and they matched all the way across.

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00:09:34,200 --> 00:09:36,200

Wow, looks like we've got a match.

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00:09:36,200 --> 00:09:38,960

At that point, we knew that we had just

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00:09:38,960 --> 00:09:41,520

connected the series of sexual assaults in Northern

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00:09:41,520 --> 00:09:43,840

California with a series of homicides

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00:09:43,840 --> 00:09:46,400

down in Southern California.

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00:09:46,400 --> 00:09:50,000

We felt before he left Sacramento that he was ready to kill.

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00:09:50,000 --> 00:09:53,200

His behavior was becoming more and more bizarre.

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00:09:53,200 --> 00:09:56,000

And the threats that he was making to the victims

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00:09:56,000 --> 00:09:57,480

were more severe.

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00:09:57,480 --> 00:10:02,160

His demeanor was changing.

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00:10:02,160 --> 00:10:05,640

The East Area Rapist had become a Southern California killer,

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00:10:05,640 --> 00:10:09,520

leaving a trail of deaths in his wake.

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00:10:09,520 --> 00:10:13,000

Charlene and Lyman Smith of Ventura.

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00:10:13,000 --> 00:10:18,040

Newly was Keith and Patty Harrington of Laguna Niguel.

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00:10:18,040 --> 00:10:21,880

Manuela Withhune of Irvine.

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00:10:21,880 --> 00:10:23,720

Five years later, the next murder

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00:10:23,720 --> 00:10:26,600

took place on May 5, 1986.

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00:10:26,600 --> 00:10:29,000

Janelle Cruz also lived in Irvine.

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00:10:29,000 --> 00:10:31,920

Like the others, she had been tied up, sexually assaulted,

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00:10:31,920 --> 00:10:33,520

and bludgeoned to death in her home.

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00:10:36,360 --> 00:10:38,920

Larry Poole of the Orange County Sheriff's Department

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00:10:38,920 --> 00:10:42,640

has headed up the Southern California investigation.

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00:10:42,640 --> 00:10:45,360

We don't have anything that we've linked to him

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00:10:45,360 --> 00:10:47,920

after May 5, 1986.

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00:10:47,920 --> 00:10:49,480

Doesn't mean that it doesn't exist.

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00:10:49,480 --> 00:10:52,600

Doesn't mean that it's not out there for us to acquire.

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00:10:52,600 --> 00:10:54,880

We're just not aware of it.

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00:10:54,880 --> 00:10:57,040

However, based on the killer's MO,

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00:10:57,040 --> 00:10:59,840

Larry Poole has come to believe that the man he's pursuing

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00:10:59,840 --> 00:11:03,480

also murdered two couples in Santa Barbara before and after

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00:11:03,520 --> 00:11:07,680

the string of cases connected by DNA began.

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00:11:07,680 --> 00:11:08,920

I don't know of anyone like him.

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00:11:08,920 --> 00:11:11,240

He's a very unique offender.

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00:11:11,240 --> 00:11:15,520

50 rapes that we're aware of, 10 murders that we're aware of.

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00:11:15,520 --> 00:11:19,480

We suspect that he's probably responsible for more rapes

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00:11:19,480 --> 00:11:24,880

and murders and crimes outside of what we've identified.

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00:11:24,880 --> 00:11:27,800

With a biological link to the Northern California rapes

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00:11:27,800 --> 00:11:31,280

confirmed, investigators now had 50 additional cases

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00:11:31,400 --> 00:11:34,640

to comb through in search of new clues to the serial killer's

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00:11:34,640 --> 00:11:36,640

identity.

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00:11:36,640 --> 00:11:39,200

The East Area Rapist MO of stacking plates

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00:11:39,200 --> 00:11:41,440

on the victim's partner during the assault

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00:11:41,440 --> 00:11:43,440

is believed to be particularly unique.

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00:11:46,080 --> 00:11:49,240

It's a signature aspect of our offender.

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00:11:49,240 --> 00:11:52,520

Is it possible that someone abused him

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00:11:52,520 --> 00:11:54,960

and treated him the same way?

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00:11:54,960 --> 00:11:59,680

Terrorizing him perhaps as a boy when he grew up, it's possible.

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00:12:00,680 --> 00:12:03,440

If the old police adage that serial killers do not stop

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00:12:03,440 --> 00:12:05,680

unless they're caught, it's true.

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00:12:05,680 --> 00:12:10,680

How is it possible this one hasn't been heard from since 1986?

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00:12:10,680 --> 00:12:12,280

He could be dead.

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00:12:12,280 --> 00:12:17,080

He could be disabled and is no longer capable of doing

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00:12:17,080 --> 00:12:20,280

what he once did as a serial killer.

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00:12:20,280 --> 00:12:23,680

He could have moved to another state, changed his MO

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00:12:23,680 --> 00:12:27,280

somewhat, and has committed multiple offenses

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00:12:27,480 --> 00:12:31,480

that he's been identified for, and we've just yet to link him up.

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00:12:34,480 --> 00:12:37,480

Larry Poole believes there's another possibility

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00:12:37,480 --> 00:12:39,880

that this serial killer could be incarcerated,

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00:12:39,880 --> 00:12:43,280

perhaps on death row for an unrelated murder.

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00:12:43,280 --> 00:12:47,280

Poole advocates DNA testing of every death row inmate.

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00:12:47,280 --> 00:12:50,680

However, in California, investigators are blocked by an injunction

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00:12:50,680 --> 00:12:53,280

that prohibits the extraction of blood from any prisoner

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00:12:53,280 --> 00:12:56,280

on death row against his will.

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00:12:58,280 --> 00:13:04,280

There are approximately 600 men who are among California's most

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00:13:04,280 --> 00:13:10,280

heinous, notorious criminals who do not have DNA profiles

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00:13:10,280 --> 00:13:12,280

compared against the data bank.

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00:13:12,280 --> 00:13:17,280

I think that we need to do whatever we possibly can to identify him,

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00:13:17,280 --> 00:13:22,280

and to miss that opportunity, I think, is criminal.

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00:13:23,280 --> 00:13:30,280

Please, somebody out there has to know something about this person,

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00:13:30,280 --> 00:13:34,280

and if the information could come forward,

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00:13:34,280 --> 00:13:37,280

will it ever bring closure to the victims?

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00:13:37,280 --> 00:13:42,280

Only that they would feel safe that he is not out there to attack again.

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00:13:42,280 --> 00:13:45,280

I don't want to end my career without having solved this,

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00:13:45,280 --> 00:13:48,280

and if it's not solved by the time I retire,

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00:13:48,280 --> 00:13:51,280

I'll think about it till the day I die.

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00:13:53,280 --> 00:14:08,280

Music

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00:14:17,280 --> 00:14:21,280

The Chateau de Gion Apartments, Houston, 3.30 a.m.

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00:14:23,280 --> 00:14:28,280

On February 1, 2002, Curtis Forda walked to a series of strange sounds

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00:14:28,280 --> 00:14:31,280

in the stairwell outside his apartment.

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00:14:31,280 --> 00:14:35,280

The banging that I heard sound like a herd of elephants running up the stairs,

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00:14:35,280 --> 00:14:37,280

and then I heard...

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00:14:37,280 --> 00:14:39,280

which was like a knock at the door,

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00:14:39,280 --> 00:14:42,280

and then I heard the same boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom,

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00:14:42,280 --> 00:14:44,280

right down the stairs.

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00:14:44,280 --> 00:14:52,280

Music

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00:14:52,280 --> 00:14:56,280

So I looked up, and this wall of fire just shot out my side balcony window.

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00:14:56,280 --> 00:14:58,280

It shot straight up and out.

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It was like my whole apartment lit up.

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I couldn't believe the amount of force that this thing had.

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Curtis escaped the fire unscathed.

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Three of his neighbors would not be so lucky.

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The fire of the Chateau de Gion Apartments was quickly ruled arson.

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Few details have been released into exactly how the blaze started,

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but authorities say it may not have been a random act

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that the arsonist was possibly trying to harm a specific resident of the building.

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That person was Donna Baldio.

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Donna Baldio lived a quiet life with her 22-year-old son Gilell Lewis

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and 8-year-old daughter Bunny Sue Terry.

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By all accounts, the family was close and had no enemies,

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but several weeks prior to the fire,

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a disturbing incident may have given someone motive to attack Donna.

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Donna Baldio had worked at Wells Fargo Bank for 10 years.

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She was currently a manager at a drive-through branch located outside of Houston.

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On December 22, Donna was the first to arrive at work.

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She immediately noticed an odd piece of paper lying in front of the bank's entrance.

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In case in a protective plastic sheath was a note,

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it demanded all the money from the bank,

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and if anyone called the police, they would face dire consequences.

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It was a well-crafted note, well-verbalized,

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and specifically threatened employees if they didn't cooperate

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in turning over all the bank's money that day that they would be retaliated against.

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Donna retreated to her car.

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Five minutes later, another employee showed up.

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Don't stop! Just follow me!

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They drove to a nearby convenience store

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and contacted their supervisor who called police.

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I pulled up like normal, parked the car, started working.

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Donna had done exactly what the note had explicitly instructed her not to do.

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Authorities found no fingerprints on the note.

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No were there any clues as to who the author might be.

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The investigation never turned up a suspect.

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While investigators had no evidence that pointed directly at the suspects leaving this note

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for Donobaldio personally, she is the person who found it,

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and in this instance, Donobaldio did not comply.

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Five weeks later, the blaze erupted in the stairwell at Donna's apartment building.

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Donna's unit was one of two located on the second floor.

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Two more units were downstairs.

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Authorities speculate that Donna's daughter, Bunny, was awakened by the mysterious knock.

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Unaware of the inferno outside, she opened the door.

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Bunny, stop! No!

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00:17:54,280 --> 00:17:55,280

Bunny!

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Donna and her son, Jai, then ran into the flames desperate to rescue her.

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Curtis Ford, Donna's downstairs neighbor, witnessed the unfolding nightmare.

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Jai's laying there on the landing and I saw him burning

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and I just grabbed his ankle and I pulled him down, you know.

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And he was just like screaming at the top of his lungs like, my sister's dead.

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I mean, he just couldn't believe the fact of this going on.

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00:18:24,280 --> 00:18:27,280

I mean, it was just horrible, horrible, horrible.

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Curtis saw Donna repeatedly enter the flames.

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Horrifying screams for her youngest child went unanswered.

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The look on her face just would break any person.

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I mean, I couldn't sleep for the next two months because of it.

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Emergency workers arrived at the apartment complex within minutes.

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Donna and her children were the only victims of the fire.

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Donna and Jai had been critically burned over their entire bodies.

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They barely clung to life, hysterical over Bunny's fate.

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When the smoke finally cleared, the eight-year-old was found dead in the stairwell.

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This was absolutely one of the most horrible events I've seen in my 30 years in the fire department.

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Because they were literally burned alive there.

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Donna and Jai were rushed to the hospital.

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Friends and family gathered around their bedside hoping for a miraculous recovery.

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You couldn't even recognize them.

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You couldn't even recognize Jai and you couldn't even recognize Donna.

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And so we came out, we were just devastated.

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Jai was pronounced dead at 10.30 that morning.

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Donna followed her son one half hour later.

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00:19:46,280 --> 00:19:48,280

An entire family was gone.

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Who would have committed such an appalling crime and why?

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Was this a reprisal threatened by the extortionist?

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Or perhaps there is another equally tragic explanation.

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It has been reported that over the past three years, 15 fires have broken out of the Chateau-Dijon apartment complex.

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Her death and her children's death could be related to the series of arsons in that same apartment complex,

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including one that happened on the same stairwell just a year before.

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When the dust settles on this, it's probably going to be somebody that she knew.

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And I just got that feeling about that, that this is more of somebody that got mad at her.

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For whatever reason, no one knows why.

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The Chateau-Dijon apartment complex

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Thalon, Nevada, population 8000.

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For those who moved here, it seemed like the perfect place to escape the urban sprawl and raise a family.

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The Chateau-Dijon apartment complex

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But there is something terrible happening to the children of Fallon.

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It all began with Dustin Gross.

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Honey, where'd you get this bruise?

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I fell off of my back.

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When I was giving him a bath, I noticed bruises on his back and his arms, and I asked him, what was he doing?

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Why did he have these bruises?

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And he told me he was playing with his friend on the big wheels.

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And I thought, okay, that makes sense. That's where the bruises come from.

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Honey, what are you doing home?

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Well, he's been tired all day.

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But then the next day, my husband had noticed a lot more bruises and brought it up to my attention.

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I see, please.

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I saw he had bruises all over his body, his arms, his legs, his stomach, his back,

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and little red blood specs on the surface of his skin.

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And I knew that something was wrong at that point.

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You're going to feel all better.

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Brenda took Dustin to the local hospital, and he was immediately transferred to the UC Davis Medical Center.

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Blood was drawn. A diagnosis was made.

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The doctor told us that Dustin had leukemia.

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I knew what leukemia was. I knew it was a cancer, but I didn't actually realize how severe.

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Brenda soon learned the seriousness of Dustin's condition.

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Acute lymphoblastic leukemia strikes children usually between the ages of two and nine.

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It causes the production of millions of defective white blood cells, destroying the immune system, and can be fatal.

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Dustin immediately underwent aggressive chemotherapy.

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You want to take your pills?

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I've never went through anything like that before in my life.

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Not knowing what to expect, what my child's going through, seeing him lie there, so lethargic and so lifeless.

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I think that that's probably the hardest thing that I've ever had to deal with.

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It was not easy.

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Dustin Gross was not alone.

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Over the next two years, fourteen more children contracted childhood leukemia in the Fallon area,

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an astronomical number in a community so small, two have lost their lives.

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Authorities are now convinced that the outbreak is not a coincidence.

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Parents are in a state of panic, desperate to find answers before more children become ill and possibly die.

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Within weeks of Dustin Gross's diagnosis, two more children came down with childhood leukemia.

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The cancer treatment facility at the local hospital, run by RN Barbara De Braga, was overwhelmed.

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Even at that point I was just thinking, it's just a coincidence.

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It's just a terrible coincidence, but it's a coincidence.

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But then shortly after the third, then we got a referral for a fourth.

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Barbara De Braga feared that she was looking at an abnormally high occurrence of the disease known as a cancer cluster.

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She contacted the state assembly person for the Fallon area, and an official investigation was launched.

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A state epidemiologist, Dr. Randall Todd, prepared an all-out inquiry.

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The devastating disease threatened a spin-out of control, striking victims number five and six.

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A couple of days after, there was a seventh case diagnosed, and so this started to kind of make the hair on the back of my neck stand up a little bit.

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It was a frightening time.

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We have a series of questions we want to go over with you, and we're going to use this office right here.

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An alarmed Dr. Todd immediately sought a common denominator shared by all the victims that might explain the epidemic.

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Could it be an environmental toxin?

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And how is the water supplied to that house? Is it, it's a well?

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It's a well.

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Interviews with parents, however, produced no answers, and Dr. Todd watched helplessly as new cases continued to appear.

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Zach Beersley was a ninth child diagnosed with childhood leukemia.

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When I heard I was number nine in a cancer cluster, at that time my child was so ill that all I could think about was how do I get out of this mess with a healthy child?

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After I found my feet, if you will, I realized that it was important to get involved in the investigation, and that's when I found the strength and rolled my sleeves up and said, well, what can I do?

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And then you start to fight and you don't look back, you know.

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Tammy Beersley readily opened her house to a phalanx of scientists.

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The search for the common denominator continued. What did all these children share that might explain their illness?

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There was a team of people that came into our home and vacuumed, took death samples, air quality samples, water samples, biological testing, scraped our mouths, blood tests.

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But these tests were inconclusive. Perhaps the problem was not in the children's homes, but in the surrounding environment.

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Was there something unique about phalanx that could explain why a cancer cluster appeared here? Researchers began with the water.

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The one thing that makes this community sort of stand out is that they have one of the highest rates of naturally occurring arsenic in their water supply of any place in the nation.

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Researchers also found mercury in a nearby lake and several irrigation canals, places where the children were known to play.

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And there was another unusual feature about phalanx that raised red flags. Residential homes are freely intermixed with farmland.

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They have to treat these fields with pesticides and fertilizer and this type of thing. So you're now having that very close to the living community rather than maybe in a normal farming community where it starts on the outskirts of town.

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Radioactivity was also a possibility. Underground atomic tests were conducted near Phalan during the 1960s.

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Arsenic, mercury, pesticides, there seemed to be no shortage of toxins in the environment.

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Incredibly sad as of so far failed to link any of them to the outbreak. In fact, no studies have ever demonstrated that these contaminants play a role in contracting childhood leukemia.

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Working on this really is like trying to do a gigantic jigsaw puzzle. What we can say is that in fact we likely will not have the complete puzzle put together at the end of this investigation.

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There was one final possibility. Phalan is located 10 miles from a major naval air station used to train fighter pilots.

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The jet fuel contains benzene, a known carcinogen.

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There is a pipeline which transports jet fuel. The pipe comes right through and underneath Phalan and lines up at the Phalan Naval Air Station.

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We wondered was there fuel getting into the water supply. But we didn't find any evidence that the water had been contaminated with jet fuel.

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Perhaps the residents of Phalan were inhaling the jet fuel. This theory is currently being tested on laboratory mice at the University of Arizona.

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Human trials may take place in the near future.

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We can actually measure on a person's expired breath remnants of jet fuel exposure. That technology has been developed over the last five years.

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While authorities search for answers, the parents of the children suffering from leukemia in Phalan try to remain optimistic.

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Zach Beersley has been undergoing chemotherapy for the past 17 months. Although he is responding well, it is still too soon to know if he'll beat the disease.

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There's a fear inside of me. I have two other children and one on the way. And I'd like to find out what's making children become diagnosed with leukemia here before I bring another child into the world.

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After two years of intensive chemotherapy, Dustin Gross recently had an end of treatment party. This cancer is currently in remission, but there is always a fear that it may one day return.

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I am worried for my family and my other children and for Dustin still. I will never give up on pushing the research to find what has caused childhood leukemia in a cluster in this community.

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Obviously the more research and continued research is going to get us closer and closer. And I feel that we will find it, but we cannot let up.

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Sunday, July 4th, a family swimming at the confluence of the San Miguel and Dolores rivers in western Colorado made a grim discovery.

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Submerged in the muddy waters was a pickup truck. The Montrose County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene and it quickly became apparent that this would be more than a simple vehicle recovery operation.

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Investigators realized this might be the break they desperately needed in a case that had captured the attention of surrounding communities.

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The truck belonged to a man who suddenly vanished six weeks before. Hopes, however, were quickly dashed when no other signs of the missing man were recovered.

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Authorities need your help to solve this baffling mystery.

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The recovered pickup truck was registered to 42-year-old Dale Williams. The longtime area resident was a devoted husband and doting father of two teenage daughters.

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Dale owned and operated an auto body shop in the nearby town of Nukla. On the evening of May 27th, Dale failed to make it home for dinner.

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His wife, Diana, assumed he was preoccupied with a job at the body shop and lost track of time.

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By bedtime, however, Diana was concerned.

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Hi, Dale. It's me.

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I called the shop a couple of times and no answer.

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Okay, give me a call as soon as you get in. Bye-bye.

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So I thought, well, maybe he just didn't hear the phone because he was using air ratchets or something.

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You know, I went to bed about 10 and I laid there and I felt like something was wrong.

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I tossed and turned all night, woke up several times and he still wasn't home.

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Diana woke at dawn and was horrified to discover Dale had not made it home all night.

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As soon as she got her kids off to school, Diana drove straight to Dale's garage.

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Dale?

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When I first walked in the shop, the door was unlocked.

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Dale?

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The hood was still up on the van. His tools were just laying around the vehicle like you just walked away from it for a few minutes.

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I went over to my mother-in-law's and she hadn't heard from him the day before or that morning.

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Dale often shopped at junkyards looking for spare parts to use at the body shop.

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Diana and her mother-in-law thought that would be a good place to start their search.

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When we didn't find him at the junkyard, we thought we'd probably find him along the way, the road somewhere where he'd maybe ran off the road.

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We felt like that something had happened to him for sure, but we felt like we would find him.

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But as it happened, we didn't find him.

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Within a few hours, Diana Williams notified police and word of Dale Williams' strange disappearance spread through Nukla.

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Investigators began piecing together Dale Williams' day.

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They learned Dale made a brief stop at Tammy Lorenz's office about 12.15 that afternoon.

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I had a windshield that I needed repaired on a truck of ours.

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Hey, Dad, what's up?

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Listen, I stopped by to let you know that I can't do your windshield until next Wednesday.

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That's okay.

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I thought it was strange that Dale stopped in because he didn't have to stop and tell me. He could have called me.

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Dale was in a hurry. He told Tammy he was on his way to help a stranded motorist.

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Maybe he felt uneasy about who he was going to go give a tow. I really don't know.

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All right, see you later. Bye.

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That was the last time that I saw Dale Williams.

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Investigators determined the Dale's friend Tom Ross had been with him just before Tammy saw him.

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Tom and his young son had stopped by the body shop late that morning.

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I was just getting close to the noon hour and he said, I'm real busy today. I got a full shot.

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But he said, I got time for one game of darts. If you want to, if you got time, I said, yeah, sure.

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00:36:23,280 --> 00:36:24,280

Hold on a second.

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Well, phone call. Come in.

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Hello?

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And they were wrote down. They said about three quarters of a mile east of the Bedrock, Colorado store.

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Just a little country store.

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Yeah, yeah. I think I know where that is.

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I was under the impression that it might have been a lady that called.

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00:36:39,280 --> 00:36:42,280

Nothing that was actually said. It was just the way he talked and stuff.

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00:36:42,280 --> 00:36:45,280

Yeah, no, it's the other road. It's the only way to go.

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Dale's shop at Auto Body Repair. He was not a mechanic, so it was unusual for him to receive a call for roadside help.

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I did feel odd that they called Dale for assistance.

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Sorry, guys. I'm going to have to take off.

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But at the same time, Dale was one that was willing to go and help somebody if they were broke down.

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We said our goodbyes at the shop door. That's the last time I ever saw Dale.

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The citizens of Nuclear responded to the emergency situation.

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Missing posters were printed up and distributed by Dale's friends and family.

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It makes me feel really great to know I'm in a small town and everybody cares.

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However, Diana would soon come to understand that not everyone in her small town did care.

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We had missing posters up and I noticed I put some in the post office.

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About two days later, they were all gone. So I put some more in there.

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00:37:50,280 --> 00:37:53,280

And they just two or three days, they'd disappear.

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00:37:54,280 --> 00:38:02,280

That ultimately resulted in us installing a hidden camera in the post office in Nuclear.

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And that led to us being able to determine who was responsible for the disappearance of those flyers.

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Within a few weeks, the camera hidden by police captured images of this man tearing down the flyers.

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Incredibly, he was ultimately identified as a former longtime family friend of Dale and Diana Williams.

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The individual depicted in the photographs was questioned.

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And he denied any involvement in Dale's disappearance.

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He also was able to give us an alibi for the 27th of May, 1999.

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And for the most part, that alibi is consistent and has been confirmed.

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Could Dale's disappearance have had anything to do with some bad blood between the two men?

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Twelve months before Dale managed, Diana and Dale helped move the mystery man's ex-wife to another state without his knowledge.

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He was angry at Dale for helping his ex-wife move and get clear out of the area.

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And then we wouldn't tell him where she was at or anything like that.

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And I feel like he was really angry with Dale for that.

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A month after helping the man's ex-wife move, Dale found some disturbing items outside his auto body shop.

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He went to work, he noticed some pictures torn up there, just laying all over the ground.

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The torn photographs had been stolen from his shop.

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They depicted Dale and Diana with our now divorced friends and happier times.

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Several 22 caliber bullets were also scattered across the ground.

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00:39:48,280 --> 00:39:57,280

Several days after that, Diana made a strange discovery in the night drop box at the video rental store she ran, a 22 caliber revolver.

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Diana and Dale later discovered the gun, like the torn photos had also been stolen from Dale's auto body shop.

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I was really nervous because I didn't know what to think.

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00:40:09,280 --> 00:40:16,280

And Dale just told me to not worry about it, things would be okay, and things will settle down, whatever happened.

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It was more to scare him, he felt like than anything.

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Police interviewed Dale's former friend about the burglaries, but he denied any involvement in the break-in.

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Dale's life seemed to have returned to normal.

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Then 11 months after his body shop was burglarized, Dale Williams suddenly disappeared.

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Six weeks later, Dale's truck was recovered from the river.

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An analysis of the vehicle in its recovery site provided more clues.

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The truck's ignition was turned on, the vehicle was in gear, and the angle between the highway and the river was extremely sharp.

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Each detail seemed to indicate that someone had deliberately steered Dale Williams' truck into the water.

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Once Diane viewed photographs of Dale's truck, she was certain someone other than her husband last drove the vehicle.

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She took a particular note of the partially opened driver's side window.

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Dale usually drove with the driver's window all the way down, but never halfway.

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Always down or up, somebody put it in there to get rid of it.

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00:41:30,280 --> 00:41:33,280

Somebody who knew the river.

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Generating further speculation, police have not located the stranded motorist Dale Williams went to help.

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Was a mystery caller a woman as Dale's friend surmised? And why has that person never come forward?

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Investigators may already have that answer. The purported distress call was placed from a stolen cell phone.

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Dale Williams loved ones must also face yet another perplexing scenario.

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There are those who claim that Dale's truck was parked in this normal spot at his body shop by 1.30pm the day he vanished.

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If true, Dale or someone else drove his truck back into town within 90 minutes of his responding to the distress call outside of town.

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There were even reports from witnesses who claim to have seen Dale Williams early that evening at a market in the neighboring town of Notterita.

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I do believe that the people who saw Dale Williams between 5 and 6 o'clock at the local grocery store did in fact see Dale.

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And that they are people in the community, that their word can be trusted.

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So what happened to Dale Williams and where is he now?

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I believe Dale either seen something he shouldn't have or knew something he shouldn't have and somebody was looking to shut him up.

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Maybe he was ready to go to the cops and tell what he knew and that was their way of shutting him up.

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Dale Williams has not been seen since May 27th, 1999. He stands 5'7 inches tall and has light sandy hair and blue eyes.

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Let's welcome Dale William, the fourth of diamonds that is accused of stop and

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If stories scare you, please momentarily ask for their permission.

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Yup, I am sure Dale was wrong.

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00:43:51,280 --> 00:43:56,700

For example,

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00:43:57,140 --> 00:44:00,600

Objective

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00:44:02,180 --> 00:44:06,080

Objective

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00:44:06,240 --> 00:44:09,740

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00:44:09,980 --> 00:44:13,620

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00:44:16,660 --> 00:44:19,000

Objective

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00:44:20,020 --> 00:44:23,960

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