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Coming from the city of the we're exploring topics from the esoteric and unexplored two dimensions are known. Shining a light of truth on the darkest corners of our reality. Welcome to the curious realm



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Well, hello everybody, Chris Jordan here coming to you live from Austin, Texas tonight. hope everybody's doing okay. How you doing curio knots Welcome to the show. We're gonna be having an amazing guest, two amazing guests tonight. Both great, great field researchers. Both of them get right for Texas fishing game. Our guest in the first segment is the amazing Jeff crypto Hulk Stewart. We will be talking with him about fact versus fiction reality versus fantasy, the what you see on TV as far as investigative work, and what really happens in the field and what you can do if you are going out in the field to get yourself ready to collect your evidence in the best way possible so that it can be examined by even by people like me who do audio video examination, work, restoration, things like that, you know, how to how to make sure that your work is ready to hit examination because there there is a process to that to making sure that it's done properly. And unfortunately, many of the shows that are out there which granted have opened this conversation. It's kind of like kind of like not liking Lou Elizondo, you can not like Lou Elizondo if you want, but the videos that he brought forth have opened the conversation. And that's what's important. And yes, while many of the shows are sensational. What's important is that they have opened the mind of people to the concept of cryptid research to the concept of these sciences, not even side I won't even say pseudo science, because that's a horrible term. It's either science or it's fun. Either way, nothing wrong with it. Now, our guest in the second segment will be Chester Moore. And we will be talking about the smiley face killers and the idea of serial killings of recognition and crimes of recognition happening in public places like public parks, things like that. And his award winning podcast now uh, well, I'm so happy for him that he won the South, what was at the South East Texas Press Club Award for dark outdoors. So we will be talking about his work in the outdoors over the many, many years how that has changed. And how the public parks that border our suburban areas even even here in Austin, we will be talking about the Rainey street murders right here in town, things like that, how they may be related to the smiley face killings that happened across the country, and how that may actually be sourced as as kind of like a floating mo across the dark web. So it's a fun conversation in our pre recorded segment. After

commercial break. In this segment, we will be talking with Jeff crypto Hulk Stewart. Many of you may know him from the popular show finding Bigfoot as well as other things. He's a writer all kinds of stuff. Welcome to the show again, Jeff, how you doing bud?

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Man? I'm doing great, my friend. I'm doing great. This is I'm so excited. And and you know, tell us about Chester you know, Chester and I, we've been the best of friends for oh my gosh, for many, many, many years, decades. And I've been very fortunate to be involved with Chester in Texas fishing a magazine as well as his children's ministry, stuff like that helping him out with animals and the dark outdoors. We have investigated with him on the horse killings that have happened in East Texas all over, man. He just can't get a better a better person with such a source of knowledge.

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Yeah, and true passion for the outdoors like I don't unless the man is speaking at a conference or or something like that or working with youth. You You're pretty much seeing him with a fishing pole in his hand or something like that. He is He is always always out in it. And, man, it gave me chills talking with him about some of the things that he had dug up regarding crime to recognition in public parks, things like that. It was just fascinating to me, especially with I mean, I lived in South Austin, like, literally blocks away from Rainey Street, like, within a mile and a half. So yeah, it was it was right in my backyard, all that stuff happening. And to know that it was right there to know that it might be tied to something else is pretty incredible. Now, you yourself, spent a bit of time carrying a badge, correct?

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Yes, I did. Let will

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limit how long did you spend in the world of law enforcement yet?

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All total, I spent about three years.

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Okay, and now, since then, of course, as as we mentioned in the intro, you've been a part of shows like finding Bigfoot, things like that you are known for going out and being in the field doing doing cryptid research, that kind of stuff. You also make numerous public appearances

because of your time on finding Bigfoot. You go out to eat. That's where we met was calm for I believe it was the Southeast Texas Bigfoot conference in Mineola. A couple years ago, is where we first met, right? And yeah,

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men are born finding Bigfoot. I've done monsters and mysteries in America. survivorman Bigfoot, I actually spent a lot of time with Les Stroud on his survivorman Bigfoot series, did two episodes here in the United States with him? And then there are a couple episodes that aired on his actual channel in Canada that we did. So we spent a lot of time together, man, it was it was awesome. Well,

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and you know, you have a very unique insight to a couple of things, Jeff, number one, the cryptid community, you have been involved with cryptid research in the cryptid community for smooth over a decade. And in addition to that, you have a great knowledge of field research and data gathering. And I know that you lean on your work as a law enforcement officer when it comes to gathering evidence taking testimonies, things like that. But you also have the very unique knowledge as a few of our guests on the show do of how these programs specifically the serialized programs, are put together. And we had a conversation at one time at one point with the cleaning brothers. And even they talked about the fact of Vate, they missed their real research, not that they weren't doing some research, things like that on the show, but they were they were told where to go. You know, it's not it's not like they were like, hey, well, this is on our target to research this year. Like, once once producers took over the show, it became the fact of okay, well, these places are the hotspots that we're going to hit. Things like that. And then there became the fact of, well, how do you make a show when you have eight, sometimes 12 hours with actively nothing actually happening?

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Well, I mean, because it doesn't happen every

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every single time you get every single time you go out and knock on neuro literally knock on wood. You don't you don't necessarily get a

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response. It's more like eight or 10 days, nothing happening other than at home. For the simple fact, I'm 51 years old. I've been doing this since I was in my 20s. And I have had to our witness like face to face encounter. Wow, in 30 plus years now. I've had maybe 10 or 15 expeditions that I've been on or investigations or whatever where Um, things have happened, you know, sticks being thrown at us rocks being thrown at us.



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Hoops holler things like that.



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But that's in 30 years. So to think that a TV show is going to show up on a given piece of property, and go out on this given piece of property with camera, man sound tax. I mean, on one show, we showed up, and there was literally a director, a sound guy, a cameraman, and two assistants, with like, Fanny packs on with bottles of water, and, you know, extra batteries and things like that for the cameras and all of this. Yeah. And we're supposed to be out there acting like we're doing research and stuff, and you wouldn't have found a house care from all of the people tromping around through the woods. Yeah. And I actually got into an argument with the director of the show, because the guy was like, Okay, look off and act like you hear something and then say, blah, blah, blah. And I said, No. And he said, What? He said, I said, No, and he said, why? I said, because I'm not gonna lie. Yeah. And it ended up being a two hour argument between this director and myself, because I refused to law on camera and say, I heard something or saw something when I didn't.



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Yep. Yeah, yeah, precisely. And once again, the idea of, because one of the things I bring up regularly, I've done a little bit of paranormal research, I belong to a couple of groups in my time. And I don't I don't remember a time that we ever stopped investigation to look at what we took a picture of. I don't think we ever stopped investigation to rewind something and listen to it. On site, that's, that's just not something that you do you are in a charged atmosphere. Your mind is processing things in a different way. You know, you were you when you're, I have even proposing been proposing the fact on the show, Jeff, just on a quantum level, as you are preparing your equipment and everything else, are you trying to have a blank mind and not even think about the location that you're going to? You know, because otherwise, you could quite literally be manifesting the phenomenon that you're trying to investigate.



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So many times, I've had to tell people that that come up to me at conferences and out in the public in the street, things like that. Whenever they come up to me, and I've had them come up to me angry, I'm talking mad, because I have said something about some beloved, famous person. And they're, they cornered me, and I'm like, Look, I'm sorry, but they are on television for entertainment purposes that they have in order to ensure that that show goes on for season after season after season. They have to be entertaining. They're not really out there looking for evidence. And this, these people can't get it through their head that the show that they're watching on television is not 100% the truth and real. Yeah. And, and I'm not meaning to to say anything bad about any of those guys, man. They're wonderful people, but great, guys. You know, I spend a lot of time with Bobo say, I make James You know, he is he is an amazing

person. He is an amazing person. I'm talking about uh, you'd be hard pressed to find a better human beings than hate a lot of time with Cliff. Cliff is a great guy. But they had to do certain things in order to keep having a show on television.



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That's right. Every year. They're there. Yeah, and I mean, there is a compromise to that. There is a compromise to that.



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No, I know if I hadn't worked so that they were interviewing, yeah, those are real people. And those were real encounters. But when you see them go out there and then you hear you know, Matt moneymaker and he goes they're watching These woods. No, there was. No, they were on some like, piece of property. And there were 15 people on ATVs with truckloads of camera gear and catered lunches and things like that. There wasn't a Squatch within 10 miles of the



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Yeah. Yeah. Not Not with that kind of ruckus being raised and people walk in, right? Not



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that there wasn't one on that piece of property before they showed up with everybody. But there wasn't one there. Whenever all that was being said and done.



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Yeah. Well, I've even I have even brought up the, I guess the point of argument to folks that, you know, use it I don't mind if you use thermal imaging, I don't mind if you use night vision, things like that. But if you're flooding the area with infrared light, not an animal that sees in the dark, that's that's kind of like broadcasting a big old floodlight in the fur for any animal that is a nocturnal animal, you know, they would see into the infrared spectrum. So yeah, that's a, that's like a huge floodlight to them. I don't know how attractive that would be to step into, you know.



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And, you know, a lot of my expertise comes, I'm a wildlife expert, I have a degree in animal science. And I've spent my entire loss in the woods. I mean, I live literally in the woods. And I have spent 1000s upon 1000s of hours in these woods, and I make it my, my mission to learn the sound of every indigenous animal in my area. Now, I'm not saying I'm gonna go to Georgia, or Kentucky or somewhere like that, and be able to automatically hear a sound and tell you what animal it is. But in the state of Texas, and most of Louisiana, like places really close to me here within, you know, several 100 miles. Yeah, within several 100 miles. I mean, I can I've had,

you know, so many times been out like with famous people, and here's something they're like, Oh, that was a sports. I'm like, No, it was it was homes. And they're like, What am I it was home. And that was a fox. You know, tell somebody you know that white tailed deer make over 100 Different vocalizations? What? Yeah, yeah. Yeah. You know, foxes, you'd be surprised at the fencing. They didn't were vocalizations that foxes make. And, you know, they're just amazed because these people have never heard these things before. Yeah, and



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it is a whole different world.



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Yes, yes, it is. And it's just amazing that I get sent audio files from a lot of different researchers. And they're like, Hey, I caught this sound. Can you tell me what it is? And I'll, I'll listen to it and nine times out of 10. I'm like, Yeah, I know exactly what it is. And I'll tell these people that that it's a known enemy. And man, they'll get mad at. And I'm like, I'm sorry. I'm telling you the truth.



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Yeah. Yeah. And I just recently in my garage, ran across a tape. With my grandfather's handwriting on it, there was a bunch of animal calls, like distressed rabbit, things like that. Written on the retina on the tape label. You know, a hunters hunters have used this kind of stuff for years and years to bring game in things like that. So yeah, but you know, folks who hunt fish trap for a living, they have a different connection to such things now. Tell us, give us a little bit of one of your personal encounters. Jeff, before we get into gathering evidence out in the field, what was your first encounter?



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My first encounter when I was 15 years old, back in the mid 80s. You know, 1984 of someone in that area might have been a sick. Some friends and I were camping down on the Sabine River with my family. We have 580 acres. You least then on the Sabine River, and there's like one road that goes into this property. And the only way to access it is now this one road or the river or down the river. And we had caught a bunch of fish that day and we had an old hand pump whale. And we would clean our fish at this old hand pump Well, and what I would do is I will leave the the entrails the goods, if you will, in a pile over by that, and later in the night, I would go over with a flashlight and see if there were any raccoons or something eating on those. Because back in those days, I made a lot of my money by selling firm. Yeah, back in the mid 80s, Raccoon, a good raccoon fur would bring you 25 bucks. You know, so you could imagine in one weekend, you know, for a 15 year old to find out for Raccoon. Yeah, I got 100 bucks. I you know, and in the 80s for teenagers. That was a lot of money. Yep. And so we ate our fish by our campfire. And I told the guys probably about 10 o'clock that night. I said, Hey, I said let's walk over there and see if there's anything on the debt pile. And my buddies were like, Nah, man, we were we're bellies are full. We're by the fire. We're not interested. So I got up I got my 22

rifle and a flashlight and I walked over probably about 100 yards between where we were camped and this whale. And as a lot and I got culture. Everybody remembers back in the 80s when we did not have the flashlights like we have now. The flashlights with that'll burn my eyes out of something at 100 yards. It was a three C or D cell flashlight.

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Yeah, with a six bill if you were lucky. Yes.

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And it might shine 30 or 40 yards of the melee. And that was like really expensive. So as I was walking up, I got about 20 yards from the get home, I could see that there was something on the debt pile eating, looking at it, at my mind immediately said, oh, there's three or four raccoons, or maybe possibly there's a feral hog eating so I'll raise my 22 rifle and I freaked up. And as I got closer, it stood up. And it stood up on two legs and I'm sitting there going, Holy crap. Wow. And I'm shining this thing in the face. And this to me, all of a sudden it was a person it was somebody because the only knowledge I really had a big foot or anything like that was you know been to the movie theater and seeing Boggy Creek and Boggy Creek tube and, and creatures from black late. We had to drive in theater to show those old movies added and we do

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and yeah, maybe the \$6 million man episode.

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Yeah, something like that. It wasn't it wasn't something that was in the forefront of my mind at that time. You know, big. So I said, Mister, I don't know who you are. But I'll shoot you because I was scared because I mean, we're in here. You know, three teenagers, three teenage boys. And we're sitting here, you know, alone. I mean, we're miles from any kind of civilization, and there were no cell phones then. So if something happened, I mean, you couldn't you couldn't get help until somebody showed up. Yeah, somebody came to check on. And I will never forget. I said Mr. I don't know who you are about shooting and it just looked at. And I said it again. I said Mr. I will shoot you. And it never took its eyes off of me. And it took three steps backwards, toe to heel. I never will forget that. That is the way walk backwards. Because I've had people say well, maybe you saw a bear which there are no bears here in East Texas. And I've seen one bear in my lifetime and he's six. So bears walk clumsily on or up on two legs. They don't walk fluidly back. And it took three steps and once it was in the edge of the woodline it turned and walked away. And I went back over to the campfire and I told my friends that like yeah, whatever. You're fearful crap. Yeah. And the next morning we took them over there and right in the mud right there. We've been pumping that whale to clean those fish right there in the mud. I wear a size 13 shoe and I can step moss foot with the shoe on it inside of a of a bear footprint that was there in that book. And of course, they're like, can you do that? You know, last night you came over here and you made that footprint and you know all of that. So I got ridiculed. So I didn't

say anything else. Yeah, I shut up. I didn't say anything to anybody. You know, when home told my mom and dad, my dad was like, Boy, don't you ever tell anybody that they'll think you're nuts? And so that was my first encounter.



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Wow, wow. And how did that change? Did it change the way that you interacted with that piece of property at all? I mean, because, once again, that was a familial piece of property. So it's not like you were out there rarely or anything like that. Was it something that any family members had mentioned before? Anything like that.



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We're all told growing up. That there were old hermits that lived in those woods around there, you know, look out for the Oh crazy hermit that lives out there and knows. Nobody ever said look out for Bigfoot. But it was always you know, there's no crazy man, no crazy hermit lives out there in those woods. So I immediately filed it away. As you know, maybe it was a little crazy hermit that supposedly lives out there in those woods, you know, something. It wasn't Bigfoot, you know, now was that and then go ahead probably 10 years later. My dad done the same piece of property. My father and I, we had caught a bunch of fish again. And we put them in what we call a locked box, which is a large square box with that's made where the A keeps the fish alive. You put your fish in, it floated out in the water, and the fish stay alive until you're ready to clean off. Well, we're talking about 150 pounds of cat fish. And we put them in it. This was in February. And it was very cold. It was in the 30s at night. And my dad, he says it's too late to skin, the fish, termites will come back in the morning, we'll scan them and we'll fry or have a fish fry them or for lunch. And I'm like okay, Dan. So we put them in the fish in the lockbox hide the lid shut, floated out in the water and left. The next morning, we pull up and it's cold as frost on the ground. I mean it it's cold, probably 30 degrees. But we pull up the we can see that the fish box is dragged up onto the shore. And the door is open. And then what what in the heck is going on, you know somebody has stole our fish, we get out walk down there. And they're fishing and laying on the ground like fish with one or two bites taken out of the soft, fleshy part of the fish. And there's probably 10 or 15 to three pound cat fish laying around. That has either been eaten all all except for the head. And the heads tossed down all with a bite or two taken out of and my dad's looking at this and right there beside these fish or bear look like big human footprints. And like I said, that's cold there one road in here. Yeah, my dad looks at me and he says it's true. And I said what they said. He said that story you told he said it's true. There's nothing that could have done this. He said nobody had because we're behind three different lock gates, you got to go through three different gates going down the road to get into the space of property. So you have to have a key to each one of those gates. And those gates state law and if somebody would have come up the river, then they would have come up the river and about taking their shoes off and sub freezing temperature and then waited out in mud in sub freezing temperatures in their bare feet, opened up our fish box and ate wild fish. Yeah. And my dad's like, it's true. And that was like one of the greatest moments of my life because that it kind of vindicated me, you know, my dad, my dad, the person that I respect more than anybody on the was Earth. My father? Who thought I was nuts for saying that I saw a Bigfoot basically. Yeah. Now, he just told me that there's nothing else on Earth that could have done this. But a Bigfoot.

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Man, and any other experiences by anybody else on that property since then, Jeff, do you does your family still on the same piece of property?

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We, we, we have at least we still have that 580. But the law, the timber company that actually owns the land, we lease it from them have sets come in and clear cut that land. Yeah. So all of the big timber, the thickets and everything that once were there are gone. Wow. So a lot of that activity, but and I own an adjoining property. Actually, this last weekend, things last Friday, I was speaking to a gentleman who owns property next to it. And he had some guys to come down and do some thermal hog hunting. That actually and I'm trying to get a hold of this footage, they actually have thermal footage of something on two legs. That is, they said that it was jumping and hopping around, out in the middle of a field. What? Yeah, why and it's, and I'm trying to get in touch with these guys right now to get that footage. Because even though it's thermal footage, German, you can't say that it's not a human being, but it would be so cool to see Yeah, but

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if you but the main thing is that even in thermal footage, you can see the coolness of a tree, you can see other details of stuff around it to get a relative size of whatever it is, you know, and depending on the quality of thermal camera, you

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will open sealed, it was out in the middle of a steel. But at the same time, I mean, you can pretty much you can tell, you know how big something is, especially if they have other thermal footage of say some halls are

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meant to say if there's a image of a hog or a deer or anything like that, at the same time, once again, you've got a known quantity of of size to compare it against. Exactly either in quite a few hunting scopes like that even have a scale, you know, inside of the known yardage, things like that. So

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I'm not sure what kind of what kind of Thermal Scope they have or anything, hopefully I've put my I put the word out to this gentleman that I would love to help you. And hopefully he will, he will reciprocate and contact me and, and we'll be able to open a dialog because I would really

love to be able to access his his thermal footage. And not only that, but since I do know the man that owns the property that they will own. I'm pretty positive that I can get access to that property



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and and possibly even stake out the same location. You know, something like that? Don't hog



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water pumps possibilities there.



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Yeah. So



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I'm excited about that.



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Yeah, that would be that would be an incredible opportunity to be able to go out and investigate something firsthand. And that was that was my next question actually was at what point did field investigation into Bigfoot and cryptids come into your life, Jeff?



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Oh, man, back many, many, many, many years ago, whenever there was MySpace when the internet was young, and there was a thing called MySpace. I made friends with a young man named Ken Gearheart. And cool guy Ken, Ken Gerhard was was pretty much kind of a fledgling cryptozoologists. And he and I became like, the best of friends. And he started including me, and just conversations, a new that of my expertise and wildlife, and animal calls and all of these things. And so he would, he would so graciously include me, and a lot of the things that he had going on, and it just really just audit of a fire up under me that, you know, you can be doing this yourself, you have the land, you have the experiences, you know that there are things on this on the properties here in East Texas, and you have the knowledge. So why not start doing some of it yourself? Yeah, so I started finding tracks and casting tracks teaching myself, there was nobody to teach me how to cast a track. So I just did all of the research I could on how to do a plaster cast, because you know, back then that's all we really had was plaster ferrous, available. So, you know, I would, I would use all kinds of things, you know, drywall, mud, plaster of Paris, say, you know, all kinds of things that that were available at the local hardware store. And then I became a law enforcement officer. Actually, I became a

corrections officer first. And after being a corrections officer, then I had the opportunity to move up to be a law enforcement officer. Yes, yes. Yes, I was. I was. I was a corrections officer. In the great state of Arkansas. Oh, wow. Yeah. Wow. And



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that's a bless you, man. That is a special in in hard position.



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You know, it was, it was it was but it wasn't that bad, because I have a unique



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understanding of people. I don't try to run roughshod over anybody, but I don't let anybody run roughshod over me.



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And pretty much, you know, I let those guys in the jail system know that. I will crack your head open if you cross that line. But if you don't cross the line, you treat me like a man, I'm going to treat you like a man. Yeah. So I really, I really only have problem with one or two people and things didn't end well for him. So most everybody else didn't. Didn't didn't push the line. But so I took my what I've learned being a an officer, and I started in applying it to my field research along with my expertise and animals. And during all this time, I'd went back to college, and I had gotten my degree in animal science. And I have a degree and I have a degree in theology. I have a degree in animal science. Actually, I actually have a doctorate in theology. So Oh, wow. That's a good one. Yes. Yes, I'm an ordained minister with a doctorate in religion. So awesome. Yeah, it's probably worth the paper. It's printed on its online. But I took all of the things that I learned and my thirst for knowledge. And I started asking questions of investigators, not paranormal or cryptid investigators, but actual criminal investigators that hadn't. How do you collect evidence at a crime scene? So when we were on crime scenes, I would ask the questions of the investigators and the crime scene. Specialist, and I would be like, Okay, how do you do this? And then I took forensic classes, myself. And I learned how to take evidence in a crime scene. So then I started approaching my particularly search the same way I would approach a crime scene. If somebody's like, okay, you know, Bigfoot was here at my bedroom window, you know, and there's a handprint. Okay, you bet. We're gonna approach this was this was a crime scene, and that is the perpetrators. handprint? Yeah. And so we would take things and then I found out how expensive it really was to have DNA tested. Oh, yeah. You know, because people think that it's like ancestry.com and things like that. Oh, for 99 bucks. You can get DNA tested. Not really. Not when it comes to



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not cross sampled and everything else No, no, not getting things down to kingdom, phylum
genus species and all that kind of stuff. Heck no

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Across matched I mean, there are zeros, man, I can't remember how many 10s of 1000s of animal species there are in what is called GenBank. Yeah. GenBank is a repository of every single known DNA, a species that has been collected on Earth. And they're in a server and a computer system is called gene bank. And in order to have your sample tested against all those 10s of 1000s of stations, it costs a lot of money.



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Yeah, yeah, I've got Jim bank from the from nih.gov up on screen right now about everything that they do and what you can get from them and all that kind of stuff. But once again, that proper lab testing is crazy expensive, you know? It and, and that's the thing is that even right now, Jeff, the I mean, the internet and communities have been abuzz with Mexican aliens. And there's been preliminary MRI testing done, at least what they can tell whatever it is, it's one thing it's not, you know, like made cobbled out of like, CRO leg



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down and it ended up being like four different things from monkey and a fish and everything. Yeah, Fiji Mermaid



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once it was actively examined, that's what it was. Even the, the, the reassemble the boy, that was the NASA the Nazca the three fingered Nazca mummy? A few years ago. Yeah. Well, that's just it. It's one of those, like, even NASA pointed out, like, hey, it'd be great to see some samples of that go out for independent study. If that's the case. And if you don't see samples go out for independent study, consider that. You know? So yeah, it's, it's different. Now, when it comes time to do that kind of stuff. Cuz that is why we are having you on is, of course, to talk about the proper gathering of evidence. And what you see on TV folks, once again, is a very curated experience. You could go 12, two days, three days, weeks out in the field and get absolutely nothing. I have said it to numerous people online. If if you were videotaping that anomaly in your back yard, and it was a legitimate anomaly. Three times a week, like you said, we wouldn't be having this conversation on social media, you would be selling tickets. Exactly. Like you'd be, you'd be set, you'd be done. You know,



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I have a problem. There are a lot of people. And again, I don't like to put anybody down or any bitchu Eight, Bigfoot, and they have property and they go sit around a campfire and sing Kumbaya with Bigfoot and like they put Froot Loops out of a dog bowl and apples and they go out and I'm like, Well, do you have pictures? Oh, no, we don't have pictures. Do you have

video? No, we don't have video. Do you have any evidence at all? No, we don't take him and we put our food in the bowl out in the middle of the woods. And we come back tomorrow and the food's gone. And I'm like going no, wait a minute. There literally are at different species of animals that live right there in your woods that will eat what you put out there. I would be

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prone to eat a strange bowl of Froot Loops, Jeff. I like a bowl of Froot Loops. I'm not gonna lie, I may just eat. You know,

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that's what I'm calling a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. And I find that sometimes. I'm like, No, I'm just gonna have to put me in the oven. I'm gonna I'm gonna probably you know, Hansel and Gretel thing

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if it was that easy for us to cohabitate with these creatures, and there were enough of these creatures, like a lot of these shows wants you to believe that there are families of these creatures living in every patch of woods in every state in the whole country. There's not Yeah, there's not hundreds of 1000s of these creatures on in the United States, there literally may be as few as a couple of 1000. Over the entire country. Yeah. Not hundreds of 1000s.

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Well, well in especially if you're talking about a species with longevity, you know, they can, they can live a good 90 100 years, you don't necessarily have to procreate every season, you know, to make that.

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And when we look at one of my areas that I'd really like to discuss is the fact that the ecosystem there are so few ecosystems in the United States that can support especially if there's no gosh, they can't be 10 foot tall and weigh 1500 pounds and be an omnivore because they would have to eat 90 pounds of food every single day of their lives in order to maintain that sighs Yeah. There's new they're saying in the middle of the winter, in a snow laden, desolate part of the country that there's no food they would die there their metabolism they would die. They don't they don't hibernate because we see it during the wintertime when it's cold. So it's like guess grizzly bears eat brown bears eat that kind of food but they only eat it for a couple of months and then go to sleep. Yeah, and you can go on any stream and any place that these large brown bears are populated in and you can see literally dozens and dozens of them eating the fish out of the screens eating the berries on the landscape chasing down elk and moose and things like that and okay but if we give these Bigfoot more of a human shots, okay, gives them a now when I say that we got to remember there are human

beings that are over seven feet tall. Absolutely. And even a seven foot tall human being can maintain his seven foot tall 350 pound socks on as little as two to five pounds of food a day. Yep. Now, I don't I have coined the term a metaphor for Bigfoot, not an omnivore. I think they are a mega whore because I think not only do they eat plants, fruit, vegetables and meat. I think they also cannibalize yourself



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Hmm Interesting. What would what would what would bring you to that suspicion? As someone who works this specifically in the world of wildlife Jeff



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because we don't find the body no don't find



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well in granted like it was. It just came out here in the last year that I've I've jokingly said for years, you know, make no mistake given a chance a deer would eat you. It's actually true like they have they have found deer grazing on human corpse. Yes. All kinds of things. So I have held for years the fact of it, you know, and anybody that spends a good amount of time out in the woods, wilderness, things like that someone like you who spends a good clip of their life and career hunting for a living out in the woods. You're hard pressed to find fresh kill.



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You know, in the woods, more I'm gonna say to Texas we have literally millions of deer in the state of Texas. There's millions. And I'm not talking about roadkill I'm not talking about where 100 Shot woman ran off. I'm talking about natural causes best yet. I can literally walk through hundreds and hundreds of acres of land and never find a carcass, carcass of a deer or anything. That was not shot, or ran over or hitbox Oh,



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yeah, that wasn't bleeding out, or something like that.



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Yeah. So it's like, we have so many predators. So many scavengers, parodies, buzzards crows examine hawks and eagles will scavenge carcasses. domestic dogs, all of these things. I've literally taken on my land here at my house, I have a three acre pasture behind my house. And I've taken a deer carcass and wired it to a post out in the middle of this patch, and put a trail camera over it. And it took three days for it to be nothing more than a breezy spot. Yeah, on the ground in that patch. The bones were gone. The server was down. I mean, after a couple of

rains, the fire was gone. But the hive was dragged off. There was one picture that you could count over 100 Black deserts and turkey vultures, and crows and a few hawks and eagles on this carcass. I mean, they were all over my whole pasture was like, just just covered in these birds. And at one time, there was like four and five coyotes eating on this and between that and the insects.

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Yeah, it happens in pretty short order that does not take long for nature to take its course. And in for whatever is there to no longer be there.

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Exactly. And if these creatures cannibalize their data, okay, grandma died. Well use her talking about sure approaching welfare. I don't know. I mean, we're talking about so you got creatures that don't have shovels? They don't have? I mean, yeah, maybe they do use a pointy stick. But I mean, how do they sharpen that stick? I mean, they don't have as far as we have been able to tell. We don't find tools in the woods where they, you know, maps, a nice out of flint or anything like that. So they would basically have to kind of find a way to stick off that's kind of got a wedge shaped tip in order to start digging. Yeah, well, you could do a stick and go out in your backyard and take that stick, and see how long it will take you to dig a hole long enough, wide enough and deep enough to bury even an average size human humanoid carcass. Yeah. Because remember, you've got to the reason we bury people six feet deep is because back in the old days without the embalming techniques, six feet is the depth that animals can't smell the corpse and dig it up. That's why they used to bury them at six feet is because the local animals and wildlife and domestic dogs were filming, they would dig and Paulie up and eat her course, in a heartbeat. These creatures have to be able to bury if they bury their dead. They have to be able to bury their dead deep enough that bears, coyotes, wolves, Wolverines, I mean, you name it wouldn't come along, dig it up and drag it off. I mean,

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well, then you also have to consider that. Yeah, I mean, one of the things that we discuss regularly on this show, whether it be cryptids, whether it be alien life, what have you we have a tendency to anthropomorphize Jeff. Yeah, we want to give these things humanistic tendencies. If you look at any culture across the globe, that believes or has stories of Sasquatch or large hominid. They may be a tribe on the other side of the trees, things like that, but they were not something that you sat around and shared weenies with around the campfire. They, you know, they were like, hey, they offer you a salmon. Say No, thanks. Like, don't follow him into the woods. You won't come back. You know,

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your Native American tribes had, you know, horrible stories about these creatures. You know, there are several that I've read about You know all tribes that had that did battle and I think it was life Erickson that whenever he was coming up one of the river there in Alaska or wherever

it was, and said that there were large hairy men that lines that riverbank and was throwing rocks at their center ship. So, you know, it's like every encounter before we get to modern day man was a cautionary tale.

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Yeah, yeah. Precisely. Precisely. And a you know

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what you said we want to enter for more pot. We want to make every one of these things like this. We did the same thing with like, chimpanzees. Yeah. These will rip your frickin face off. And the first thing they want to do is they want to rip your face off. They want to bite your fingers off and they want to eat your genitals. Yeah,

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anything Dang. Just just like a dog any. Anything dangly that can come off rapidly. And but that's the thing is that we want to anthropomorphize them. Even whenever you look at many indigenous tribes around the world, things like that cannibalism. Hey, as long as they aren't from inside of our tribe, what's the big deal? Yeah. That it's very much a western concept. As far as that goes, and very much a civilized world concept. But whenever you get into tribal practices across the globe, cannibalism is there in numerous places. And especially whenever you're talking about the concept of survival, and the fact that well, once again, Bigfoot is not a human being. So, you know, might be hominid, but it doesn't mean that cannibalizing its own, it's a means of survival. And hey, look, there's hundreds of pounds of meat. You know, bears do it. Other animals, other animals eat their own dead. Because it is it is a source of sustenance, no different than anything else. Most most animal mothers will eat their young if if they're not to survive, or if they are limper game in some way. You know?

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Here's a here's a prime example of my I have a Staffordshire Terrier, female that gave birth about two weeks ago to nine puppies. She's got five puppies.

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I was gonna say how many how many puppies do you have? I've heard these stories.

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Yeah, yeah. And I didn't see these puppies. inspecting them. They did not look sickly. They did not eat. There's nothing wrong with them. She has an automatic feeder in her kennel that has 50 pounds of high quality high protein, high fat dog food in it. She she is not hungry. She wants

for nothing. But she ate three of these puppies for these puppies, oh puffins. And, you know, there's just not a

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know something you don't that's for certain. Yes.

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Exactly. Exactly.

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And maybe in to think that Bigfoot would be any other way. would once again the be I think a little hottie on our parts. You know?

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I have no proof that they are cannibalising. It's just a theory. And I mean it's it's as valid and and both invalid. It's kind of like Schrodinger cat, you know, it's alive and dead at the same time.

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I've said it on almost every show where people are like, well, where's the bodies? The bodies are probably right there with the intact bear skeletons that don't come from kills, you know, or come from roadkill or something like that. Like a bear dies in the woods. Good luck finding the whole corpse. You you more than likely won't. You'll find some parts of it.

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I've been in the woods a whole lot. I'm 51 years old. I've been my father started taking me with him. At six months of age, he would rat me in a blanket and put me in the pouch of his hunting vest and would take me with him hunting and fishing. He would put formula in an ice chest like picks up marbles and having an ice chest for me. And my dad took me so I've literally We've been in the woods that six months of age. And I can tell you that as a person that's in the woods, we're walking along and you see a random bone laying on the ground, you don't stop and pick it up and look at it. Hunters, everybody were wild hunters found bones, they probably have, nobody stops and picks it up and looks at it. And if you do, stop and pick it up and look at it, maybe one out of every 5000 People can identify a bone by looking at it as to what what animal it came from, to how it may have died or got there. Now most people say, Ooh, nasty, a putrefied bone. You know, they're not going to stop and pick it up. They're going to take their foot at the most and kick it around a little bit. So oh, man, something bad. Oh, man, let's that's for. Yeah, so the only thing that that people will stop and grab. But I've rarely found animal

skulls in the woods, that, like I said, have died from natural causes. Yeah, one because schools retain the most. I want to say this is so fun, not shareable content, as far as predators and scavengers go, yeah, the brain, the jaws, there's just so much meat on a skull. Yeah, that they drag it back to their lair in the thicket, or a hole in the ground or wherever their den happens to be. So that they can sit there for weeks, and now own that skull. And as they now own it, they break those bones down so that they can get to the inside of that skull at the brain. And by the time they get through crunching on the skulls, they don't resemble a stone.

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Yeah. Yeah. And once again, you're just you're hard pressed to find full intact skeletons. Out in the wild. They are they are rapidly taken for product by by local wildlife, and even insects, things like that. Once they get a hold of them and nest in them within days. I mean, good lord. They're anywhere near and around. Have fun.

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Yeah, we're squirrels and rodents. Oh, oh, yeah, absolutely. So if you live in an area where there are field mice, they're all wood rats. They're all mo voles. There are shrews there are rabbits. Rabbits. There are red squirrels that squirrels Yep, all of these these animals eat these bones for their calcium. Well

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not just that it also as they're chewing the bone and and rat chewing it it nubs their teeth down because if they don't do that their teeth will grow through their own skull. Exactly. That's just a part of Roden life. So yeah, chewing through that harder bone where's the teeth down forum so things you know about creditors folks and but but quite literally there how can people who are going up because they're same thing that we talked about in our pre recorded segment with Chester coming up there there are a greater number of people in these communities Jeff that are wanting to go out and and wanting to go out in the woods in the middle of the night. You know? Okay, I'm not going to say I didn't spend my fair share of time out the woods in the middle of the night as a kid camping and hunting things like that. But a What can people do to be safe in that circumstance and be what can they do to begin to collect the best evidence while they are out there and not just not just shooting from the hip? You know, as they go out.

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One of the best things that people can do is get themselves a large ziploc bag luckily, gallon sized Ziploc bags and in that ziplock bags, put several pair of surgical gloves and put a pair There have foursomes like you can buy. In the fishing department of most any department store your local Walmart, things like that, you can buy the store chips that they use to get the hooks out of fish's mouth. You can get them for three or four bucks a pair, get you a couple of pair of those, get a couple pair of tweezers, get five or six small white sandwich. Ziploc bags, get five or six paper, little small paper bags, like little kids take their lunch to school, things like that, you can get those small paper bags, if you can't find them usually and go down to the

local liquor store. Maybe you could buy some from them because they still put things in paper sacks. Yep. And put things like that in there and be able to put like, oh, you can go into crafts department and it looks like the tongue depressors you get at the doctor's office, but it's like the big bad popsicle sticks. Put you know 1012 of those in that bag. And when you go out and find this also, you know, put some even if you don't do anything, but just go to your local hardware store and get some plastic, dry powdered plastic and put it in one of those large sandwich bags. Seal up bags and put your couple of bottles of water in your in your pack. And you can find a track and start off by not going out and find immediately going out finding a Bigfoot. Start off by finding a coyote track or a bobcat or just a neighbor's dog. Find that truck. Mix up your media, your plaster and pour it and experiment with pouring it. Take some cardboard and cut some cardboard and make a border around it. And pour the track and let it dry. And then take it up and clean it off and look at that track. And do this over and over and over again until every single time you can get a perfect cast of that track. Then you can go out and find a Bigfoot track or something like that and cast yet. Yeah. Start off by taking samples, practicing taking samples from your yard. Go out in your yard and see if you can learn hair from your dog hair of any kind, it doesn't matter squirrel hair, whatever. And take it and practice putting on your gloves. And using your tweezers or whatever to take the sample. Now remember, once you have used those forceps or those tweezers or whatever, you can't use them again until they have been sterilized. Because whenever you touch something with them, don't touch the chips with your fingers and things like that, because you're contaminating it. Yep. So you want to make sure that those tweezers and whatever you're using are completely sterile. And take it and put it in that sack and fill it up and mark on it, the date and the time. And, you know, tape can be pictures of the track that you cast from different angles and different light settings and different flashes and things like that. The hairs that you collect, take different lengths, and start a routine of teaching yourself how to change the sample. And then when you do go out into the woods and you do find something, then you're ready to it'll be old news now and it'll be second nature to do it right.



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And you know, I have taught over my shoulder right now I know that we're on the phone, Jeff but over my shoulder sits an entire sits racks of audio video gear. It's what I've done for three quarters of my life. And it's the same thing that I tell people whenever they're like wow, how did you learn all of that like, time, time on the equipment? You know, and if if you've got an audio recorder, sit around, play around with it. Look Learn what the settings are learn that menu and how to get through it in in your sleep, you know, because when you get in the field, you need to be able to set that up in the dark.



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Exactly, you know, I'll tell people another thing, you can find audio files on animals and the sounds that they make absolutely learn, sit down and learn every animal that is indigenous to your area that you are researching. And then go to places like YouTube and places like that and find videos and everything of those animals. And listen to I learned by sitting there with back when I had an mp3 player and I would download all of these little little sound files, audio files on there and just play them as I went to sleep, play them and listen to them over and over and over and over. Every sound that a gray fox makes every sound that a red fox makes every sound that okay, God makes every sound that a red wolf makes every sound all the way up to

domestic livestock, the sounds that they make different bird species. I mean, you just be surprised at the the the language of all of these animal species. And you sit there and after hundreds and hundreds of hours of listening to all of these animals and the sounds that they make them when you're out in those woods and somebody says, Oh, man, did you hear that? And you're like, yeah, yeah, I've heard that before. I know what that is. That is a, you know, blah, blah, blah. And you can immediately go back and find that audio file and compare it to the one that you recorded and say, Okay, before you jump up and say, Man, I got Bigfoot recorded, listen, and you hear it, and you go now. Now, that's not Bigfoot, that's a blah, blah, blah. And now you got mud on your face. Because you said that you had big birds and somebody else. And because there's a lot of people that aren't going to be nice, like me and like, just message you and say, Nah, man, I think that that's a such and such, they're going to be people that are going to jump on you like a duck on a Junebug, they're going to belittle you and cut you down to try to make themselves look bigger and better and smarter in order to gain something from your demise. So it's best to you know, check these things out.



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Yep. Yeah, yeah. And that's just it there. There are numerous wildlife archives out there that you can go to to find that kind of stuff. I used to always love it. I used to do some youth work with my brother and one of the retreat centers that we worked at across the bayou the people that are around the corner lot had peacocks and you you couldn't really see him you know because of the size of a lot but on a good miski morning out on the Bayou you know having a having a morning prayer session and all the sudden you start hearing peacock calls. If you've never



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heard a woman, you start hearing



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Yeah, people are like, What is that sound? Oh my god. I don't know man. That's That's weird. Yeah, yeah. And it was just knowing what it was. But there are ways to do that. And there are numerous archives out there and as as I've told folks, if you're out there with trail cams and things like that, like even though you don't find anything on your trail cam like let some let some local colleges know that have wildlife programs that you have tons of trail cam footage. You'd be surprised citizen science wise what you might be helping out with, you know,



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hey, and I'll tell you what, here here's a great thing. I like to tell a lot of people do not approach racecar researching cryptozoology thinking that you are going to make some huge scientific breakthrough. And you are going to be on the front page of Discover Magazine and you Almost counselor, because that's going to lead you down a path of disappointment. Go into it, enjoying being out in the woods, enjoying taking those casts, not to prove to the world that Bigfoot exists because no plaster cast of a footprint is ever going to prove anything exists to anyone

that does not already believe. That's right. Take them for your own enjoyment, your own pleasure and your own education and edification. These these things are awesome. And look what I've got this is amazing. And do it for yourself and learn these animal calls. And be proud that you figured out what that sound was. It can be just as much fun to disprove something, what was the big foot? You know, as it is to prove that it was because pretty soon, you're going to come across something that you can't disprove? Yep, you're gonna come across a sounds that you can't identify no matter how many files you go through. Or you're gonna be like, meaning come across sounds that don't belong. where they're at? Yeah, you've come across a barred owl answering calls from a red bird from a cardinal at 3am. You're going, that doesn't that doesn't happen that doesn't belong. Or you are out in the forest in the middle of the night. And as I was a good friend of mine, Brian, MP, and I took him out on his first Bigfoot expedition. And we had something out of the woods throwing sticks at us. Wow, in our camp. And he the first stick come flying in and he looks up in the tree like I fell out of the tree. And I laughed, and I said, No. I said, Where did that come from? And he looked at me and he pointed out in the woods in front of us. And I said, Exactly. That didn't fall out of a tree that came in from our side. Wow, our camp. Wow. And of course, that proves nothing to anybody. But he and I, we were there. We experienced it. And it made everything worth it. That entire weekend. It was 105 degrees in the shade. It was miserable. We slept on the ground with nothing but a tarp over the top of us, you know, I mean, but it was the best weekend ever.



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Yeah. Yeah. And that's just it. You know, even even in our next segment after commercial break, Jeff, dark outdoors is an amazing show. And once again, award winning one, the one the Press Club Award, all kinds of things. But we are not trying to discourage people from going outdoors. We aren't trying to discourage people from going out in their suburban suburban public parks, or in their national or state parks. We're just letting you know that you may want to be prepared. You know.



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I'm armed. And I've had so many people come at me and say, Are you scared? Are you scared to be out in the woods? No, I'm not scared to be out in the woods. But I'm armed, even in certain parts and things that don't allow me to carry a firearm. I have bear spray a big container of bear spray, and people will have no bears out here. It's not for you. It's it's for the meth head that might come up or for somebody who has ill intentions, you know, or whatever, but I've got it and it might hang on my belt for 10 years and never get used. That old saying I've ever had it and never needed that needed and never had it.



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That's it. That's it exactly. And you know, going out, going out in the woods going out and doing this kind of stuff. Once again. It's great to have the equipment do you have the time behind the equipment? Have you spent your time learning your equipment and how to use it? Have you spent your time learning to gather some samples in preparation for going out in the field? Because it's not to go take a class or anything like that but you should learn a few basic

techniques, things like that, like you were saying to so that when you go out you are prepared to collect a sample if you find it You know, I mean, I don't even know the techniques. It's not like you're collecting a sample every outing that you go on Jeff.

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Well, right. But don't be scared to go on YouTube and watch videos on this equipment. That's a guarantee there are hundreds of videos, every audio recorder that that is out on the market. Yep, there are there's videos that show you how to use

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it. We call it YouTube University in my industry. Yes.

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There's nothing wrong. Someone that has no practical knowledge of a piece of equipment. There's nothing wrong with going and watching some of these videos sitting in your living room. You can, there will. There wasn't any videos on YouTube back when I started out. So I had to sit in my living room. And some trial and error record out in the cats and the kids and the wife and everybody else, put the recorder up there and push play and then go get my footage or my audio file and download it and then do this with it. That was it. And bla bla bla, which most of the kids in which which was the dog bark, and what was the cat do it and all this kind of stuff. Well now there's so many YouTube videos, you can bypass all of that trial and error and go and watch these videos. And then you're like, Oh, so that's what this button does.

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Yeah, yeah. Oh, this

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is a four track recorder. Oh, this is an eight track recorder. I can record all these different audio while it can do all of the stuff.

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Yeah. You're walking around with a high definition recorder in your phone. You know? Yeah. So yeah,

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there must be fonteva have a 2030 megapixel camera on them and a 10 ad, or even a 4k,

some of them video recorder. And I mean, it's like you're walking around every day with this high tech recording device in your hand. And we're playing Candy Crush.

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Yeah, exactly. So there is a whole world out there of technology at your disposal. Even even right there in your own cabinet, stuff like that. It's about treating things properly and getting things ready and making sure that you are ready when you get out in the field.

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And trail cameras. I mean, my goodness, when I first started out, trail cam was was so ridiculously expensive. Yeah. Because you had to go and buy an actual camera. And then you put the camera inside of a little box and that box actually had a plunger that pushed the button on the camera and it was just ridiculous. And then we had witch trail cameras that had really slow trigger speeds and had actual flashes on and things like that and it was horrible. Now, for 29 bucks, you can go to any hunting store and get a you know,

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20 You know 15 To 20 megapixel camera with a half second trigger speed that has night vision infrared night vision on it, but no flash and all this kind of stuff. And you can get them for less than 30 bucks. Yeah,

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yeah, it's phenomenal. or

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Now I'll make some of them that I have now. Our cell phone, they send pictures directly so as soon as they take a picture it's sent to my phone. Yep. For less than 70 bucks. Yeah, yeah,

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it's crazy. It's crazy





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and cost me 15 bucks a month for unlimited amount of pictures. Yeah, so I was my camera setup that I have now. The camera I think was like I got \$62 for it. I have a solar charger that was about \$30 a 12 volt battery that's inside that hooks to the solar charger and everything and then to the camera that was about 25 bucks and then all the cables probably another 2025 bucks. So you know I've probably got \$150 in the camera setup but you can leave it out all your own. Yeah, your rent you don't have to go back and touch it yet unless it quit send in pictures. Yeah, you know, but you you literally can leave it out. Yeah. And



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it is no longer expensive.



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Why? And you don't have to go keep putting your synth to go change. SD cards. Yeah. And bring it back home there. You can leave these out. Especially if you have private keys. property that you're not worried about anybody coming in stealing it? You know, you can leave it out. You're right.



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Yeah. Yeah, Precisely, precisely. There's a world of technology at our disposal now for amazing, amazing deals that was once never available to the common person. So the panoply of options is out there for folks. Jeff, thank you so much for taking the time coming on, we need to have you on more regularly to talk about this kind of stuff. Because once again, my show is about trying to demystify things for folks, you know, and, and I see a lot of shows out there talking about get out there in the field, get out there and do it. But are you prepared to go out and do it? You know, like, I'm,



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that's the thing, don't be,



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I've spent, I've spent the better part of my life dragging gear around, you know, so it's one of those like it, there's, there's something to dragging that around. And there's a method to that madness. And there's a method to getting down to what you need, but still having what you need, you know. So yeah, that can take some time to perfect and figure out exactly what kit works right for you. And which technology you can be familiar with, you know,



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exactly. And it doesn't matter if somebody is 15 years old, 10 years old, if they're interested in it, and you're their parent. Go spend time with nothing. There's no stigma to Bigfoot hunting. It's not crazy people. It's, if you want, if you get out there with your preteen, or teenager, and put these trail cameras out, and go spend time with those kids. How awesome is that? You're spending time with those kids out in the woods. If it's your dad, your grandpa, your grandma, your brother, your sister, your best friend, or even a total flippin stranger that you met on some crazy Facebook group. Go spend some time in the woods. Some of the best friend maybe not a stranger. And some of the best friends that I have made in the past 10 years has been what we like to kill each other. It's like these crazy Bigfoot people. Oh, yeah. Because we all go out. We sit around the campfire, we cook, we eat. We, we listen to music, we do whatever. Then we go out in the woods, and we put trail cameras out and we look for tracks and we walk up and down the creeks. And we go and we have fun. Yeah. And nobody's at a bar, which I said isn't wrong with that. But what I'm saying is nobody's nobody's getting hurt. Nobody's. There's nothing of



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trouble or getting into trouble or anything like that. Exactly.



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Exactly. I've been to literally hundreds of these Bigfoot camp outs. I've never seen a fight. Yep, had a couple of arguments about Bigfoot tech techniques and things like that. But they're just fun spirits



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versus you know, all that kind of stuff. Yeah, but I



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mean, it's all in good spirit. And it's all fun, so that they'll get a trail camera, start out with one stinking trail camera, and go put it out somewhere and have fun looking at the squirrels and the rabbits and the deer and everything. And if you don't get a picture of Bigfoot, hey, great. You got a picture of a bunch of other stuff. But did you have a second camera and a third camera and a fourth camera and the next thing you know you've got a duffel bag full of cameras. You're out there asking them. Hey, you got 20 acres. Can I go put my camera's out and you're having fun and enjoy yourself.



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Exactly. Exactly. So well tell everybody where they can go to follow your work where they can go to keep up with everything that is crypto Hawk, and all that kind of good stuff. But



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well, if everybody can go to I guess you just go to Amazon or places like that. You can pick up a Texas Jack's wild game and venison cookbook. That's me. I'm part of the Texas Jack group wrote that cookbook. Also, wood knocks series of books with David Weatherly was one of the co authors of volumes two and four. My goodness they can find me I have the Facebook group monsters mysteries and making them on Facebook. They can find survivorman Bigfoot, Texas episode, finding Bigfoot There's little Bigfoot in Texas that episode. That's how long YouTube? Oh my goodness. Expedition Texas episodes that, my goodness, just monsters and mysteries and America with Sabine thing. Episode is mine, they can check that out also on several different streaming platforms. And also the movies, something in the woods and man versus Bigfoot. I had a hand and those two movies and actually have an acting role and I was the assistant director and special effects artists on man versus Bigfoot.



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Yeah, that's right. Well, man, thanks so much for everything. Thanks so much for coming on. I was love our conversations whenever I see you at conferences, all that kind of good stuff. Stay do it, man. Same here, but we will definitely have you on again soon. I'll be sending links to this. Everything else? I guess. Thanks so much for being on the night.



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It was my pleasure, my friend. My pleasure.



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Absolutely. Well, we'll go ahead and let you go as we say goodbye to our audience for this segment and bump out to commercial break. Thanks so much again for coming on. And we'll be in touch Jeff.



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Everybody have a good evening. All right, take care. But



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while you are online, checking out all of the awesome work from Jeff crypto Hawk Stewart make sure to stop on by curious realm. Curious realm.com is where you can go and find our store. That's where you can get all of the books, movies, films, things like that from our guests. That is also where you can find us on social media, all of our social media icons, follow like subscribe everything else you can visit our videos page, and check out all of the embedded video channels from our guests. YouTubes. So stop on by and check that out at curious realm.com forward slash video. Stay tuned through this commercial break, folks, we will be coming right back with our friend Chester more to discuss the smiley face killers and the possible relation to

those cases across America with the cases here in Rainey street known as the Rainey street murders coming up right after this. Well, hello, everybody. Welcome to this segment. Our guest this evening is an amazing researcher not just in the field of wildlife For Texas Parks and Wildlife. He has an amazing ministry out there called higher calling, where he helps kids all kinds of stuff, get out into the wild, learn to experience the wild not to be afraid of wild animals, things like that. And from that work, he has created a now award winning podcast, dark outdoors, which explores well the dark side of being outdoors going out places like our state parks, national parks, just going out and roughing it on your own like you used to be able to at one point is not as safe as it used to be and his coverage for this in the world of media has been recognized by the Texas Press Club, all kinds of things winning awards over major news outlets, all kinds of stuff for his coverage. In this area. We'll be talking about the smiley face killers this evening in their relation to the Rainey street murders. here in Austin. Welcome to the show. Our good friend, Chester Moore. How you doing bud?



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Hey, man, great to be on your program. It's always an honor and privilege and you always ask good questions. So I'll never know we're going to end up here. Well,



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man, last time I saw you we were it was Phalke, monster fest actually, was the last time and that was that was quite a few months ago. So I'm glad to be looping back around and saying you quite literally after after you won the award. How did that come about? That is really awesome.



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The Press Club of Southeast Texas does annual excellence in Media Awards. And you gotta realize this is I want to I've been so blessed to win a lot of awards in the wildlife outdoors realm. And I know what I'm gonna join the Press Club, there's such a prestigious organization and and I'm gonna enter some of my stuff and won a bunch of stuff and I won overall podcast excellence for dark outdoors and I also won investigative best investigative program for the show I did last year on the horse killings in Texas.



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Yeah, and we have had quite quite the train over the last year of just straight Ain't weird things going on like right as we were together last was when the cattle mutilations started up in Texas. And that got to the point where the local sheriff's were like, We're beyond bamboozled locals. If you have information like that blew my mind that they went to social media.



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I could not that was what really got me on that one. And of course, once that happened, I don't think they were prepared for the the avalanche with inquiries and reports. And I could't get

think they were prepared for the the avalanche with inquiries and reports. And I couldn't get them on the phone. But I talked to a local Fox affiliate who couldn't come on the phone either after that. And you know, and it's funny, because out of that program that me and my friend Jeff Stewart did about the cattle mutilations. People are still downloading that stuff. I just talked with a guy two days ago in Oregon, who owns 6000 acres and had a cattle mutilation on his property in the middle of nowhere in Oregon last weekend. Well, so a lot of crazy stuff going on. And just when I think I'm gonna get to take a break from investigating, something else pops up, we got to jump in to



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where we were just talking before we hit record and everything. And just so you're aware, crypto Hawk was the guest just before your segment here. So perfect, perfect. Great guy back. Oh, he's great. Whenever I get to hang out with you guys at conferences, it's always awesome conversation on the side. You guys. Both do amazing work in the field of field research and be in hip deep in it. And once again, dark outdoors came to you through your work For Texas Parks and Wildlife. You have numerous books like I'm the owner of Texas waterfowl, Texas trout guide.



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Yes, Texas fishing. Texas Parks and Wildlife



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tax a fishing game. I'm sorry, yeah,



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I don't work. I don't think the state would hire me. But I think I actually did a lot of freelance work for them back in my college days,



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written the book on numerous things regarding specific wildlife stuff here in the state of Texas. So



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yeah, and you know, it's a great quote, it's a great way you set that up, because in the, in the context of just going to enjoy outdoor pursuits, and get information for people, I kept finding myself in weird situations, dangerous situations. And it kind of like went to a head when I released my heart book, you know, complete the whole book, I had a lot of speaking engagements that were brought to me about hogs. And at the end, I did a q&a at one of them.

And, and someone said, Hey, Chester, what is the most dangerous thing in the woods. And I know they thought I was about to say, a hog or a grizzly or a rattlesnake. And without even blinking, I said, people, yeah, and the conversation got interesting. And then on my radio program I do on Newstalk, 560, kill VI and more outdoors. A little while after that, I just told one of my stories of an encounter in the wild, or almost didn't make it home. And the human hands, and the phones lit up and I couldn't take all the call. So I had to figure out how to make a media platform out of this, but preserve some investigative integrity. So we just do seasons of the program, I might put out 15 episodes a year, because it's so in depth of what it takes to put this stuff out. It's not normal, true crime. I don't want to know why some nut job fantasize about cutting someone's head off. I don't care. I don't want to know that detail. I want to know how they got caught. I want to know why more of these people aren't getting caught and how people can read these signs to stay alive in the outdoors, you know, in my realm, because I you know, it's interesting, you know, back in the 80s, like a lot of the horror movies were sitting in the woods, right? That was a scary place to go. And then came kind of back to like, you know, Freddy Krueger comes in, it's in your house. And it's in your dream. Yeah. And you're gonna have that as a pop culture thing. And the cities became quite dangerous. But we're getting to the point now where predators have realized, and I'm talking human predators. We also talk about wildlife predators on my program as well. But they realize that there's this big interest in camping, hunting, fishing wildlife, and they can do their evil deeds in places where people least expect it and they have less chance of being caught. And those are the places I like to go fly fish and people like to camp. People like to go with their families. And so that's what dark outdoors is about. And I'll tell you what, brother when I started the program, I thought, you know, it'll get over it'll, it'll be successful to good topic, and hopefully it'll save some lives, but I had no idea there was sponsz in terms of feedback, and stories and people sharing things, and you know, the smiley face thing popping up is one case because in season one of dark outdoors and 2022 Me and my friend William Ramsay and William Ramsay investigates, we talked about the smiley because William has done two documentaries on this. And then in season two, I wasn't going to do a smiley face killers when he did one. And then the thing and Randy schreeten, and Lady Bird Lake popped up in Austin, and I'm like, it's in my backyard, you know?

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Yeah. And I mean, this was something that popped up a while back from different drummer about, about the connection between the two and seeing a smiley face. And before we get into all of that, what was your experience that because I mean, once again, you you lived a life outdoors, you work out doors, all kinds of things. But what was that experience that really steeled you in this way in and put you down a different path of trying to educate people? Chest? Well,

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there were a couple, but the one that was the one that was like when I shared it, you know, 10 years later after it happened and shared it that the shockwaves went through all my listeners, and I got more feedback than I've ever gotten anything was me and my dad were in Humboldt County, California, God in truth in 2002. I had just realized my dream of shark cage diving with great whites out of San Francisco to cool. And my dad didn't go on that but he went to the trip with me and we wanted to go see the redwoods and be in people that were in the cryptozoology. We want to go up to Willow Creek area and all that a California and we talked to

some locals and he said look, it's a great I've just gotten generation three night vision goggles, and we have like audio recording stuff, because look, it's been a lot of reports and things up in this one area in the truly elk are running. And at night up there and you're gonna hear this chorus of elk bugle, this beautiful tip. So we went up, they're gonna camp out to probably midnight or so and go drive back 50 miles where we're staying a little Lodge. And we went to the top of this mountain, we're probably up at about 6007 miles 7000 feet. And the top of the mountain had a road that went on both sides of the mountain. We took the left side where we're told to drive about a quarter mile down and park and on this logging road, and there's the valley and you know, you could we actually saw elk when we got there right before dark and we get here on bugling. It was really cool. Yeah. And I'm sitting there to just gotten dark and I'm looking through my night vision goggles, and I see a light beam coming right up the rim of the canyon from us, like right up to us and my god, dad, so I got like Shawn mattes, and I pulled my goggles off, and there was no light. And that because I don't see a lightest blue, they must have shut it off. I put the goggles back on. And now the light is going down where I can see a trail, but it was going and I said no. I said now I see a light. You know, it goes I don't see it. And I look and pull the goggles off and there's no light and it clicked. Someone had infrared goggles and an infrared light down there and they probably weren't looking for elk. Yes, I've been told about drug trade in the area. But we have it in Texas to triangle

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there is no idea of that. Yeah, there is right there. Bam.

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Brother, let me tell you something about we let his

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That's right. It gets worse. So I said that we gotta go we had rented a little SUV, you know, you know for the trip. And we threw everything we had in in two minutes. We're headed out there I turn the lights of the car on and down the other longing road across the mountain road about a maybe a half mile away. I see lights turn on a vehicle. So I knew someone down on the bottom signaled someone over there. And so we jetted out of there and this this vehicles coming at us. I hit the log and I hit the main road down the mountain probably five to seven seconds before the other vehicle did. And this is the first time I've really driven in mountains. You know, I'm from 14 feet elevation on the Texas coast, you know, yeah. And I was going 75 to 80 down that mountain to keep them off of us. And they were trying to ram us at one point. When they were trying to push us they got on the other side trying to push us off the mountain. And I knew we had encountered drug trade right then. And we got to the base of this highway which was in the middle of nowhere, literally. And we turned to go back west and then they turned back around and went the other direction. And I immediately called the Forest Service the next

morning and they said oh that was that was drug on and you're lucky you're alive. Yeah. And when I shared that story cuz literally, if we had not gotten out, if we had not listened to our gut and left, we probably would have been killed right then. Yeah. And oh, because they were literally trying to push us off. I've never been, you know, so that I shared that one. And that really resonated. So that's what really got me going. And then the other things have happened. But that's the one that went, you know, when I told the story on the air, I literally couldn't get to all the calls. And then the emails kept coming. And I'm like, there's something to this, it's resonating. And if this is happening to other people, we need to start covering this journalistically to save some lives.



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And now, I'm here in Texas, let's let's move this experience to Texas, because that is where a lot of your work has happened. things you've done, you've done animal counts for wildlife departments all over the country. Now, all kinds of things. But at what point did you start seeing these issues popping up more and more in the forests of Texas, specifically in the suburban forests of Texas? Well, because I grew up in West Houston, man, I'd go out and hit buffalo by you all kinds of things. I don't know that I would go walk buffalo by you the way I used to like snake hunting and snow.



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It's changed the way I look at all this stuff. What happened was, I kind of immediately started seeing things a little differently, if that makes any sense. And there's just one barrier islands here. And there's great fishing there. And I was doing some wildlife research there. And there was there was a body found there. It said, this is this is around the same time of this incident in California. Unfortunately, it was the body of the Naria Finley a beautiful little three year old girl taken from her home. Yep, in orange, Texas, where I live and deposited on this island in Port Arthur, Texas, where everybody in our community goes to fish on the weekends, you know, yep. And it's in an area. I fished in 100 times. And that right there still unfortunately unsolved case. And then other things really made me click to that. And then you start looking at some of the history of some of these areas out here and some of the bizarre things that have gone on in the missing people. And I started seeing missing people and headlines in the piney woods, for example. And while those people are still missing 1015 years later, you know, and there's no resolution to the case. And I knew that there was something going on, there was a change culturally for the dark side. And it was just it was really was the dinar, Finley case, and and then the aftermath of all that. And then there's some things I had in the same general area before were like, you know, I come out of this, I was doing a red wolf research project, and I came out of this marsh. And there were two guys with a prostitute on top of a car right next to my car. Oh, God, broad daylight. And, you know, I won't go into details of course, and, and, you know, I, I left and I'm like, got out of dodge. And I'm thinking, I hope this poor lady lives. You know what I mean? It was so insidious. And I'm like, if people are getting this bold, like there's a dozen places they could have pulled over other than by my vehicle, you know what I mean? Yeah. And just stuff like that. You would see that was real criminal. And it you brought up something, it's these. It's dangerous in the back country, but it's these kind of suburban forest that are probably the most dangerous areas of all. Yeah, and it really even goes back to the 1946 Moonlight Murders in Texarkana where the Phantom Killer went to lovers lanes, and it translated into the Zodiac Killer and, and stuff like that. And in creating these crimes of

recognition, there's a guy that I think is the Zodiac Killer. I'm gonna do a podcast about this. His name was Edward Wayne Edwards. I think he's as high a candidate he's a he's a proven convicted double Lovers Lane murderer. wanted the most wanted man in America in 1964 Lovers Lane murder that he the police found at the scene. Oh, I can get the body. And anyway, he wrote a book called and he was supposedly a travel a country as a reformed criminal. And he talked about I like to create crimes of recognition growing up so I could sit back and watch the newspaper respond to a bank robbery or whatever it was, and I might identify but my crimes live on and I think that he and translates now to the smiley face killers thing. Sure, because once ghanim and the other guys, the original police in New York who kind of were the pioneers of this and that William Ramsay got involved? People knew of the MO. And now it's iconic. And I think it's gonna be a lot harder for these people to get away with it. I think that's kind of what we're seeing in Austin is like all these deaths and it kind of stops, right? Yeah, yeah, but the MO is out there. And it's a symbol and icon. Now, that is terrifying people. And it's happening. And the reason you know, you might look at the smiley face killers thing because they usually come out of a bar and disappear. And think that's not outdoors related, but all the bodies are dumped in a lake or river. And I said, I have to start looking at this because we fishermen are the most likely to see a body dump. Were the ones that are most likely to find the body the body dump. And especially guys like me like to night fish or find little places in the middle of nowhere Lady Bird Lake

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with all of the URL. There's a there sculling crews that go through there early in the morning, there's a you know, people going out on their kayaks all day. All kinds of things. And so

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that's that was my gateway into getting into this because I'm like, Hold on This is, this is my domain. This is the great outdoors and a fisherman could be the key eyewitness or, you know, if this is a group of people, if there's more than one especially, and you're the guy who looks over and they don't know that you're over on the side of the bank and kept fishing all night or garfish and, or whatever, and they see you, maybe you become a victim, you know. So those are things that brought me into this, like I'm not gonna do you know, some serial killer who invites people to his house and chops them up. That's not what we do in dark outdoors. But this is almost in your face it like the Lady Bird Lake thing. And let's say this, we cannot prove it's the smiley face. We can't,

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we can't but yeah, and that's because the smiley face killers have never been proven. We never it's, I were I remember first hearing about the smiley face killer case on Coast to Coast AM like back in 2003, something like that. Yeah. litigators from New York who had just gotten together and connect their cases with cases in Washington.

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Yeah. And what it was they were like they had these bizarre cases that they just did just

Yeah. And what it was they were like, they had these bizarre cases that they just did just couldn't shake the fact that like, they've been gone for six weeks. And the coroner said they had been in the water for 48 hours. Yeah, you know, that kind of stuff. And then they see these other cases. And it kind of goes in like, it's almost like we're talking about a Bigfoot flap, or a UFO flap, a bunch of a bunch of encounters or whatever. Well, that's kind of what this is like that there are areas that seem to get hit, and then it moves on to maybe comes back. And the one case that got me into going I definitely got is the Tod guide case, which was he left a party in a basically a cornfield, you know, in a rural area, and they found him in a guy's lake. And for him to get to that lake and happened to just be so drunk and fall in and drown. was so preposterous. And then they did tests on the body and things like that. And that yeah, that's it the feet. Yeah, I mean,

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this was that was happening right at the say, started happening right at the same time as the smiley face killings, and they didn't know if it was connected or what but they were like, feet keep washing up. And they've continued washing up. It's been

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nothing weird here. Their feet showing up on the beach. Nothing strange to see known as


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easy just a foot. Like Yeah. And once again, I loved your hypothesis that that this is a dark web phenomenon. There has been a long held theory out there, I guess, really more hypothesis than theory, long held hypothesis of the fact that many possible string serial killings that have ties across the country might be like truckers. Yeah, someone like that. Who has a transient lifestyle that runs across a route. But you may not catch them for years and years and years because they kill like two people in a state. And then yeah, and then the jurisdictions in


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another state, and the jurisdictions change. Yeah. And there's something that you and I talked about with the cattle mutilations, I think that needs to be looked at when it comes into serial killers. So when America first really got introduced probably to serial killers is probably the Ted Bundy case. I mean, that's when it became like this known thing, this monster who had did all this Reign of Terror from Washington down to Florida, right? But so people who were in a true crime can rattle off this, this and this marker and this now, because of the internet in history, these evil people who want to do these things now have the luxury of being able to back engineer killings. So yeah, they can go, well, typical mo of a serial killer is to use the same method, I'm gonna use a different method every time. You're, I'm gonna change it up to break the whatever, I'm gonna crawl across the jurisdiction. No one thought of that back in the 70s. But now, these people have the unfortunate luxury being able to do things like that to evade people. And with the smiley face killer phenomenon. For those who don't know, it's where young men typically young men are between like 20 and 30, are found in they disappear, mainly, usually from a nightclub or a party. They are sometimes seen, maybe having a couple

of drinks, but leaving like completely obliterated, like they were spiked in a drink or something, they disappear. Maybe they're found three weeks later, in a body of water. They're ruled of drowning, because they're in a body of water, but the coroner says they've been in the water, 24 hours, 72 hours, not 21 days. So where were they for the last 18 days, you know, very bizarre stuff. And you know, you've had bodies move dozens of miles from where the person was supposedly went in the water at and all kinds of stuff. So different people have a pocket size that it's something like William Ramsay mentioned, the traded on the dark web. And that makes the most sense. I like like an MMO. Like, this is something it's like, it's like, it may be a chore doing one in one city and the other guy, his buddies over here doing something in another city. Yep. But it all falls into the same category. And

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almost reminds me of that movie eight millimeter. Yes. Yeah. Nicolas Cage. Yeah. And that kind of thing.

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And I Now granted, traveling across the country, like I have things like that, that that is one thing that I have thought about more than once is my God, how easy would that be? To to be somebody who does that transiently? And, and to be able to just go and somebody random? In every city? And yes, if if sharing an MO one of the things that I watch regularly on the road? is how to catch a smuggler? Yeah, on on Nat Geo, it'll just be something that I have on in the background. Yeah, really, whenever I am watching that, like, there'll be some dude that has like a pretty complex method. They'll ask him like, Wow, how'd you get to this point? And he's like, Well, you know, I watched a lot of shows like this, and that kind of stuff and just kind of saw what not to do. Like, see, like I said, Dexter watching shows like CSI, you know, that kind of stuff, where it's like, oh, well, that's how they catch him. You know, so So

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now I'll avoid X, Y, and Z. Yeah. So they just I don't get caught. It's kind of I think the mentality of some of these people and their, with this particular thing, you know, this came really into the consciousness after like the there was a body found in February, and in ladybird Lake and didn't want in March thing was the third and then April 1, April 15. Yeah, there was really those of them. There was for like, bam, bam, bam, you know, it's like a bunch. And there was one actually back in 2022, as well, I think it was in December. That's kind of affiliated with this. And then there was one found June 27. So later on, and of course, they're all ruled drownings, because they were found in the water. And my thing is this,

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yeah. Hey, if bodies ate, yeah, and

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it goes back years because their families from a few years back I'm just talking about the the recent flap that say, Hey, my relative was not John, don't drowning by falling in the stupid water. Something else happens. But for and then we had the fifth one happened in June and the one back in 2001. Two and then go back further. And it's all this area. And my question is this and and I'm not a genius. I'm not the greatest investigator in the world, but I'm fairly intelligent. There are people getting hammered every single night in Austin, and my clubs near ladybird lake

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right next to it. I mean, it's called the Rainey street murders because it happened on Rainey street like last scene partying on right In the street, a few blocks,

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yeah, it's right there by ladybird lake. And then for these to happen all of a sudden the same kind of situation. And but it brings up something interesting. I don't have the ages in front of me. But for smiley face killer stuff, it's a little off on ages a little older than some of the typical smiley face killer demographic has been, because most of that's been 18 or 20 to 30. Really, but 18 to 30. Israel a little bit older, a couple of them. But once again, I asked a question Has someone said, You know what, I'm gonna throw a curveball by getting the 45 year old guy, or are a little bit older. I don't know. But and then what gets me if it's all this partying in in this is, you know, in the winter part of it. It's all of this, how come there just aren't people dropping dead every week or every month in the lake it ladybird Lake? Yeah, what was different about this timeframes, we have to we really have to ask is it fits the profile, and there was one gentleman last place he was seen was at a food truck, you know, and disappears from a group. And that seems to be something that these people do is they like to find someone that's in a group and wanders off from the group, and like, you know, kind of isolates themselves and makes themselves, you know, available. And one of the things i i think is involved, and I have no doubt about I'm not saying even in this range, strict with particular, but there has to be people and nightclubs involved in this. There have to be some people, waiters, owners, somebody security, that is somehow involved, because there's nightclubs tied into all of this stuff. And, you know,

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as part of the profile of the cases is that they were all, like we were saying they were all pretty much last seen in a bar.

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Now, there are a few on the east coast to like, read, like one of them was at a basketball game, and there's things like that, but these these ones, were down centered in that party district of Austin, you know, and pretty much we're having a good time with your friends or whatever. And so I think and in some of these cases, that definitely there's someone on the inside somewhere that's involved has even been theories that some of these cases in the past that involve traveling musicians, who are playing clubs, some of these things, and they're traveling, and that would be an easy way to get in and out and not be suspect if you're the traveling band if you're a member of a band or, or things like that. So those are just things that need to be and one of the things I really want to get across is this Look, man, I've been clean and sober my whole life. I never partied, that wasn't my thing. If it is that's fine. That's fine. I don't know. But, but be smart. Please. If you're going out, don't go alone. Yep. Don't go with someone's and get more messed up than you. And be very careful of who approaches you, you know, in their level of interest in you. Well, that's something

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even things like Don't Don't make yourself a target. Like, Austin is what I work in. As you know, as most of my audience knows, I work in the live event industry like yeah, I work in corporate AV and convention centers all over the country. The number of people in Austin, Texas is one of the only convention centers I've seen that as signs on your way out the door that says remove your conference name badge. And smart says Do you see where it's like 10,000 people leave in the place with a bag of swag their purse and name badge that means you are not from town? You have disposable income. Why not have a bunch of treats in your bag? Yeah, like Yeah, made yourself a target.

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That's a great point straight. That's a great point. Yeah. And

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situational awareness, you know, and like going out into the wilderness. Like, have you told somebody the direction you're heading? Have you given them a waypoint like hey, if I don't contact you in four hours, call me

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you know, and that's a great point because I always recommend this in the outdoors. Even just for getting injured in the middle of nowhere purposes. You know, like always say, have a game plan let at least two people know where you're gonna go and what time you expect to be home and when to call the Calvary right.


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That makes sense to say that like let me know where you're going which direction you're

headed and what time to expect you so I know which way to send the cops if you don't come home.

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Yeah, and you know, it goes back I remember you talking about situational awareness and like the party districts and your name tag and all this and being aware I mean, we my bands

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are going out and drinking with their frickin name tags on and stuff like yeah, so

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somebody's already got the name. Somebody's already got their social media profile where they live. Have their GPS Yeah,

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if they're single married, those things have a frickin QR where it's like shoot it get my LinkedIn number all kinds of things.

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Yeah, it's getting too personal man. I remember back when my band freak 13 I had back in the early 2000s We played New Orleans quite a bit. Because this is only four hours from us over here in orange where I live and we have a friend of mine from California and mass she looked like a penthouse pet. I've never seen any one ever get attention from guys when they walked by it was like the Moses parting the Red Sea. So we were at a club and they were all getting hammered. I was the I was the designated driver. A place in down in Bourbon Street area at like two o'clock in the morning. And it was Mardi Gras time and she decided she Yeah, exactly. She decided she wanted to go walk the streets to walk it off by herself. And I said girl I wouldn't let a guy friend of mine do this much less someone who the time was like 24 It looks like you there's no flip in all I thought she was gonna physically fighting because he was hammered. But I said you're I'm going with you I'll walk outside and just no way. So you have to have that such an awesome that's the other thing I want to bring up with that. Be very vigilant with your friends don't let them go off alone when they're when they've had too much to drink too much smoke whatever whatever situation they're in follow them be with them if they want to fight

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for being responsible and catching a lift wait outside with them. Yeah, you know make

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them go by themselves because that could end up in tragedy and things like this and you know when you look at the Austin in the LinkedIn smiley face killers I mean almost every marker is there. Not every set of cases is the same. The Austin is a perfect city for this because I believe one of the it's a media hub now. It is a growing city it's a governmental city. And I think part of this is going back to the ED Edwards thing which is creating crimes of recognition now my crime lives on while I'm in the shadows back here and creating this terror that goes beyond the crime itself and just keeps living on well

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even even your connection that you made in the presentation at Foulke with which was so well done and the connection of serial killings across the country specifically Lovers Lane killings things like yeah, and public parks because and to connect these things together poori a part of the MO with the with the smiley face killers as people have alternative lifestyle Yeah, and and that goes right along with the Lovers Lane thing.

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Yeah, in the Lovers Lane thing is you know, that's kind of almost a cliché now because you see it horror movies and everything like that, but it wasn't

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you after that. Yes. Was Yes. The Zodiac The image of the Zodiac killers signature is your image in the connection with the Zodiacal image for Earth. In the modern bomb image, the exact same

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you know, whoever this guy was new, a lot of esoteric stuff, you know, but I even gone before him the Phantom Killer of Texarkana never officially thing created immediate sensation at the time was on every radio program in America was on Time Magazine back in New York Times. And his crimes are getting recognized. He's striking terror in areas where people are going to enjoy themselves and I think I might have told the story but I knew about that case, of course from the movie The Charles be pierced with the towel, the Dreaded Sundown. And dark outdoors is a great my favorite podcast I did was on the Town That Dreaded Sundown in the Phantom Killer guy. Greg movie, but I remember being terrified. And I remember me and my now wife then girlfriend going parking. And brother. Hormonal film. 17 year old swimming

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at night after watching Jaws guy. Yeah.



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The same night but I've seen the movie recently and we go to park and I remember it was I remember this like clicking my seatbelt off. She clicks hers off. I kiss her as far as I got and all of a sudden there's a heavy handed knock on the window. And in my mind, I was gonna turn around there's gonna be a guide on white hood.



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guide a sack, man.



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I'm dead. It's over. And I look and it's a cop. And 17 I'm like is it a real cop? Yeah, and I roll the window down he goes, son, you and girlfriend there might want to go talk somewhere else little dangerous over here. So I stayed out of there like a bat out of hell. And that shot the mood for the night. That was it. But, but it was it was that idea of creating terrorists. So think about this. Yeah. Because that guy did that in 1946. There was a movie, I thought of that in that moment in like 1991, ya know? So that's what



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they mean by crime of recognition is it it's something that get and if you think about that, if you think about the idea of the smiley face killers being not not a person or even two people working together moving around, but an MMO that is passed along. Yeah, through a thread through through some dark webs are Tor means something like that, that really sets up for a much greater crime of recognition amongst the group, which is a bigger thrill for everybody. Yes.



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Like they're getting they're getting over with their with their evil buddies. Yeah. Well, you know,



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like, you get to you get to get off on your buddy's killing.



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Yeah, it's like, Hey, this guy did this in Texas, and we're done in Washington or Chicago had a recent con,



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I get this the second Thursday off, you know, I get I get to see what Bobby's doing this month. Yeah. And it's,



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you know, there's international William Ramsay second doctrine, we talked a lot about the international type of things like this. And there have been some people arrested for other related type crimes that could have been involved in some of these, they just didn't fess up to you know, that were involved in attacking young men. But it's still a great mystery. And it's, but it is a point to talk about just situational awareness. And, and the other thing that concerns me about this coming into Texas, okay? Is it's almost like it's testing the waters. Like, okay, we did this, we hadn't got caught. There's a lot of media stuff, we created a frenzy. But we got plenty of metro areas here in Texas, and there's even evidence of a similar killing. In Houston. The ended up in the end, yes. And that'll end up being on another program. I'm currently working on some things on that one that was before these. And I think it was in 2021 2022. That was very similar, but ended up in the Houston Ship Channel, the person and, and it's very similar. So it's almost like testing the waters, and of where we can where they can go with this. And often, you know, there's probably more dumb young people in Austin. Just because it's a party place. Everybody's wanting to go have a good time. They don't know which town don't go to school. And often typically, just because it's the greatest education, a lot of them go because it's a fun place. Yeah. And so that element of it makes people feel invincible. I always grew up thinking I was, I was like, going to be the next slasher victim. So I was I was the opposite of that. And it probably served me well. But a lot of people just think, Hey, we're gonna go have a good time, have a few drinks. And then this some kind of a horror ends up happening. And the greater idea you brought up of the serial killers traveling things, and I did the episode from this season that probably shocked the most people was the one I did about the Sam Houston National Forest, in the body in the barrel. And all of the missing and all the missing people that were part of this, that were part of all of this. And you know, the same Houston National Forest has a lot of missing people around the corridor, right? Yeah. Which, and I think that one of the things that people were thinking is probably some kind of a killer. There's been a lot of John Doe's and Jane DOE's and then they ended up finding a body in a barrel like I live across the street from it. And this guy and his brother are kidnapped and raped three women in the late 70s. The guy was a juvenile. It was killing and raping. He got like, wrist slapped went to juvie has been out all this time. He lives across the street from Sam Houston National Forest. There was a body in the barrel at his house, could that possibly be connected to disappearing people? It was worth asking questions about but what I think the bigger thing you and I have talked about, and there's a theme kind of hidden here is how come officials aren't making more connections to some of these things? Yeah, I don't get why. Like, no, we shouldn't be suspicious of this. guy who kidnapped and raped three women with a 17 was 20 year old brother. And living on the edge of the air was a lot of John Doe's. Jane DOE's and missing people. He couldn't be a suspect. So I think there's some of that to where like, there's almost a blindness in law enforcement.



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Yeah, yeah. And I think also sometimes Chester there is there is a want to just wrap it up. Yeah, yep. You know, as and I hate saying that. I hate saying that. One to wrap it up as quickly as

possible. Sure, you know,

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yep. It goes back to jurisdictional things if this thing happened in Jefferson County, or Cameron County, and then it happens over here in Harris County. Yeah, then you got all these? So I think it's some point, I think because there are a lot of good law enforcement people doing a lot of hard work there are and I think at some point, there will probably be more streamlined approach to find in some of this stuff. And we'll we'll get some, we'll get some some closure on some of this. And it

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is it is another fact of the matter that I keep bringing it up in so many topics, whether it's Bigfoot research men, whether it's whether it's UFO UAP research, I keep saying I cannot wait until we unleash the power of AI in the MUFON archives. But once you start releasing the power of AI into investigations like this, and unsolved cases across the country, brother the connections that we're going to find that we would have departments would have never crossed found

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our web and then we get the Terminator, so I don't know.

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Now granted as long as we keep feeding them what we have on the internet I know keep them pretty stupid chess,

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I'm just the Terminator generation. So I have five here with this Oh

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saying here like Skynet all the way. Once again, they're they're what we have on the internet. So just as stupid as the next I hold hope for the fact that it will be just as generally stupid as mankind. Because information it is absorbing.

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It depends on who they absorb. I know a few folks if they get absorbed, it's gonna be a negative AI is gonna be a null and void. I think most of them are in office somewhere. But



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being able to leverage that technology and investigations like this, to be able to really fine tooth comb with that it's going to be amazing,



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especially in things like composite photos, you know of eyewitnesses. I mean, I truly believe that Jeffrey Dahmer actually killed Adam Walsh in 1981 If you look at that case, because the composite Dahmer lived 20 minutes from where Adam Walsh was that year yeah. And you know, collected heads. And he was seen at the mall the day before and the day of I opened this composite didn't look like artists tool. It looked like Jeffrey Dahmer. And nobody knew until 1991 A Jeffrey Dahmer was but I'm saying is Yeah, technology could help with some of these composites and things like that and narrowing, narrowing things down to what's going on. But it's, you know, criminals are getting more intelligent because of like, we talked about all the information out there. So we're gonna have to get more intelligent in our awareness in things and and how we do things and and, you know, I'm a very positive person. I mean, I'm a follower of Christ. I'm positive, I believe in goodness. And but we got to be aware, I had a friend of mine share something with me two days ago, a woman friend of mine, I think she's like 40. Now, she said about seven or eight years ago, this car, turns around on the road, and just starts literally falling and just comes right behind her and follows her. Oh, she said, maybe it maybe I'm, you know, maybe I'm like, paranoid. So I'm gonna take a weird road, and just see if they turn they turn with them turned on another one, they turn with them. And so she ended up going to where her husband works good. And in like, there's like a checking gate. She almost crashes into the check in gates to get there and said, Hey, you'll get my husband, this guy, the guy pulled up behind them. And one of the work guys went in front of him and this guy had a woman's wig on and he ends up being Oh, creeps out on him. And then he leaves but he saw her something about her registered with this guy and followed her all around. And I think with the internet and things like that we have these people doing this to us without us knowing it because of our electronic imprint. Oh sure. People following and doing things that's why I like when I do a public appearances and things like that. I'm very, I'm very guarded. Sometimes, and I kind of listened to what people are saying about how much they know about certain things. And they ever crossed the line of saying too much about, you know, certain family member of mine or too much information going, they got too much of an interest here. There's just no reason for me talking about dangerous wildlife for them to ask me about some family event that I went to then they live, I stayed away from it, you know? Yeah. Yeah.



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Like, hey, you know, if we were having a casual conversation over barbecue at the last show, and then I see you again, yeah, that's a different story. But yeah, and I use the, the turn of phrase all the time of, you know, lately, Google stalking my guests. I had a guy.



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So that was my

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job, as a former on air producer was like, Hey, go find this guest. So I would have to like, it's not like we had a phone number. You go contact the guests. So it was my job to Google stock, a guest to find where they were publicly available, and how to get in touch with them. And, you know, and find out what they're all about. So yeah, whenever I hop on the phone for the first time with somebody, and I know, all these things are like, Whoa, how do you know all that? I'm like, Yeah, I was lightly Google stalking you before our first meeting.

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I had a guy 20 years ago, showed up at my parents house looking for me, oh, a guy that I had shot photos. No. And this was right before digital photography was good enough to use in publications, and was always shooting slide film. And I had taken pictures on this fishing trip for a magazine of him catching fish and stuff like that, and then published and he had called me and wanted copies a pitcher, sort of, I don't even have them right now. If I get them back from the magazine, I'll send you a couple. Well, he called again, a week later, I said, Man, I don't have this stuff. And I kind of forgot about it. And then my mom calls me, hey, this guy just showed up at our house, he lived three hours away. And my dad had the same name, he showed up at my house and I was eating dinner at another friend's house and I came over there and I I felt like Darth Vader in their turn of Revenge of the Sith off like panel, I was not happy with him, you know, but it was just, you know, it can happen to anybody. So you got to be careful out there and do that. And there's a lot of stuff in there's a lot of, you know, there's an entertainment component to what you and I do. We're providing people with a way but it's also what we do is information, you know, we're trying to provide good, good information. And I'm excited about where the dark outdoors platform is filling in. For you,

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dude, it's it's fantastic to see you win those awards is. That's great. That's great. Well, hard earned and deserved man.

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And I appreciate especially coming from year I respect, you know, the level of, of real journalism you do. And in the excellent, you put in all your digital platforms. And you know, I am working on a book. I was going to have a book this year. But what I had was to Texas, Louisiana centric, because that's where I live, I live in this region. And I needed stuff more from around the nation that fit these profiles. So by next fall, for sure, there will be a dark outdoors book. Awesome. And what I have so far is wild Albans, there's going to be we won an award for a documentary called Journey into the dark outdoors. And that was based on my first Dark outdoors talk, why announce it and my friend Greg Boyle heaters felt monster festival. Yep. And we're going to do a much more in depth documentary, and it's gonna it's gonna involve crimes of recognition stuff. And we're gonna see where it goes. We're begin filming some of this next week. So a lot of things going on out there. And you know, as an investigator, it's, it's

fascinating to look at some of this. And but here's the testimony though. One of the things I give this free PDF to people, and it's my it's my dark out door safety tips. Oh, awesome. And I, if anybody wants to email me at Chester at Chester more.com, and I'll email to you for free. And it's my it's the things I personally do. And



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I will make sure to put it in our knowledge vault,



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through it on our website.



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I'll do that and I give it to people. And one of the things is very simple. I call it strategic parking when I go into an area, and I always make sure that I park there's two things about how I park that I'm parked the direction that I need to retreat from their area. Yep. So don't have to be back up, and that comes from watching slasher flicks as a kid you know you back up at Camp Crystal Lake and Jason sticks machete through the windshield. I mean, that's just common 80s Kids



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think I ever saw the Dukes of Hazzard have to kick it in reverse to get out of



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there. No, no, the Ducks knew what was up the GM teenagers at Camp Crystal Lake Park out in the mud puddle. Absolutely. So park park where you're gonna turn around, do whatever Park exactly the direction you need to go. But also, park where you can see if you're hiking or camping or fishing or hunting park where you can see your vehicle at least 50 yards away and approach it slowly and quietly to make sure no one is casing you and waiting there in that spot. Oh, so that's one of the thing. Here's cool. I've had at least five people tell me they now Park strategically because of the podcast just out of the blue, which was great. And I had an ad another woman who goes out and collects arrowheads and just whatever she looks on by herself in the middle of nowhere and Daisy Dukes and stuff and posted it on social media. She's quit the social posting good. And she said she went she's going to concealed carry class. Good.

So making people think more. So that's really the realm of this that we want to get to is saving lives. Close. Look, I'm from Texas, and I'm not politically correct. Okay. And I'm not a violent man.

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You are, you are Monreal as the world around you, buddy.

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If a modern day Ted Bundy comes between me and my family in the woods. They're gonna be doing an autopsy on the modern day, Ted Bundy. Me and my family. Yeah, I'll

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tell you where to find the body.

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Yeah, we're gonna go home here and there's the I'm coming out. My family is gonna come out of the woods. This guy might not make his his choice. So it's all about fat and even like the dangerous wildlife stuff, man. I mean, the dog show that the most downloaded dark Outdoor Show, believe it or not, was my feral dog attack show? Oh, I wouldn't doubt it. I wouldn't. And I've had my own run ins with that. And they're on the show. And the amount was so what's happening now is you know, people are not taking their dogs to kill shelters. And if they can't take care of them in a lot of cities still have kill shelters, yet. They're letting these dogs that were too aggressive for their home loose

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in the woods. Yep. And then hack up.

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I saw at one of my favorite fishing spots about I think it was probably an April. I saw it was a Rottweiler a pit bull, a German Shepherd and a Labrador. Somebody dropped off as a pack. Wow. Now, I was like holy smokes, I hope they're friendly. Because if they get hungry, those are big dogs. And what about a little kid out here fishing so you know it's also that situational awareness of that. And it's a comes funny funny stuff always is happening to me so I'm in Yellowstone I'm from Orange Texas. We don't have bears here. We got occasional bears company Louisiana

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family view and all that kind of stuff brother so

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Yellowstone the first time four years ago and I saw grizzly in a distance I was so pumped I photographed it and I love that went back fishing two years ago stone by myself. And the area that I wanted to go into was like I could only see from the creek about 20 yards and it was brushed and Woods and I'm like I'm by myself. If a grizzly pops up it's gonna be right there. Just not smart right now. Right so I went to another area right a more wide open area I could kind of keep scanning looking around, caught a bunch of fish went back to the same spot this year. And then I started another location and thought this is really great. And I caught some Yellowstone cutthroat I was happy to drive a mile down the road. And I posted the photo the other day about mega Sal grizzly and her two cubs. And I'm like I'm glad I saw them while I was still on my vehicle and didn't see them across the stream from me. But I when I went to that first trip there, I'm the first place I went was outside of Bozeman, Montana in a public trout fishing area like a park and it was just a walking trail and in a string that ran through the city there I said there's not going to probably be any grizzly that's possible. And I was told moose come in and be careful I'm fly fishing and I caught a couple of rainbows I so cool. I'm so river runs through it. I'm a Texas kid, Montana. You know I have a good time. And I here behind me and I'm pretty far back in this area on the edge of like when national forest starts. And I look up and I'm going to kind of a bank that goes and I'm on the bottom of the bank of the river and it goes up and I see this tall grass and something models like gray and brown walks through the brush and I hear And I'm like, Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no, he died, you know. And I'm like, keep fishing and I'm just looking all of a sudden I'm thinking it's a grizzly. It's a bear. Something's going on at Santa like one. And I look below me. And there's the biggest standard poodle I've ever seen in my entire life. This total must have been 15. It was like about to die of heat exhaustion. It was like, and it was it just soaked itself in the stream. And I'm loving on the sport portal. And I'm like, I've never been so I don't even like pools. I love you know, my gear. And then I hear a guy holler out the name Sadie. And I'm like, I bet this is some guy's dog. And I walked up and how do you looking for a poodle? And is this guy about a quarter mile was screaming? Yes, she's down here.

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Well, yes, Kareem

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Chester Moore who investigates the smiling face chosen of Chase diver great white shark was scared out of his

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fingers Well, it ain't you know, it's one of those like, many people are not aware of those situations like wild packs of dogs, especially in their in, in their local communities. That is once again one of those situations that you'll see pretty regularly in local forests up around suburban

again one of those situations that you'll see pretty regularly in local forests up around suburban areas, things like that's the

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worst. Worst carrier for you. They'll drive into the city.

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People realize how close wild or hogs are to city like my brother had private property in Katy, Texas, right? blocks away from Katy Mills Mall. His brother in law used to trap hogs on their property. There was a lady that's how close they are to civilization and

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there was a lady last year whose dog was attacked walking in a park and Katie and she got knocked over. And Anna whack which is between Volant and Houston. Four years ago now a lady was killed in a yard by feral hogs and here's the thing everybody that we have one of my shows I did this with a great hog.

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That's a big one that you got there man.

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Yeah, you know that thing. People don't realize

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is that they get they get big, like shoe size bear big. And yeah, I actually have a

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guy that artwork for me and he had the average size grizzly which is 500 pounds. The average size black bears 300 In the middle, a 400 pound hog which is a rarity to get that big, they can get that big shoulder a bear size hogs running around these areas. I trapped four of them out of my city limits where I live in West Orange, Texas four years ago and their hogs have been on my property at the kingdom Z Wildlife Center because we have Woods back here and along the edge of the city. And there's an interesting intertwining between animal conflict, and dogs and people. We all love our dogs. I've got a bullmastiff and I got Adobe and you better not come in my house unless we like you. All right. And after my Adobe thrashes you to death my bullmastiff will come through the death blow you know what I mean? But it's funny because we

use it for kids and our our we love kids, but like to Jack with us, it's over, you know, and people love to take their dogs walking in these areas. And if you look into I'm not even talking about just feral hogs and bears, moose and elk attacks on people. Dogs are involved in about 75% of them, oh, I wouldn't have it. Because the dot the the hogs and the elk and the moose and the bears hate the dog the same as an enemy. And they're just gonna mow you over at the same time. So if you see feral hogs signing your favorite park, don't bring your dog out there. That's going to increase the chances of you being attacked greatly and your dogs certainly being hurt. You know, really, really

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good point, man. And whenever you're talking about things like Hogzilla, and stuff like that, I am one of those that like, I believe it fully in the realm of possibility because all it takes is a single domestic cog. That can That's it. And most people don't realize that like domestic Hogs get big. Dr.

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Jack Mayer and Dr. Jack Mayer of the savanna laboratory was on dark outdoors. He's the world's foremost hog attack expert. Oh, wow. And it's on a dark outdoors episode. And I asked him how long it took a domestic pig if it got loose

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to go feral. They start with a days.

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He said it's and there's no real timeline because it depends on the individual number they're at environmentally Yeah. But he said their behavior will almost immediate At least which yet, and then they'll start going longer hair and all that


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tusks. So what happened? We'll all be feral.


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There are areas where there are massive feral hogs and when I look at them, they look like domestic hogs. Yes. There is a lot of old school. Yes. Lexus, the short snout. Yes, it was old ideology, long horse farmers and stuff that hogs kill snakes. So, I have talked to multiple people who run cattle and stuff on islands and in long the coast that they used to put big domestic like durata, Yorkshire, you know, these kind of domestic breeds that get seven 800 pounds. Yeah, out in the wild. And when me and Lisa were first dating, I took her to a seafood restaurant on


the edge of the nature's River and I go open to a forum like this shivery wasn't dead back then, you know, and I hear the brush popping. And right in front of me in front of the seafood restaurant, which is on the edge of this river was a white covered a lot of mud hog. It looked like it came off a farm but had longer hair. He probably weighed 700 pounds. Wow. Wow. And but there's all these there's all these things like this and a lot of hunting ranches that wanted big hogs they'll go bought. You don't know this, but they'll put buy domestic stock and stock with their stuff to create these super pigs. Yeah, and but it's not even the giant ones. It'll hurt you to meet a little guy in the south. And that's a point I want to get across. So one of the cutest things in nature is a feral hogs out a baby a little piglet. Yeah, a lot. A lot of times they have stripes on them. They'll be in Little Big stripes on they're about that big. And what happens is is little Suzy from all skaters cute too. Yeah, my example always little Suzy from Austin who has the gluten free sandwiches and the essential oils and stuff. And, and she goes out and she's a piece lover man, she you know, she wouldn't hurt her aunt, right? And she's out she's in the park and she sees these big little bitty baby pigs all by themselves. And then all hell breaks loose. Because mama comes out the bushes. And Mama will eat your soul. And so you got to be careful of that as well. If you see cute little piglets leave them alone. Yeah, because Mama's not far. She's gonna be only far enough where she can hear them squeal. Yep. And

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and fast.

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Yeah, and you know, the big ones you talked about? I mean, I think for sure that there are 800 to 1000 pound pigs out there. Oh, in the wilds of the South. I think they're not they're not a common mistake

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have escaped domestic hogs. And you go wild and just

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have hybrid. There's a thing called hybrid vigor where you know, first generation hybrids often are bigger and more powerful. Absolutely. If you have one of these dirty rocks get loose from a farm and it breeds with old feral hog. Because, look, these feral hogs are not real choisi like domestic, wild, I don't care, I want to hook up.

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Pregnant hug gets out, every baby that comes out will be feral.



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Yeah. And while they're not gonna necessarily have



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to make change, while they just stay, it's crazy not going to



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have the nutrition of a easy life of a domestic one, they're still going to be leaner and bigger and taller and an overall bigger and I've seen some of these pigs in the wild before that, like the one I saw 30 years ago. And then I probably get more hogs photos sent to me and anyone in America because of my book hog wild. Yep. And I've probably done more on the giant hordes and cities and anyone on research and people always send me photos. And now the trend the last five years has been people in Houston, people in Tampa, five acres on the edge of the city or they're in the city. And now they got this 250 pound border with six inch tusks in their backyard. And so it's a different world out there. And when it comes to these animals and the thing about hogs, they're hyper intelligent. Yeah, they're very hype. A lot of people who hunt deer and end up killing hogs and hogs are stupid or deer feeder or go off. And a bunch of young pigs come in real easy the first couple of times and they assume they don't come back. Well, that's young ones. Once they get past about that first year. We're talking genius level psychology here on a pig.



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I don't think people remember Green Acres that pit



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Green Acres in your thing. Yeah, I mean, Wilbur was it will work. Things are very, very small Charlotte's Web, man, you know, but but there are here's what you need to remember. We think hogs safety Hannibal. Yes. Oh, Lord have mercy. Remember Hannibal, and that will keep you safe from pigs. Right? You know, right.



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But yeah, there's, there's and this is not to make anybody once again like I used to go out and walk buffalo by you in Houston don't know that I would in that capacity anymore. But I am not afraid of the outdoors. I'm not afraid to go to a public park a state park things. I will still always be fully aware of my surroundings and you should always sure,



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for sure. And here's the thing, if you have any inkling of a thought you shouldn't go into an area

for sure. And here's the thing, if you have one inkling or a thought you shouldn't go into an area don't go don't go. Yeah, there's always another spot to go another time. And that's a key thing. And we're not trying to raise fear. We're trying to raise awareness. Exactly. And, and that's the important glad you brought that up, Chris, because that's an important part of this is the fact situational awareness. And there are areas I just don't go anymore. Because of the criminal activity. I just it's not, it doesn't matter if the fish are there. I got fished and other places I for example, Mexico. All right, mind going back down to Mexico. It ain't happening. Yeah, and I got offered in my position is



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sailed bass fishing down there, man, I knew P brother, peacock bass fishing all the time, things like that



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in the late 90s. I went down there to Lake agua milk on the Pacific coast and caught 350 bass and three days, the largest to date and nine pounder. And the crazy part was, I was shooting photos for magazines half the time, I probably could have got 506 You know, it was incredible. Yeah. And a few mouse. Five years ago, before the pandemic, I got offered to go down to another one of those lakes and I got offered, they take pay my flight, everything give me a bunch of tackle because they wanted people to come down and write about it right word out. And I said, Thank you for thanking me, I appreciate this. But the bottom line is there's no cartel on Samory. And there's not a war going on the streets in Jasper. So I'm gonna go up the road and fish up there. And, you know, just situational awareness and thinking sometimes, you know what, I'm catch a bigger fish, maybe there but I can, I can still catch a fish over here and maybe not have the dangers. And also, another thing is just not limiting yourself. Yeah. You know, you might think I've always been someone who likes to walk, you know, this, whatever will find new places or new things if things are changing differently and just look at it differently. And, and use it as like a thing to educate if you have kids, and all of a sudden you see feral hogs, and that's an educational moment, then have an invasive exotic coming into your city and area. This is why we shouldn't be here. And we hope we can control these animals for our native wildlife sake, and things like that. And I think there's always a chance to educate and hopefully inspire people to go out there and stay alive man.



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I am the same way. Man. I spent years working with teenagers, kids junior high and my son is six not too long ago during the heat of the summer as things. It was right after that first like two or three weeks where it was like 100 degrees before it was like two months of it. And I went to go check the mail one day and picked my shoe up and under my shoe was a decent size scorpion. No, no, there we go. Well, I've been knocking my shoes since. Yeah, they'll do it. Knock on my shoes every day since but I kept it in a jar until my kid got back. My wife was like what are you doing? And he was like, I'm going to show him and I took it out and I put it in a big glass bowl with a big pair of tongs and showed him and showed him the stinger with a magnifying glass and educated him and I was like hey man, you see this you come tell Dad Don't you play with it? Like exactly you come tell mom you come tell Dad you see anything with more legs than you have you come tell us



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to love it don't go with it. He'll never forget that though. So that's



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been within three weeks. He came to me in the living room was like dad there's a there's one of those bugs in my room. And I mean, I mean like inch long total. He saw it on the floor and came and got me



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so there you go. So he's already becoming aware of it said no is wildlife and



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I could have made that a scary experience. You could have made it all kinds of things. I made it interesting instead and used it as a moment to teach him to don't be afraid of a man because of that we ain't got cockroaches.



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No, it's



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good to go to bite you if you jack with it. I like Snoopy and hunting you down. Oh I'm a I'm a huge snake fan.



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I love snakes but if there's a Copperhead in my yard, and City, you probably ain't gonna make as I can take time to relocate him at night, but I've never killed a non venomous snake on my property ever. I like having rats snakes around, they keep the rats away, you know. And that's also a cool thing to teach people. And you know, I like when I do seminars on this stuff. If you want a speaking engagement, I'm great. I can pretty good talker, I'd love to come out to your event and speak if anybody has inquiries on that you can email me Chester, Chester imore.com for speaking of the a lot of that stuff. And you open up the questions, of course at the end, and most people ask great questions. But sometimes they don't like the answer to the question I gave I gave one at an event in the last few months. And they asked me and then like, so if you're in the woods, and you're with your family, and you see a guy with a butcher knife walking down the trail toward you in a white hood on, what are you going to do? I'm going to

say boom, Stop, or I'll shoot and, and they were like, oh, man, God, he sounds violent, you know? And I'm like, Well, here's the thing. My idea is, I said, me and my family. Go home. I didn't Yeah, it's like, boom. That's a warning shot for all PC people. To let them know, I'm serious. And next will be Yeah, center mess.



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Once it's in the air,



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once in the air, and him maybe grazing the head? I don't know. But but, you know, it's like, you know, you got to have fun with this. And that was kind of a flippant, fun answer. But, you know, the whole thing is all want good family, people who are out to just enjoy themselves to stay alive, stay healthy, have an incredible time, enjoy the outdoors. And the work we do with children, our missions, bring the love of Christ to hurting kids to wildlife encounters. That's my heart.



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I love what you do with how you're calling man. It is such a beautiful thing. It's amazing.



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I appreciate that. And I'm about to have an opportunity. I can circle back with another show when I get it done. We're filming a documentary about that as well. Yeah, we're gonna have we're gonna I get to work with one of the kids who worked with before and a new little boy. And we if you have a child that loves wildlife, and it's been through, maybe lost a parent or a sibling or struggling with major depression, or has a critical illness or things like that, reach out to me, we would love to do some kind of special wildlife encounter for them. That's my heart. And that's where really the vigilance that I have in my voice for this comes from seeing what happens to kids. Seeing the tragedies that befall people, yeah, that picture right there is me and Olivia. And she wanted to get the shark cage so me and her I shot to the Texas State aquarium dude to cool. And I just took another girl this summer named Erica Shay, she and I went into the same shark cage, she even had a better time. So that's kids right there that are getting to go with us to release wild turkeys at the National Wild Turkey Federation, Texas Parks and Wildlife. And we want to plant seeds in them to do great for wildlife and give them hope and purpose on what they do. And so it's all about loving the kids and making sure they're safe. And like I said a lot of this circles around my experience dark outdoors and in the case of that missing girl being found where everybody in our community fishes, you know, so it comes back to those tragedies and wanting to give kids love and light and purpose and hope and that's what keeps me motivated and going man like I can check out around adults pretty quick sometimes. Because I'm just a big kid. When I get around kids man I get motivated and I want to I want to let them know that life can still be good even when hardships come you know,



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I have seen you in action on site, man and it is it is a beautiful thing. You have a hardship in your head brother.



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appreciate them. And it's amazing. It's amazing. And I love I don't get a lot of things right probably but I think I get help from kids. Right and I love doing it. So if it's our family out there that has that wildlife loving kid or I'm gonna also offer this Yeah, if you have a kid who loves Bigfoot. Oh, same thing. We have done multiple Bigfoot research expeditions for kids I just took a family of four out two weeks three weeks ago cool. And we take thermal imaging we take night vision we audio recording and all that stuff and good legitimate research areas. Cuz I got to think there's like kids into this stuff. And yeah, if we can provide them with something amazing like that. Reach out to me we can make some special happen for a kiddo.



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That is great, man. That's awesome. I love hearing that way to way to bring the two communities together. That is beautiful.



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So the third Our Wild West programs right now have 223 kids in it. Wow. And and the third kid we ever did a thing for was a Bigfoot expedition, man. And we did that. And then we did one for a kid at the Bigfoot conference. Thanks to my friend Greg wall heater. Yep. Same thing. I'm doing the same thing in Tennessee at the Tennessee wild man conference in cryptic con with Randy Hutchings heck here in a few weeks in Tennessee. And we're gonna be doing another one at the Texas Bigfoot conference. And but that first one was special. That kid was really blown away. And after that, he wanted to meet the cast of finding Bigfoot. And so I got offered to be on finding Bigfoot for an episode. Yeah. And I turned it down. But I kept in touch with the producer. And I said, Hey, I got this kid. Can you come meet the cast? Because they were doing a town hall thing and left in Texas? And he said, Yeah, we'll set it up. But don't always trust producers and they get busy. Yeah. And I remember going I had met Bobo back in 202. And Bluff Creek girl three maybe? And maybe he'll remember me or undoubted maybe when we pull up to the building. And there's Bobo on the cellphone outside the building. And this kid's eyes are like this. And we get out and he hangs up the phone and he goes, Chester Moore what's up and I got a picture of him with the kid and he took him into the meat cliff and Renee and they were so nice. And it was incredible. So we can spot inspire a Bigfoot loving kid out there. We love to work on some kind of special expedition form, whatever gets



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them out in the fresh air and in the sunshine man, like honestly, honestly. That is such an important thing and the appreciation of the outdoors. I was hunting and fishing as a kid. It took me to amazing places and gave me an amazing appreciation of the beauty of nature and the

world around me and my connection to it. And yeah, totally



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agreed, man yesterday I was I've gotten so I love fly fishing. I just broke my record for my largest bass ever on the fly yesterday. And I felt like a five year old kid out there I'm 49 Yeah, so that tells you that the nature can do great things no matter what your age no matter where you're from nature's a great equalizer that anyone can enjoy it and have



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the ultimate equalizer man Yank and escape nature. That ain't gonna happen. So Chester, I want to thank you for your time man thank you so much for this I want to have you on again and again and again.



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Hey man, it's an honor to be on your show love what I love the questions you ask and the way you your way you let guests tell their story and pull better stories out on this so I salute you brother.



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Thank you so much let everybody know where they can go to contact you at higher calling wildlife where they can go to get a kid help where they can go to follow everything is dark outdoors and everything you do but



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yeah, there's a lot of sites you got a higher calling.net There's links to everything on there you can go at the Chester more on Instagram higher calling wildlife on Facebook and kingdom zoo.com Those are overarching ministry work and a lot of things going on. And yeah a lot of ways today email me Chester at Chester more.com and we'll make something happen



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Awesome man and of course you know make sure to look out for his shows at dark outdoors podcast everybody that's where you can go to follow the RSS feed that's where you can go to check out all the stories and to share your story with him as well. So



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yeah, if you got a crazy dark out your story please contact me I love getting listener feedback

and content that's the way a lot of great shows are organically put together. And we got a special season coming up here in October. You're gonna have so we're episodes in a row and we brought you in we're gonna be doing kind of a special project where we're giving copies of the new remastered Legend of Boggy Creek. Oh cool away and they just got released right now that allegedly boggy creek.com for information how to get that but we're giving away some copies and doing a special episode for Halloween day on the legend of Boggy Creek at the end of it that we got some crazy wild outdoor True Crime stuff and gonna be fun March man we're going to try to keep this scared a little bit and safe.

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I will say my my October ends with a bang. Stay tuned here on Halloween night folks. Because Halloween night is our official 100th episode. Wow, it didn't even right I have been so slammed going across the country covering events and things like that for the last month bad. I didn't even realize it till today. When we went to record this. I was looking at my Google Calendar, booking all these interviews for when I leave town and stuff like that. And I was like, Oh, holy crap. We're almost in Episode 100. When is that

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adulation is on. Lots of tune into that, man, that's awesome.

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It'll be a fun one. So I'm gonna I'm gonna try and come up with something good and spooky about talk about so

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that's perfect. That's it. We're doing our legend of Boggy Creek episode. That'll be fun. Well hold

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the line real quick, man. While I close things out. While you are online checking out all of the amazing work of Chester Moore everybody of course, make sure to stop by curious Rome. Curious rome.com forward slash video is where you can go and follow all of the YouTube channels of all of our guests including Chester more Paradigm Research Group. That's where you can find the playlists of all of the events that we sponsor things like the second annual dog man conference that just happened MUFON symposium Texas Bigfoot convention, all that kind of good stuff. That's where you can also like, follow subscribe, everything else. Thank you so much, as always, everybody for tuning in for staying tuned in all of these years. Thank you so much for your open hearts are open minds. Remember? Take care of yourselves take care of each other and stay curious. We'll talk to you soon. Bye bye. Thank you for tuning into this episode of The Curious realm. Stay tuned for more guests forbidden topics hidden truths.

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