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[Intro]

Devin-Hey guys! Welcome to another episode of Thinking Sideways, the podcast. I am Devin, joined as usual by...

S-Steve...

Joe-Joe (at same time as Steve). (D and J laughing).

D-Good one guys.

J-Yeah. I like it.

D-Perfect. Yep.

S-We, we've been practicing for weeks.

D-That's good. You finally got it right.

S-Years, actually.

D-Yeah, probably, actually.

J-Uh huh.

D-Today we're going to talk about a mystery that was suggested in May of last year by Katrina, or Katerina, I'm not sure how...

J-I think it's Katrina.

D-I think it's Katrina too. Via email, so thanks.

J-Thanks.

D-We've had a couple other suggestions of this since then.

S-Yeah.

D-But that was the big one.

S-The first one...

D-The first one.

J-Yeah.

D-Big one, first one, whatever. Anyways, today we're going to talk about Joseph Newton Chandler III. Ready?

J-Not his real name.

S-Yeah.

D-Shh.

J-Oh, sorry.

D-Let's do the overview first.

J-Ok.

D-On about July 24, 2002, maybe July 23, 2002, not quite sure which, Joseph Newton Chandler III shot himself in the head with a .38 caliber Charter Arms handgun. It's like a little revolver, this gun.

J-Uh huh, little five shooter.

D-Five shooter, yeah. About a week later, police arrived to investigate the death, because the other tenants in the apartment complex said it smelled.

J-I bet it smelled.

D-And the landlords just called the cops.

J-It's the middle of July. I bet it smelled really good.

D-Uh huh. It was the hottest days of the year, that year.

J-Uh huh.

S-One of those jobs you just don't want.

D-Yeah, pretty much.

J-Actually, I knew somebody who had a, had a daughter who was obnoxious and anti-social, and she got a job doing one of those clean-up crews.

D-Uh huh.

J-Yeah. It paid well.

D-Yeah, I'm sure it does.

J-It didn't require...

S-It takes a strong stomach. That's really all it requires.

J-Yeah, it didn't require a huge skill set, but they paid you lots, yeah.

D-Yeah. So the police arrive, and they deem it to be a totally normal suicide. They ran his dental records to confirm that it was, in fact, Joseph Newton Chandler III. The dental records matched. This was in Cleveland, Ohio.

S-So case closed, right? We're done?

D-Case closed, pretty much, yeah.

J-Yeah, suicide.

D-Done. Yeah. Well, ok, so maybe not. They did cremate the body shortly after that. They did an autopsy and then cremated the body.

J-Which is kind of too bad.

D-Which is, well, it's normal. Normal procedure in this.

S-Yeah. There was nothing initially to indicate anything other.

D-Yeah. So the person who was named as his will executor hired a probate lawyer and they start to go through Chandler's estate. And find out that actually this is the second time that Joseph Chandler III had died. The first was in a car accident in 1945 when he was 8 years old. Yeah.

J-So.

D-So, the mystery is...

J-Who was he?

D-...who was Joseph Newton Chandler III, mark 2?

S-Mark 2? (Laughing)..

J-Yeah.

D-The more recent one.

S-2.0.

D-Yeah. So time for theories, right?

J-Yeah.

S-Yes.

D-No.

J-The old one was not doing anything with that name, so what the hell?

D-Yeah, why not.

J-Might as well pick it up and use it.

D-May as well just use it. Just kidding. Not theories yet. The probate lawyers are trying to place this \$82,000 legacy, which isn't nothing. I did the conversion, even. I mean, you know, it was only 15-ish years ago, but I did the conversion. It's more than \$100,000 in today's money, and that's not nothing.

J-Well.

D-When they started calling Chandler's, all of the Chandlers in the East, kind of where Chandler's mom was from, they quickly found out that Joey, the original Joseph Newton Chandler III, had died in a car accident on December 21, 1945, with his parents, in Texas, on US Highway 82.

S-That's a terrible Christmas.

D-Yeah. They were on their way to spend Christmas with the extended family. With his father's extended family.

S-Ah.

D-And they, there's no details, really, about...I've read the news articles from the local papers at the time, and there's not really any, it doesn't say what happened.

S-Yeah. Though it was a tragedy, it wasn't extensively covered or anything.

D-Yeah. So all three of them died, and they were all buried in Texas. That would, I mean, that would make Joey's identity, we're going to call original Joey, the original Joseph Newton Chandler III...

S-Version 1.0.

D-Yeah, we're going to call him Joey, cause that's, a lot of people refer to him as that. And then Joseph Newton Chandler III we'll probably call Chandler. I might accidentally call him Joe every once in a while cause, you know...

J-Yeah.

D-...there's another Joe in the room.

S-Don't get confused, Joe.

J-Yeah. I'm not dead (Steve laughing).

D-Yeah.

J-Not quite dead.

D-Not quite yet. Yeah. Anyway, it would make Joey a pretty good target for identity theft, you know? His parents are dead. He doesn't seem to have any close family, relatives, anything like that. So if somebody were suddenly to start being this person, who knows, you know?

S-Yeah.

D-There's no parents to look up or anything like that.

S-Oh yeah, no, there's, there's nobody to catch it easily.

D-Uh huh, yep. So at this point in the case, our new case, not our old case. Our 2002 case, the US Marshals take over, as they do for a lot of cases like this.

J-Uh huh.

D-So let's go back a little bit, to talk about Joey's life, and then talk about how Joseph Chandler III, Chandler, became...

S-Bing?

D-Yeah.

S-Not Chandler Bing?

D-No, not Chandler Bing.

S-Ok.

D-How Chandler became Joey, basically. Does that work?

S-That works.

D-Ok. Joey was born on March 11, 1937 to parents Ellen Chandler and Joseph Newton Chandler, Jr. In the, the United States of America a Social Security number is assigned to you at birth. We know this, but it occurs to me that people who don't live here might not know that.

J-A good point, yeah.

S-That's a very good point.

D-But, this didn't really start in earnest until 1936, was when I think the first Social Security number was assigned. And then the cards weren't issued until you were an adult. And that continued until the '70s or something like that. So Joey would have never had a Social Security card, and it's likely that his birth certificate was somewhere at his parent's house and just kind of got tossed.

J-Uh huh.

S-Yeah.

D-Yeah.

S-Yeah. I mean, his parents belongings probably would have been, somebody would have taken that, and then of course it just moves and disappears over time.

J-Ended up in the landfill, yeah.

D-I mean, it probably, it may, it may have just been burned or, I mean, it could have just been gotten rid of.

S-Yeah.

D-Because he died.

S-Yeah.

D-You know? He has a certificate of birth, so why does, you know? He shouldn't need that birth certificate anymore, and there's nobody of interest to keep it.

J-Not really.

D-These days, obviously, you need your Social Security number to prove that you're a citizen, and you need your card. A lot of employers will require that you bring your actual card so they can see it.

S-Uh huh.

D-But, again, in those days that was not the case. And you can get a replacement Social Security card and you can get a replacement birth certificate these days, but you have to go through a lot of stuff to get it.

S-Yeah.

D-These days.

J-Uh huh.

S-Uh huh. Oh yeah, it's not an easy process.

D-I keep saying these days. No, it's not.

J-Several decades ago it was actually pretty easy.

D-Yeah, it turns out.

S-Have we ever talked about, Joe might remember this, back in the day when you used to be able to, you'd buy a wallet and it would have a fake Social Security card in it? Does this ring a bell to you at all?

J-Uh huh.

D-No! (Joe laughing).

S-So it was, it was a thing to just be like, “and you can put your Social Security card in here. No big deal.” And it was obviously not a real Social Security card, but it had a Social Security number on it.

D-Oh.

S-And what it was is it was the secretary at the office of the company that manufactured the wallets. Social Security numbers weren't that important of a thing...

D-Uh huh.

S-So they used her Social Security number...

D-Uh.

J-Wow.

S-...thinking, “Who would actually be dumb enough to try to use this thing?” And for decades people were using that as their actual Social Security number. If I remember right, she had to eventually get a new one, because it was just so out of control (laughing).

D-That's insane.

J-Wow. That's kind of a dumb thing to do.

D-Yeah.

S-It's just one of those weird things. “No, nobody really cares about these. These are not that important.” And then, just backfired.

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah. Well, it's relatively easy to get a new Social Security card, not a number, but a card, these days. I know because I looked into it because I thought I lost mine. Turns out my parents had it. Don't worry. But really, you can, as long as you're not getting...I think it was you can get ten a year, or something like that. Some absurd number a year.

S-What?!

J-Ten cards a year?

D-I don't know. Maybe, I mean, this, I'm just doing this from memory, but as a US citizen who has a passport, all I would have to do is take my passport, and they would say, “Oh yeah, that's you.”

S-Yeah.

D-Great, no problem. That, obviously, is now.

S-Was the case then.

D-It's not the case then. So, in order to become someone else, you have to have their Social Security card and their birth certificate, pretty much.

J-Uh huh.

D-And Chandler had both of these things. Now, we talk about this a lot, so I'm just going to go ahead and, like, bite the bullet and talk a little bit about who can get vital records, is what they call it. It's birth certificates, original or certified copies of birth certificates or death certificates.

S-And, and you're going to reference Oregon specifically?

D-Oregon, yeah.

S-Cause it varies from state to state.

D-It does.

S-Dramatically.

D-I can't imagine it, I really can't imagine it varies that much, actually, to be honest with you.

S-Uh, I would actually say it probably varies from state to state.

D-I just, I can't, I mean, this seems totally logical to me and I don't know why anybody would do it any other way, but hey.

S-And I'm sure that in another state, cause I've seen things like this, where it's like, "Oh, it's going to be the...oh no, it's not the same."

D-Uh huh.

S-Ok. There you go.

D-That's fair, that's fair, yeah. So within the first hundred years following the date of birth, those records are totally restricted, which makes sense, right? Yeah, cause probably somebody isn't going to live past a hundred, although these days, hm?

J-A little more than that.

D-Yeah. So if you are the person named on the record, and you're 15 years or older, you can order a certified copy of a vital record.

S-And what, explain vital record again.

D-It's a birth certificate or a death certificate. And I think there's...

S-Just one of those two?

D-I think there's, like, two other ones.

S-Ok.

D-But it has to do with your status as a, an existing being.

S-Ok.

D-It's not, like, marriage certificates are a different thing.

S-Got it.

D-Your husband or wife or domestic partner who is registered by the state can order a vital record on you. A child, a parent, a step-parent can order something on you. Well, a step-parent until you're 18 can order a vital record. And your brother or sister, grandparent, grandchild, legal guardian, legal representative, authorized representative, or government agency conducting official duties. That's it.

J-Jesus Christ. Everybody can get one.

D-I know. It's surprisingly a lot.

J-It is a lot.

D-But it's also, it's a good list, I think.

J-Hm.

D-I mean, you know, there's definitely...

S-It covers most eventualities.

D-Yeah, it does open some stuff up, but, you know, hey. When ordering a birth certificate, obviously you have to say what your relationship is. You have to be able to prove that it's you. But these are all things that you have to do now. Back then, I think it was as easy as writing a letter. If you had someones Social Security number, for instance. You just write a letter and say this is my Social Security number, this is me. I need a certified copy of my thing.

S-And it was taken at face value to be true.

D-And it's taken at face value. Yeah. Exactly. And I know that that was true in the '70s.

S-It was.

D-And this is now becoming relevant. We're off our little side path. Here we go. Chandler requested Joey's birth certificate in 1978, as well as a Social Security card. It would be the first Social Security card that Joseph Newton Chandler III was issued. Since he died when he was 8, he didn't have one yet. Anyway. He wrote from Rapid City, South Dakota, which is where the, both documents were mailed to a kind of a shack behind a house. But it seems most likely to everybody who's investigated the case that he didn't actually ever live there. That he just checked the mail box frequently. That it was kind of, you

know, nobody was really living there.

S-It was a drop, essentially.

D-Basically. Yeah.

J-Clever guy.

D-Yeah. Really smart. He moved to East Lake, Ohio right after that. And a website that doesn't exist anymore outside of the Wayback Machine, so you can see it on the Wayback Machine, hopefully we'll post a link to it, because it's a pretty good website. It's called crime shadows dot com. They reported that they did a check on when Chandler ordered the documents, and they said it had happened, that actually the Social Security card had been issued in 1973. I think you can probably chalk it up to, like, crappy handwriting or smudged typewriter. I mean, 3 and 8 are really close together.

S-If you, yeah, if you look at, I mean, we do this all the time. We look at old photocopied, type-written documents that have photocopied a half dozen times...

J-Yep.

S-...they degrade.

D-Yeah.

S-And a 3 starts to look like an 8.

D-Or an 8 starts to look like 3.

J-Or vice versa.

D-Yeah.

S-Exactly.

D-So I don't know, but I, I mean, it would be great to know a hundred percent for sure. But barring going to see those documents in person, the original documents, I don't think we'll know. So I'm happy to stick with '78. Are you guys happy to stick with '78?

S-Yeah.

J-I'm cool with that.

D-So we'll say that Chandler became Joey in 1978, and I'm just now realizing how much like a "Friends" episode this sounds like (laughing).

J-Oh my God, you're right.

S-I, I was not making that reference for no reason.

D-Sorry, guys, sorry.

S-So where's Monica?

D-She's coming, don't worry.

S-Ok.

D-Investigators found that Chandler had probably lived in California for a time, maybe working with the US Navy. And then he moved to Cleveland in 1979, and then he moved into his last apartment in 1986 in East Lake, Ohio.

S-I've never seen this clarified. How did they determine where he lived?

D-Yeah.

S-Like, I've never seen it specified.

D-I can tell you, actually, the answer to that question.

J-What?

D-They, it's on his job applications and his rental applications. So it's just supplied from him.

J-Ah.

S-Ok.

J-So not necessarily true?

D-It's not necessarily true.

S-Ok, so we don't know that there's any truth to it based on a man who was living under an assumed identity for 20 some years.

D-Abs...yeah.

S-Ok.

D-Yeah, yeah.

S-That makes me feel much better, because I wondered if it was something like that, but I never caught it.

D-Uh huh. I think that his, Cleveland in '79 is documented, because I think that's where he was working his first job as an electrical engineer. And then his moved [sic], when he moved to East Lake, that was also documented, but...

S-Yeah.

D-...his time in California is not a hundred percent documented. In fact, the company that he listed working for, that was contractors for the US Navy had no record of him ever working there. But again, he could have been working under a different name. It's possible, I don't really know.

J-Uh huh.

S-It could be a completely false lead.

D-Also, frankly, I'm surprised that he got a job with putting a job that he, like, you know, the job previous to his, and they didn't even bother calling them, but ok.

S-It's the '70s.

D-But it's an electrical engineer. You would kind of want to know that that person knows what they're doing, wouldn't you?

S-But it's the '70s, and it's an era where, again, you take things that people say at face value. And if a guy says, "I know how to do this," and you ask him some questions, and he competently answers them, you believe him.

J-Uh huh.

D-That's fair, yeah.

J-And also, they don't necessarily call all your references. They might call one or two maybe.

D-You would think they would call your most recent.

J-Yeah, probably, but you know, you can't overlook just laziness (Steve laughing).

D-That's true.

J-Yeah.

D-That's absolutely true. Yeah, yeah.

S-Yeah (laughing). Whoever was, "I didn't find anything fishy."

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah.

S-"Cause I didn't find anything cause I didn't look for it."

D-Exactly, yeah. Chandler was an electrical engineer and designer, as we've been kind of talking about.

S-Uh huh.

D-He did not have friends. I know that that's a thing that people say. "I don't really have friends." No,

he did not have friends. In fact, the guy who was the executor of his will was a coworker at his first job when he, he had two jobs that are documented that he actually worked in. And this first one was with Edco Co, and he worked with this guy, Mark.

S-Uh, yeah, I think it was Mark.

D-It was Mark.

J-Yeah, and then...

D-He stated strongly that they were *not* friends.

J-Yeah, he actually, when, you know, when Joseph Chandler asked him to be the executor of his estate...

D-Uh huh.

J-...he agreed to it, thinking "He's never, oh, he's not going to die." You know?

D-Well, he, he...

J-And he really regrets that now.

D-He absolutely regrets it, and in fact, the only reason that he became the executor on the will is because he was on the lease, he was a co-signer on the lease of Chandler's most recent apartment. And that was because he went and was helping Chandler with some documents, and found out that it was actually, the landlord was going to be the co-signer, because he really didn't have anyone. And Mark felt bad and said, "Ok, I'll be a co-signer with you on your lease. You're probably a trustworthy guy." And then since he was the only name that they could definitively connect to him, they said, "All right, it's your job to execute the will." He was never actually named as the executor of the will.

J-Hm.

D-By Chandler, like, Chandler never asked him to be the executor.

J-Oh.

S-I would never do that!

D-Yeah.

S-Co-sign for a coworker that I felt bad for? No!

D and J-Yeah.

S-I mean, again, things are much different now.

D-Uh huh.

S-But, in terms of what happens when you're a co-signer and somebody filches out, but no way!

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah. Probably not.

D-Yeah. So, I mean, he did, he really, genuinely didn't have friends. Mark, the executor, was the closest thing to a friend. And I know that you will find his last name out there, but in more recent interviews with him, he has asked that his last name be left off of it, so we're going to continue to just honor that.

S and J-Uh huh.

D-Even though you, it's really easy to go find out what his last name is, we're not going to be just spreading it around.

J-Uh huh.

S-Chandler was just kind of a, from all the coworker accounts, he was kind of an oddball.

J-A little bit.

D-Yeah, he was really weird. He, there was one incident that the coworkers always recount, and this is genuinely the only anecdote that exists about Chandler, right?

J-Uh huh.

D-And it is that he drove to L.L. Bean in Maine, which is, like, a twelve hour drive from the Ohio location, East Lake.

J-There wasn't an L.L. Bean store closer?

D-I don't know. I think there is, but I don't know in the '70s what, you know, I don't know what...

S-This would have been the '80s.

D-Oh yeah, in the '80s. Or maybe the '90s, but I mean, even then, like, I don't know really where things were. But he drove twelve hours to L.L. Bean, and he did one circle around the parking lot, and there were no spots, so he just turned around and went, drove home. And he, he was quoted as saying, "If they don't have a parking spot for me, they don't have my business."

J-Yeah, that's fair.

D-Is it?

J-It seems a little psycho really, but (laughing).

S-Yeah.

D-That seems a little crazy.

S-So he drove for twenty-four hours for naught?

D-Yeah. Yeah.

S-Uh uh, that's not normal.

D-He, he reportedly created a static noise machine, or a white noise machine, that he had with him at all times, and he listened to it in his headphones.

J-Uh huh.

D-Pretty much all the time. I think he, you know, even when he was out on jobs and things like that. Which I, I recognize as a crazy thing, but also if you don't really like people, or you don't want to interact with people, that's a really good way to tune people out.

S-Noise canceling.

D-Yeah.

S-That's what, I mean, that's a, that's a great way, if you can not think while other people are just nattering along next to you.

J-Yeah.

S-You got to block them out.

D-Or if you can't stand other people, I mean, it's, it's even as simple as just being annoyed by people.

J-Some, some sounds can really bug you too. I know that there's certain sounds that really irritate the hell out of me. You know? So maybe there was a lot of those sounds going on in his office.

D-Yeah. There's, yeah, there's definitely a couple things, are more recently diagnosed disorders...

S-Uh huh.

D-...that are recognized as actual mental disorders that will make people, like, legitimately angry that are noises, that are totally normal noises, but.

J-Uh huh. Oh, I know, you know, like I've had coworkers, and you know, people eat the, the yogurt out of the little plastic thing?

D-Uh huh.

J-And you get to the bottom and it's always "scritch scritch scritch scritch scritch."

D-Uh huh.

J-You know that sound?

S-Yeah.

J-That noise, that noise drive me crazy.

D-Yeah. Chandler told his coworkers that he had been married twice. Once to a Cuban woman who did not speak English.

J-That's strange.

D-He spoke of a sister, Mary...

J-Did he speak Spanish, by the way?

D-N...I don't think so.

S-We, I've never seen anything that indicated that he did.

D-Yeah. I don't, so don't ask me how they communicated.

J-It'd be an interesting marriage (laughing).

D-I mean, they're both...

S-Well they're married. You don't communicate when you're married.

J-Good point.

D-I've heard that, yes (Steve laughing). He said that he had a sister, Mary R. Wilson, who lived in Columbus, Ohio. And he listed her one some of his forms. But the address was vacant and Mary Wilson was probably totally made up.

S-There's a good chance there.

D-A really, really good chance, yeah.

J-Uh huh. He said he had a brother too, didn't he?

D-He sometimes said he had a brother.

J-Yeah.

D-His stories about himself were not usually the same. Although...

S-As if they were made up on the fly?

D-Although the, the sister that he used, the address was the same for all the applications, and I think even he referenced her when he, when he wrote for the cards, or something.

S-Social Security card.

D-There was something earlier that he referenced her in as well. But, I, you know, again who knows? The investigators on this case have some kind of descriptive things to say about Chandler as well. They say that he lived a hermit's life. His apartment was sparse, but had a few books. And the official profile is that he suffered obsessive compulsive disorder. And he didn't drink or smoke, and was anti-social and seldom appeared to be at ease in public.

S-So a total introvert. Introvert.

J-Yeah. One of, one of the other interesting traits is he was an engineer of course, and so engineers have a certain kind of personality kind of thing.

S-They do.

D-Uh huh.

J-He never wrote in cursive script. He always wrote in...

D-Block letters.

J-...block letters. All caps.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah.

S-Uh huh.

D-Yeah. And, you know, from what everybody can tell he was really, really intelligent. And they think they knew that he knew what he was doing. That he was really living the perfect life to keep off the radar. I mean, he wasn't...

S-You mean, knew what he was doing to, with his false identity, and kind of how to go...

D-Yeah, exactly.

S-Ok.

D-Yeah. He didn't spend a lot of money. He didn't buy anything that would raise red flags. He didn't partake in any kind of habitual behavior, right? He didn't smoke, he didn't drink, didn't go out. So, you know, he did, he led a quiet life. He had a, they call it a modest bank account, which is probably true. And he really didn't move around a lot.

J-Uh huh.

D-You know? He was, so he was, he was really good as attracting attention.

J-At not attracting attention?

D-Yeah, at not attracting atten...sorry. Yes (Steve laughing).

J-Well, you know, I can see why he wouldn't move that often, if you've got to get somebody to co-sign the lease every time you do it.

D-Yeah. Yeah.

S-I would imagine though, I don't think that's right. Because after your first apartment that you've been in for five years, and they call the landlord and he says, "Always paid on time. No big deal." Then you don't need a co-signer.

D-Yeah.

S-It's when you're...

J-Uh huh.

S-...when you're fresh.

J-When you've got no history.

D-Uh huh.

S-Yeah. You got no history.

D-Right. Or when you're moving around a lot.

S-Yeah.

J-Yeah. And I don't believe he had a credit history, did he?

D-Nope. Uh uh.

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah.

S-Cash only.

D-Yeah. In fact, he was so good at this whole living off the radar thing that investigators initially thought maybe he was in the, like, long-term witness protection program of some kind. But that was ruled out quickly by the U.S. Marshals who were investigating the case cause it's the same program, mostly (Steve laughing).

J-Yeah, they would know.

D-Yeah, they would know. Mark, the not-friend.

J-Coworker.

D-The coworker. The only coworker said that he had actually invited Chandler to come to a Halloween

party in 1992, totally expecting him to not show up. And this was just, kind of, after the whole, well it was like, three or four years after he had signed the lease with Chandler, and...

S-Chandler got his apartment in '86, so that's...

D-Well, yeah, '86. You're right, no, no, you're right. You're right.

S-So this is six years later.

D-I don't know why I have '89 in my head some how. Yeah.

S-That's all right.

D-Yeah. So, I mean, it was awhile later, but he definitely says that he tried to at least speak with Chandler once a year. You know, he really felt for the guy, I think. But it turns out, Chandler showed up to the party.

S-Unexpectedly (laughing).

D-They did not expect him at all. They were a hundred percent sure that he was not going to show. And he did. He showed up. And he was dressed in a full, like full out gangster, you know? He had the pinstriped suit, and the wide lapel, and the cigar, and the hat. And that's a little odd, I mean, I've seen reported like he only had one change of clothes in his entire house. So that's, I mean, that's a pretty big length to go to.

J-Hm, sure is.

D-For a Halloween party. But there you go.

J-He looks pretty sharp in that suit.

D-He does. And that's actually, those are the pictures that you'll see a lot on the internet. Those two pictures of him looking slightly nefarious.

S-They're the only candid photos of him.

D-They are, and he does, it's definitely worth looking at those, because he does look pretty different than he does in the one picture, the ID picture.

S-Uh huh.

D-His dental record is one file, as mentioned, but as also mentioned, it was made during the 23 or so years that he was Chandler. Obviously, like, an 8 year old Joey's dental records probably wouldn't be super helpful in a case like this. But the dental record are attributed to him, so.

J-So, they, they checked those before they burned the body?

D-They checked those to identify him, to make sure he was the guy who was on the lease.

J-Uh huh.

D-Right?

J-They found a dentist, a local dentist who had worked on his teeth then, correct?

D-I presume that's how they did it.

J-Yeah, you would think.

S-Yeah, to get his dental records.

D-I would presume that's it.

J-Yeah. It's not like the government's got that on file.

D-Yeah.

S-I hope not.

J-No (laughing).

D-Not usually.

S-Cause boy, they're going to be disappointed in my teeth.

D-Yeah, me too.

J-Yeah. I'm kind of curious about if the dentist, if his dentist noticed anything unusual about his dental work, but I guess...

D-I haven't seen any reports, and I think they would have mentioned it.

J-Pro...probably.

D-They also have DNA on file from some old medical visits, I guess. He had advanced colon cancer, and he had gone through some treatment, but he insisted on paying for everything in cash, which again, you know, sounds like something this guy would do. And so he just couldn't afford it. Apparently his first round of treatments cost him \$80,000, and he paid in cash. And then they wanted him to do chemo, but, so that's where they had the DNA samples from, you know, all the testing and stuff like that.

S-Probably taking biopsies.

D-So they do have DNA samples of Chandler. They don't have fingerprints, though. Because, again, they cremated the body, so nobody really examined his fingers, but also they, they thought, well, surely, you know, he had, they had an entire apartment full of stuff. Surely there's at least one good print. But no, all smudges. All smudges.

J-Uh huh.

D-And we'll talk about that in a little bit (laughing).

J-All right.

D-But I will just mention that he was an electrical engineer, so you know, burning your fingertips with welding...

S-Have you ever used a soldering iron?

D-Yeah.

S-It's easy to do.

D-Super easy.

S-If you're not careful.

D-And so it wouldn't really surprise me a whole lot, but again we can talk about some other reasons that that might be.

S-Yeah.

J-You can also sand your fingertips and, you know, or take acid...

D-We'll talk about some other reasons of why that might be in a minute. And then his autopsy revealed, on top of the terminal colon cancer, that he also has male pattern baldness, which leads most people to believe that he's wearing a hair piece in his ID picture.

J-Might be.

D-Which I'm willing to believe.

S-Yeah.

D-You know, there's so few pictures of him in the, the two candid ones he's wearing a hat, so you can't tell what's under there, so I don't know what he looked like in life.

S-Yeah.

D-You know? I don't know if he had hair, or...

S-I don't, there's no good reference.

D-Or even if he wore a hair piece. I don't know about any of that, so. One final note before we move on to our next little thing that we need to talk about is that Chandler would sometimes apparently just go dark. Like, just disappear for a couple days, sometimes a month at a time, but mostly just a couple of days. And Mark said that when he asked him about it, Chandler would just say, "Uh, they were close. They're getting close." And that was the only description he would give him.

J-"They were getting close?"

D-Yeah.

J-Hm.

S-That's weird.

D-It's super weird, right?

S-Aliens.

D-Aliens, I'm telling you.

S-Totally aliens.

D-Yeah. So here's the next thing we need to talk about, and that is that someone familiar to many of you takes a big interest in this case. Or at least did a year ago. I don't know if he's moved on or not (laughing), cause he tends to do that, but that person is James Renner. And I'll be totally a hundred percent up front and transparent in saying that I did not reach out to him for this story because of the weird non-responsive stuff that we received when we were researching the Maura Murray case.

S-Uh huh.

D-And I didn't really want to go through that again. So, we did not talk to Mr. Renner about this case, but we did look at a lot of research through his blogs that he's written, some Reddit posts, and also an article that he said doesn't exist on the internet anymore, but we found on the Wayback Machine, so we've read...I feel we've done our due diligence on this one.

S-Yeah.

D-Renner claims that Chandler was a sexual deviant.

J-Hm.

D-And I don't really know why. I think it's a bit sensationalist that he claims this, but we'll run through this anyway. He posted a thread on Reddit a year ago that made this claim. And, again, he doesn't really, there's nothing that he really says to back it up. His strongest bit of evidence is that on February 4, 1989, a guy calling himself Joseph Newton Chandler, I don't think there was a Third, but that could be omitted from the story, I don't know, shows up a local hospital...

S-Is that in air quotes? The "local hospital" bit?

D-It's a wavy fingers...

S-I thought I saw you were, ok.

D-I don't know if it's air quotes. It's kind of like "wooo, local hospital." (Steve laughing). With lacerations on his penis.

S-Ugh.

D-He said that he hurt himself trying to masturbate with a vacuum cleaner.

S-Ugh.

J-Yeah.

D-Which I feel like isn't that weird of a thing, and he was just...

S-Oh, yeah.

D-I mean, ok, yes, it's not, like...

S-Normal.

D-It's not the most normal thing, but if you're a lonely guy, like...

J-Yeah, what the heck. You know, but...

D-I mean, Joe knows something about this (S and D laughing).

J-Hey, up yours (laughing).

D-Yeah.

J-I, uh...

S-But there's, there's stores that sell things (laughing).

J-I did manage confirm this. I talked to Pete Elliott from the U.S. Marshals Service, who's investigating this.

D-Yeah.

J-And he said that the ER story actually is true. Yeah, it is.

D-Well, and I'm not, ok, so I'm not saying that that story didn't happen. That's not what I'm saying.

J-Yeah.

D-I am saying that lonely older guys showing up...

J-That doesn't make him a pervert, no.

D-...saying "I hurt myself, you know, masturbating with a vacuum," is not weird.

J-Uh huh.

D-And the other thing that I want to say about this is that the doctor did note that he thought that Chandler was probably older than he reported being. But he didn't say anything about not believing his story about the vacuum. I think the implication that Renner's trying to make is that this guy was, like, cutting himself or, like, doing some kind of, like, huge self-harm, but I really think that the guy just got his penis stuck in a vacuum.

J-Or...

S-Any young men listening right now, don't try that.

D-Don't try it!

J-Yeah.

S-Don't.

D-Please don't try it. It's not a good idea.

S-Don't, don't use your mom's Hoover. Don't do it.

D-Don't do it.

J-Well, let me give you another piece of advice, and that is when you go to the ER with something embarrassing like this, don't give them your real name and pay in cash.

D-Yeah.

J-I used to, I, I had a girlfriend years ago, yeah, she worked at the, at the building, the building records office. So, this woman shows up with let's just say a very embarrassing sexually related injury at the ER. She's got, she gives them her name and her medical insurance and everything. And in this office that my girlfriend worked in at the time, there were more than a hundred people there, and of course, every person in that office saw a copy of that ER report.

D-Absolutely.

J-And, and also, a claim went out to an insurance company. And I'm sure hundreds of people at that insurance company saw that claim.

D-Yeah.

J-And so, like I said, fake name, pay in cash.

S-Yeah (laughing).

D-Yeah, totally. So I just, I don't think that the doctors didn't, I think they believed him. I think that was totally normal, and I think that it's totally sensationalist of Renner to say that this makes this guy a sexual deviant, but ok.

J-You know, accidents happen really.

D-Yeah. No, I mean, again, it happened, and I don't think anybody's saying it didn't happen. I just, anyway. Renner goes on to say that police found, quote, “weird gadgets he created for purposes unknown, and a strange child's “Peanuts” sticker from 1965, and a hobby tool nobody has yet identified.” Unquote (Steve laughing).

J-Yeah, that's a good one.

S-I'm, I'm laughing because the hobby tool was so obvious.

D-Literally within, like, 30 seconds...

S-Of the post going up.

D-...somebody, somebody identified it.

S-It's a label maker.

D-It's a label, it's a raised label maker from, like, the '70s.

S-Yeah, it's got the black or colored tape that you punch and the letters stand out white against it, yeah.

D-Uh huh. And a lot of electrical engineers use it to label gear or...

J-Oh yeah.

D-...parts, or whatever.

S-Yeah.

J-It's the one that's got the sort of pistol handle on it.

D and S-Yeah.

J-And the little, the round thing on the top you rotate. Yeah.

S-Yeah. And it's adhesive on the back on the label strip.

D and J-Yeah.

S-And you stick it on, and it's got your name on it or whatever.

D-I had one of those.

J-I had one of those too.

D-I labeled everything.

S-Yes!

D-Yeah. And, you know, again, it's like, "Oh weird, he has a sticker from 1965." Like, what?

S-People have sentimental things.

D-People have stuff.

S-Yeah.

D-And even if it wasn't stuff, it's, you know, like a "good job" sticker. Maybe he got it as an award. Maybe he found it on the street and thought it was cute. It's not that weird. And yes, as far as I know those black boxes have yet to be identified.

J-Well, one of them does make the white noise.

D-Well, I don't know about that.

J-Well, that's what...

D-They're too big, I thought.

J-That's what Pete Elliott...

D-Oh, he said one of the ones...

J-He said one of them, one of them was the white noise generator.

D-Was the white noise generator? Maybe it was like, you know, a portable white noise generator and just a house white noise generator.

J-Uh huh. Who knows.

D-They look, they look like the first gen of, like, shape-shifter tech from "Fringe" to me.

S-Well, it's, it's totally, I mean, I looked at these things, and you two know this, I work with a bunch of engineers.

D-Uh huh.

S-And it looks like the early prototype versions that the guys that I work with would make, where they drill a couple of air holes in it so it can breathe and radiate heat, and yada yada yada. And he scribbled on the back of it commands.

J-Uh huh.

S-But it looks like, I, I swear I saw this somewhere, maybe, they think it's a power inverter.

D-That was my thought too!

J-Yeah.

D-That's where you saw it, is my script.

S-Maybe.

D-Yeah. That it looked like an early version of that, and it's a thing that the patent wasn't filed for until 1992, so I mean, it could have been tinkering. But it does, it looks like that, that black pack that comes on your laptop, that's what we're talking about, right?

S-On the, the power cord.

D-Yeah.

S-I know what you're talking about, yeah.

D-Yeah. That's what I thought too.

S-Well, no, what I was talking about is like a, a converter, because there's, or it's like, power inverter and power converter...

J-Yeah.

D-Uh huh.

J-The inverter takes it from DC to AC.

S-Right.

J-Yeah.

S-And one of the things is that, I was looking it up, is the inverters are used for motors.

D-Yeah.

S-Cause you can, you can adjust the voltage on them. And you know, the first thing that made me think of was, you ever played with an old model train set.

D-Uh huh.

S-Like, really old control boxes that have the dial.

D-Duh.

J-Oh yeah.

S-And it, it totally made me think of some homemade version of one of those.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah, could have been.

D-Yeah. I mean, there's, on the bottom it says "on" on two sides, or "no" to Renner (Steve laughing) in pencil, and you know, people have said, "Why didn't he use the label maker?" And I was like, maybe he was out of tape, or maybe he didn't want it to be permanent. Maybe he wasn't ready for it to be permanent, but, eh. Yeah, I mean, there are a lot of things they could be, and you know it sounds like Pete knows, or Mr. Elliott, sorry.

J-Yeah.

D-Mr. Elliott knows...

J-Marshal Elliott.

D-Marshal Elliott knows, you know, that at least one of them was the white noise maker, so that's identified.

J-Uh huh.

D-And, you know, I just think they're not really that nefarious.

J-No, not really.

S-They're weird, but...

D-They're weird.

S-...if the guy just sat at home...

D-But he was a tinkerer.

S-Yeah, I was going to say, if he sat at home and he just worked on stuff all the time.

D-Uh huh.

J-Why not, yeah.

S-Yeah. "You know, let me try this. Maybe I can, you know, make the better mousetrap."

D-Yeah, exactly.

J-Absolutely.

D-Yeah.

J-He might just, he might have just actually gotten a lot of joy out of just soldering stuff, you know?

D-Yeah, he could have. The other thing that Renner says is that the gun was purchased, the gun that Chandler used to kill himself...

S-The .38.

D-The .38, was purchased in Ohio a few months prior to his suicide, but...

J-That's not true though, right?

D-About half of the other investigation that I've seen says that it was purchased in Texas between 1966 and 1976 from a gun store that doesn't exist anymore.

J-Yeah.

D-And their records were destroyed.

J-It's Seagoville, Texas.

D-Yeah.

J-Is where, but, well the records couldn't have been destroyed though, because when you have a federal firearms license, which it was supposed to have had...

D-Well, I thought there was, I thought the whole thing was there was, like, a fire at the, I mean, I don't know.

J-Oh, really? Oh, ok, cause otherwise, when you close your business down and you give up your federal firearms license, you got to send all your books to the BATF.

D-Right, which would make sense.

J-Yeah.

S-But was that the same process at that time?

J-Uh...

D-In the '60s?

S-I mean, let's say that this, this, this place disappeared in the late '70s...

J-Uh huh.

S-...would that process have been in place necessarily?

J-The process, yeah, the process was in place after the 1968 Gun Control Act.

S-Ok.

J-So, yeah.

S-So, yeah it would have probably been then. Ok.

J-Yeah.

D-Well, but maybe not if he bought it in '66, it could have been before they were really keeping records.

J-Yeah. I thought he had bought it, he had bought it more recently than that.

D-Well, yeah, I don't really know. Again, I'm 50/50 on this because half the reporting I see says "a couple months before," and the other half says, "I don't know. There's a big window there."

S-I, I have a question, and I think I know what the answer's going to be.

D-Ok.

S-Where did Renner get the information that it was purchased within months prior to the suicide? Is that not provided?

D-(Sighs) You know, I, one of the reasons that I have a bit a problem with James Renner is that he doesn't, he's not great at saying exactly where he got the information from.

S-He doesn't cite his sources.

D-He's really good at saying, "...and I found out that this thing!" And you're like, ok, but where did you find that out? (Laughing).

J-Uh huh.

D-And you know, the, I'm sure that in his books he's much better, but, like, I don't...

S-Ok.

D-I'm not made of money. I can't buy every book out there (laughing).

S-I presumed that that was going to be the situation.

D-That's, yeah.

S-Cause we've encountered this before, but I just wanted to double check.

D-Yeah. Ok, so you guys ready to talk about theories?

J-Yeah.

S-I actually like how you've labeled the theories section.

D-(Singing) "Who could it be now?"

S-It's the Men at Work.

J-Yeah.

D-(Singing) "Who could it be now?" It's, we're just going to do it in alphabetical order. The theories are, right, who, who is Chandler?

S-So the first one is Colin Hay, the lead singer of Men at Work?

D-Uh, not alphabetically, no.

S-Oh, I was really hoping that's why you had titled this section that.

D-No.

S-Damn.

J-Hm.

D-Sorry. Actually, it has nothing to do with Men at Work. I just had that song stuck in my head, I'm sorry (Steve laughing).

J-There is actually a famous singer on the suspect list.

D-There is. It's true, yeah. Just wait.

S-You're right, you're right. Ok.

D-Ok. So the first, I, we have pictures in our script, so sorry...

S-And there are pictures all over the internet...

D-Oh yeah, you'll see them.

S-...of these comparisons.

D-Yeah.

S-So, yeah.

D-Yeah. But I just thought it'd be nice while we're sitting here talking for us to have them.

S-Uh huh.

D-So the first one is Stephen Craig Campbell. And I'm just going to go ahead and preface this whole thing by saying that literally almost every single one of these could be an episode in and of themselves.

S-On each individual?

D-On each individual suspect, so we're going to try and really keep it short.

S-Ok.

D-But I can't make any promises cause they're all really, really fascinating (Steve laughing).

S-Cause the first one, wow!

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah.

S-Great husband.

D-So, Campbell is on America's Most Wanted List for crimes he committed in 1983, specifically for attempted first degree murder and making a bomb. He has a few known aliases, one is Fred Campbell and the other is Stephen Murphy. Yep, we got a Joe and a Steve.

J-Heh, I like it.

D-Heh heh.

S-What about Fred?

D-I don't know, I can be Fred I guess.

S-Ok. So, what's up next, Fred?

D-Well, so Campbell decided that he did not like his ex-wife's new boyfriend.

S-Nobody ever does.

D-He was jealous. So he decided to make a bomb and put in it a toolbox...

J-Put it in this guy's lunchbox. Oh, was it toolbox or a lunchbox?

D-It was toolbox, and put it on the porch.

S-Totally logical.

D-Thinking that, you know, the husband would be like, "Oh tools!" and, you know, open it and that would blow him up (Steve laughing).

J-Yeah.

S-Cause every man is attracted to a box of Craftsman.

D-Well, listen, I don't think that Campbell's, like, the most sound thinker, let's be clear (D and S laughing). Anyway, long story short, his wife, his ex-wife finds it instead, but she's suspicious of it, and pokes it with a broom, and it explodes. It takes off the entire back end of the house, and her hand. But she lives.

S-Woo!

D-So it almost ended up killing her instead. Campbell was arrested and admitted to the whole thing, and posted bail and promptly skipped it.

J-Heh. Smart thing to do.

D-And has never been seen again.

J-Yeah.

D-Except for maybe once he might have been arrested under one of his other identities, and posted bail and skipped it again. Or escaped. Or something. He was a pretty strong suspect as the Unibomber as well for a while.

J-Makes sense.

D-So here's, here's some interesting things about Campbell. He was an electrical and chemical engineer. He was born in California where Chandler spent, quote unquote. "spent some time."

S-Supposedly.

D-Supposedly spent some time. Campbell fled from Cheyenne, Wyoming, which is only 308 miles from Rapid City, South Dakota, where the Social Security card and birth certificate request were made for Joey.

S-300 miles isn't "only." Ok.

D-Listen...

S-Ok.

D-Reported sighting of Campbell happened in the Virgin Islands and, you know, Chandler might have had a Cuban wife, and the Virgin Islands and Cuba are, like, kind of close. Right?

S-Yeah.

J-Uh huh.

D-Right?

S-I'll go to the Virgin Islands, I'll check.

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah, me too. Yeah. And some people say that Campbell was kind of just a crazy person anyway, and had multiple Social Security numbers and birth certificates of other people for years prior to...

S-He had a "go bag" that was stuffed full of identities.

D-Basically, yeah.

J-If you want to be on the run that's a great idea.

D-But he, that he had started doing that even before...

S-He'd been prepping.

J-Obviously.

D-...you know, in the '70s, in the early '70s.

J-Uh huh.

D-So that, he's a pretty solid, that's a pretty solid suspect.

S-Uh uh, no.

J-Well, no...

D-You don't think so?

S-No (laughing).

D-You don't think so?

J-Well, the only, the reason I think people like him as a suspect is because he wears glasses that kind of look like Joe's, Joseph Chandler's.

D-He kind of looks like a young version of Chandler. I mean, he does, you have to admit the mug shot and the ID picture look vaguely similar.

J-Eh...

D-And I know a lot of that is because of the glasses, but they do look vaguely similar to me.

J-No, the jawline is totally wrong.

D-But let's just talk about, let's just talk about some, the problems, right?

S-Uh huh.

J-Yeah.

D-Campbell was six foot or maybe even 6'2", and Chandler was 5'7", maybe 5'8" on a good day. You know, people say, "Well, he shrunk...

S-There's a problem.

D-"...he shrunk because he was getting older." No. Campbell had curly hair, Chandler did not, although, again, we don't really know that for sure...

J-A perm?

D-...cause there could have been a perm.

S-I'm sorry, I had long hair once.

D-Yeah. Well, I mean, but it was backwards. The thing is that, like, Campbell had curly hair and Chandler had straight hair, quote unquote, but that's discounting the fact...

S-He was wearing a wig.

D-...that he was probably wearing a wig. We don't know for sure.

S-Ok. Ok.

D-But he was probably. But also, you know, perms were a thing, so he, Campbell could have had a perm. The timeline...

S-It was the '80s.

D-...the timeline doesn't really match very well. Campbell didn't really become a fugitive until, like, ten years after Chandler surfaced. Their eye color is not the same. And Campbell was born in '48, which means that he would be ten years younger than Joey would, and if anything, people thought that Chandler was older than...

S-He said he was.

D-...he said he was, not younger. So it would be very impressive if you happened to be ten years younger than you were claiming, and people kept thinking, "No, no, that's too young for you."

S-Living hard.

D-Yeah, like really hard.

J-Uh huh.

D-I, I mean, I like the theory because they, again, I think they look kind of similar, and to address the jawline issue, apparently Campbell had a rich uncle that might have paid for some minor plastic surgery, quote unquote.

S-That wouldn't be minor surgery.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah, that would be huge.

D-So I don't know.

S-And the other, I'm gonna, I'm gonna point this out right now, and I'm going to say this, I'm just going

to apply this to every candidate that we have, is that if you look at Chandler's nose, and you look at the nostrils, his, he's kind of got an upturned nose, cause you see his nostrils when he's looking straight ahead.

J-Yeah.

S-And nobody else does that, so it's almost kind of the pixie nose, cause he's looking straight ahead, but his, his, his schnoz is pointing up. Nobody else seems to have that nose. Stop showing me your nostrils, Devin (laughing).

D-Well, I mean, can you see them when you, like, when you hold your head a certain way?

S-But he's looking, he's looking relatively straight ahead. He doesn't look like he's tipped back. So that's why I have a problem with it.

D-Fair.

J-Yeah. That is true. But, yeah, I, I would say that he is not a good suspect.

D-Ok.

S-Oh no, yeah, the, the age thing is right off the bat...

J-The age thing. The height thing.

D-Well, and the height thing...

S-...the disappearing in 1983. Ok.

D-...the eye color. Yeah.

S-All right. Who else could it be?

D-Well, it could be D. B. Cooper (Steve laughing).

J-Yeah. I like this one.

D-Dan Cooper.

J-Yeah.

S-It could be (laughing).

D-There's not *no* resemblance, and again, the only thing we have to compare to is a composite sketch of Dan Cooper, right? We don't have any actual photos of Dan Cooper.

J-Uh huh.

D-Cooper hijacked a plane in 1971.

J-He did?

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah.

D-You, you know that, right?

J-Oh, yeah, yeah. I think I heard something about that on the internet.

D-Ok. You just, you just gave me a fright that I said something wrong.

S-And that you're wrong (Joe laughing).

J-No, no, you're right. Hijacked a 727.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah.

D-I mean, Chandler was probably on the lam from something, but I don't think, I don't think he was Cooper. Do you think? I don't think he was Cooper.

S-I don't. No.

J-Well, he would have been the wrong age.

D-Yeah.

J-Of course, again, people said he looked older, but Cooper was supposedly, what, in his mid-forties, people guessed?

D-Yeah. I, you know, I looked...

J-Chandler would have been 31.

D-I looked at a lot of that stuff, and I kept trying to find what people, how old people thought Cooper was, and that was, it was almost impossible.

J-Yeah. People saying 40, 45, or around in there.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah. But, yeah.

D-So he would have been too old.

J-Yeah, but yeah, I think that Cooper had a different personality.

S-Very.

J-He was chatty and friendly with the stewardesses, and also he drank and smoked. Of course, if it was Cooper, maybe he went on the wagon eventually at some point.

D-Uh huh.

J-It's kind of hard for me to picture D. B. Cooper just, like, being a hermit though.

D-Yeah.

J-You know?

D-Yeah. And, you know, an electrical, or an electrical engineer and just not, yeah.

S-Yeah, no, the personality I don't think just doesn't work.

D-Yeah. I don't think so either.

J-In the late '70s, you know, there's no reason for Cooper to go on the lam. I mean, the police were not hot on his trail.

D-Yeah.

J-That was when, so, you know, in the late '70s Cooper was not hiding under a new identity. He was, was actually, you know, hiding money in the banks of the Columbia River.

D-Uh huh.

J-So...

D-That got burned a little bit and were found in the '80s.

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah, I mean, so, he had no reason to assume a false identity.

D-I would agree with that.

J-Cops, cops were nowhere near closing in on him.

D-Yeah, I would agree with that totally.

J-Yeah. Well, let's move on to the next one.

D-Ok, our next guy is John Dial. John Victor Dial, excuse me. I mostly included this one for fun and cause you'll see it places (Steve laughing), but we're going to debunk it pretty quick here. John Victor

Dial went AWOL from his station at Howard Air Force Base in Panama in June of 1966, or actually, he left service. I don't know if he was honorably discharged, dishonorably discharged, or he went AWOL. He married at 23 years old a Panamanian woman named Elsa, and they probably had at least one child, maybe two. People say, "Oh yeah, you know, Chandler said that he had a Cuban wife, and maybe actually she was Panamanian..."

J-Maybe yeah, he was all mistaken, yeah.

D-Yeah, maybe he was wrong (Steve laughing).

J-I mean, well actually, you know, Cuba and, and, Cuba and Panama are kind of similarly shaped. They're long and skinny.

D-They are vaguely similarly shaped, yeah.

J-Yeah, yeah.

D-It'd be pretty...

J-I could see, that'd be an easy mistake to make.

D-Yeah, well, the spoilers are that, you know, John Dial has since resurfaced and he's safe and everything's fine.

J-Yeah.

D-And he's not Chandler. Cause he contacted his sister after Chandler died.

J-He wasn't, he wasn't dead? He hadn't been cremated?

D-He wasn't dead, no.

J-Ok. Well, that's a sign.

S-Who else could it be?

D-Well, it could be Jim Morrison (Steve laughing).

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah.

J-I checked, I checked the internet and the internet does seem to believe that Jim Morrison faked his own death.

D-Yeah, they do, although I don't think Jim Morrison could ever live like that, though.

J-No.

D-Do you think?

S-No.

J-No.

D-No, I don't think so. Yeah.

J-Well, and one other thing too. You know, I looked up a picture of Jim Morrison.

D-Uh huh.

J-Jim Morrison had long hair.

D-Uh huh.

J-This guy has short hair.

D-Yeah. There's no way.

J-Yeah, exactly.

D-I know. Yeah, there's no way.

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah. Next...

J-All right, so he's out.

D-Next theory is a Soviet spy.

J-Yeah. I got this one from, I don't know if you saw this anywhere else?

D-I did. I did, and I was kind of thinking, do I want to leave it in? Do I not want to leave it in? And then when we talked about talking to Marshal Elliott, I just thought, ok, well, yeah, we should.

J-He, he didn't say that this was necessarily a strong contender. He just said some people believe that maybe he was a Soviet spy. And, maybe.

D-Yeah. There's something to this, actually, as it turns out. You know, one of the big problems with Chandler is figuring out how he found Joey in the first place, right? It's a fairly obscure, the, you know, the family, it wasn't a huge car accident. There was just a little, tiny blurb.

J-Yeah. It would have been some big news in their home town, and the town where the crash happened.

D-It wasn't even. I looked, I looked at the news reports, and it was, you know, in the town that they were from, there was literally in the obituary section, there was a little, like, three sentence thing on their death. And then in the town they crashed, there was just a little, tiny, like, two paragraph thing. It

wasn't huge news.

J-Uh huh.

D-It wouldn't have made a splash. It wouldn't be one of those things that people would think, "Oh yeah," you know? So finding his identity is one of the huge things, yeah.

S-Needle in a haystack.

J-Yeah. So you'd rather have a big spy bureaucracy doing it for you.

D-Uh huh. Or you knew the family.

J-Well, that's what I was thinking. When I talked to Marshal Elliott, I was, you know, I was thinking that maybe it would have been, like, a school, a classmate.

D-Uh huh.

J-Of Joey's, or somebody who knew him.

D-Yeah. That's, that's a theory.

J-Or, or potentially a not-so-close relative.

D-Yeah.

J-And I was asking him about that, and actually it's like, and I just thought I would make that suggestion to him, but he was actually way ahead of me on that one.

D-Oh yeah, of course.

J-They've checked, they've checked all that stuff (Steve laughing).

D-Oh yeah. Yeah.

J-And, they've got some DNA, and I asked him, based on this idea that it was possible somebody who was, like, a cousin or a second cousin or something like that who would have known about this, and so I asked him are they going to exhume, or have they exhumed the bodies of the family, of the Chandler family.

D-Uh huh.

J-And he said they're not at that stage yet. And he said it might still happen.

D-Yeah.

J-But it's kind of...

S-Of the parents?

J-Yeah, yeah, exhuming the parents, and just to see if it was maybe a relative.

D-If there were any close markers.

S-I would, I would question how much useful DNA there would be at that point.

D-Yeah.

J-Well, there is that, you know? I don't know. But he's, he said that it's, it's a possibility that it might happen eventually, but it's kind of a last ditch sort of thing. Because obviously, digging up bodies is not, not your first go-to thing.

S-No, no, no. It's really frowned upon.

D-Yeah.

S-For some reason.

J-Yeah, it kind of is.

D-So...

J-But, I mean, it could happen. And this case actually could get solved.

D-Yeah, well...

J-If it turns out it was a relative.

D-So, but we're talking actually about Soviet spies right now.

S-Yes.

D-Not family members.

J-I'm totally off of the rails there, yeah.

D-Yeah. That's ok. So, I mean, you know, the fingerprints are a pretty big indicator that this could be a thing. If we think, ok, maybe he didn't burn his fingertips off on accident all the time, this is a thing that Soviet spies and people who were fleeing, well, people who were Nazis that were trying to avoid persecution did, is they mutilated their own fingerprints with, you know, acid or sanding them down, or whatever, so that they would never leave useful prints. Which it kind of seems like Chandler did, because it's incredible that he had an entire house, and not a single usable print from the lot of it.

J-Yeah. I mean, that's, although I don't think he was a Nazi, because assuming he was born in 1937 or somewhere close to around there, he would have been the youngest Nazi ever.

D-Yeah.

J-Super young Nazi.

D-Yeah, exactly. Yeah, no, I would agree with that.

S-Or maybe he was the son Hitler.

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah.

J-But...

D-One of the things that apparently...

J-...there's other reasons, oh, go ahead.

D-I was just going to say, one of the things that apparently also backs this up is that there was a very old, outdated computer found in Chandler's house.

J-Uh huh.

D-And apparently it got damaged in the move to the evidence locker, so they just threw it out, which is so convenient.

J-Uh huh (laughing). Yeah, I know.

D-But, Investigator Lewis was the first investigator, and he said that he had a guy look at the computer before it had been moved, and that there had been some recent web searches that included, like, Nazism and plastic explosives, so somehow I guess that helps? I don't really know.

J-I think before you, like, head overseas on your Soviet sleeper agent assignment they teach you how to make plastic explosives.

D-I think that's true. And I also don't think you have to search "Nazism." I think you kind of know what it's about, right?

J-Uh huh.

D-Yeah.

S-I, I would easily just kind of justify that as he probably watched something on "Biography" or something about the war and decided "I want to see if there's some other information on this one topic." You know?

J-Uh huh.

S-I mean, people do that all the time.

D-Yeah.

J-Oh, yeah. Actually, it is, actually I think more people should do a little research on the Nazis, because

people actually, a lot of people have the wrong idea about the Nazis. A lot of people don't totally understand what the Nazis were about.

D-Yeah, absolutely.

J-Yeah. I mean they were [bleep], don't get me wrong.

D-Yeah.

J-But people don't really understand their ideology as well as they think they do.

D-Yeah. So yeah, I mean, the only problem is is, you know, this is the problem I think Joe has with it mostly...

J-Uh huh.

D-...which is that, you know, this isn't a, it's not a secret. Using the identity of a dead child is, like, that's not...

J-That's, yeah, I mean, it's been around. The first place I ever heard about this was "Day of the Jackal" by Frederick Forsyth.

D-Uh huh.

J-You know? And then, this guy gets it, and I guess this is how it's...the internet believes that this guy went out to a graveyard...

D-And just walked around.

J-...and just walked around until he found a dead family.

D-Uh huh.

J-The, law enforcement does not believe that.

D-I would agree with that.

J-That's why they believe there was some sort of connection. Not necessarily family or close friends, but they, but because walking around a graveyard, it's like, you know, that'd be a long, tedious process.

D-Yeah, it would.

J-Yeah.

S-That's, that's, that's banking on the fact that they're all going to be buried together in a single plot.

J-Well, it's banking on that. It's also banking on the fact that, you know, that John Smith isn't a black guy. There's all kinds of factors there, you know?

S-Uh huh.

J-And so it's a lot easier to just, you know, go through newspaper articles rather than walk around...

D and S-Yeah.

J-...walk around cemeteries.

D-Yeah, absolutely that's true. Yeah, and I guess, you know, apparently Chandler did once tell Mike that he had something that he wanted to tell them...

J-Was it Mike or Mark? The coworker.

S-Mark.

D-Mark, I'm sorry, that he had something he wanted to tell him someday, but I don't know what.

S-It was that he was the Zodiac Killer.

D-Shh.

J-It could have been (Steve laughing).

D-Spoilers!

J-Or a Russian sleeper agent.

D-Yeah.

S-Or Ted Cruz. One of the two.

D-Yeah.

J-Or maybe he wanted to tell him about the vacuum cleaner incident.

D-Yeah, maybe.

J-Yeah.

D-It's possible

S-Ow! (Laughing).

J-Yeah.

D-Next up...

J-I do want to say about the web searches though, is that if he was a perv, then why didn't he have, like, stuff like, you know, "kinky vacuum tricks" and stuff like that in his web search.

D-Well, he was using incognito, I don't know.

J-Oh, maybe.

D-Maybe, yeah. Next up is Gene Isaac Stees, Professor Gene Isaac Stees. Professor Stees was incarcerated in a state prison in Columbus, Ohio.

S-Cause he was a gem.

D-He was convicted of beating his estranged wife and unborn child to death.

J-Nice.

D-He admitted it and was sentenced in 1963, and he was a model inmate. He eventually became a clerk there even, and one of the added benefits of him being a clerk there is that instead of wearing the, you know, ol' striped pajamas, he got to wear khakis and look like a normal human being. And also, the clerk's office was, like, literally right next to the door out that wasn't, apparently, left very locked all the time.

S-Attended, at least.

D-Yeah. Attended at least. So, seven years and four days after his initial incarceration, on February 18, 1970, Stees just walked out that door.

J-Smooth.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah. I recently read in a, a book about the Alcatraz prison break, back in the '60s.

D-Uh huh.

J-It wasn't nearly as easy for those guys.

D-No it was not, no.

J-Yeah.

S-Well, I mean, people say he's one of those guys too.

D-Yeah. There are people who say that.

S-Not to sideline this theory, but that's one of the things that also gets brought up.

J-Yeah.

D-Yeah.

J-I have, I have a suspicion those guys all drowned.

D-Yeah, I would guess that as well. This was pretty well planned, I think. Because Stees wasn't reported missing to the police for, like, three days after, because of protocol.

J-Is that what it is?

S-Huh? What does that mean?

D-That's what they say. Well, the...

S-Or did he have an inside man?

D-No. There, the prison did a head count every day, but they didn't do a head count until the evening, and Stees walked away in the morning. And so he wasn't counted missing until that night, and then for whatever reason the police, or the prison guards just decided that the police probably didn't need to know about that for a couple days. I don't know. Maybe they thought they had just misplaced him or something? (Steve laughing).

J-Yeah.

D-I'm not really sure. Anyway, obviously by the time the police found out, the trail was totally cold and they had nothing to go on.

S-Yeah.

D-So he's actually never been found, Stees. And I guess I can see a, some similarities, a little bit. Not really.

J-Eh.

S-It's really slight, but it's really slight between him and everybody else.

D-It is. I mean, you know, Stees...

J-I...

D-Steas is a slightly bigger guy, like he's, you know, he's got a little chub on him. So I don't, I guess I don't really know what he would look like if he lost a bunch of weight and was about the same weight as Chandler was.

S-Uh huh.

D-But I still don't think they really look that much alike.

J-Nah, I don't think they look anything alike.

D-Realistically, you know, Steas was born in 1932, so he would have actually been a couple years older than Joey, which would have corresponded well with, you know, the fact that...

S-The doctors...

D-...people thought he looked older.

S-...believing he looked older.

D-He did have male pattern baldness. But again, you know, I can't find, like, any information about Stees other than what I've just told you, so I don't know. I mean, you know, it's, it's an interesting theory, but it's definitely not air tight.

J-Yeah. I think that, I think Chandler's got, like, a longer face, longer nose. Especially...

D-I think that too, but I, it's hard to tell.

J-It's, no, I, their faces have totally different shapes. Their eyebrows are shaped differently. Their noses are, I mean, Chandler's nose is longer.

S-Did you, did either of you guys look at, that was the one thing that really, I really found enjoyable with a, was it crime shadows dot com? The one that's in the Wayback Machine. Whoever ran that took the time to make gifs of superimposing photos on top of each other.

D-Just with Campbell.

S-Was it just with Campbell?

D-Yeah.

S-I thought there was more than one. But it was really kind of funny because the way it was done was just kind of hacked together (laughing).

D-Yeah, it's not great. That's true.

S-And it was, it was just so funny that that was their tool to make him prove that he's this person...

D-Uh huh.

S-...and I was like, eh, ok.

D-Yeah. No, I agree with you. Next, Chandler could be the Zodiac Killer (Steve laughing).

J-Lots of people could be the Zodiac Killer.

D-This is not an episode on the Zodiac Killer. This is *not* an episode on the Zodiac Killer.

J-All right.

S-So let's talk about the Zodiac Killer.

D-So let's talk about the Zodiac Killer.

J-Yeah, we will talk about it some day.

D-Zodiac and Chandler were in California, if Chandler was indeed in California, around the same time. The Zodiac Killer just loves Jack the Ripper, and you know who Joseph Chandler was? The name of the head inspector in the Ripper case.

J-Uh huh.

D-From 1979 to 1982, eight lovers in Ohio were killed in a similar fashion to the Zodiac, which is, you know, like just when we can really confirm that Chandler was in Ohio.

J-And then he gave it up for 20 years then killed himself?

D-I, yeah, right? I mean, that's, that's, that's my biggest thing, is they, one of the things about the Zodiac Killer is that he definitely had much more control over his compulsion than many serial killers. But when we get down to it, he was a serial killer, and I don't think that he would have been able to not kill anybody for, God, how many years is that? It's, like, 20 years.

J-Uh huh.

D-Almost exactly. You know?

J-You know, if I was going to be a serial killer, you know what I would do? (Devin laughing). I would just change my MO all the time.

D-Well, that's what Zodiac did.

S-We've had this conversation.

J-I know.

D-But that's what the Zodiac did. That's why he was never really caught.

J-Yeah.

D-He changed his MO. And, you know, I guess it's possible that there was the random murder here or there, and he just got really good at covering it up, and all that stuff. But again, I just don't think, I don't think this is it. But I did read one internet comment which I just loved, and it was that this person said that she saw the Zodiac Killer when she was six.

J-Uh huh, right.

D-And that when she saw the mugshot of Chandler, or not the mugshot, the ID picture of Chandler, she immediately knew it was the same man.

J-Uh huh.

S-I saw a picture of Santa Claus once, and I knew it was Santa Claus.

D-Uh huh. I did too. And I mean, you know, the other thing is, right, like, you can't, this isn't today. You know, in 1978 you can't just do a Google search for, you know, deceased Joseph Chandler and come up

with a name, and then go and get the records.

J-Yeah.

D-So how would, how would one, if we're going to run down the rabbit hole of the Zodiac loved Jack the Ripper and wanted to have his next alias be Joseph Chandler, how did he find this one?

J-Absolutely. That would be looking for a needle in a haystack.

D-It would.

J-And why that particular name, you know? Out of all the names in Jack the Ripper, or you know?

D-Yeah. Yeah.

J-Why that guy?

D-Yeah, exactly. I don't know. So I don't think that's a good theory.

J-So no Zodiac, huh?

D-Yeah.

S-And why everybody likes to tie every...

D-Everything.

S-...everything to the Zodiac. It is the go to.

J-You know, the interesting thing about the Zodiac Killer is he really, he really didn't kill that many people.

D-No.

J-You know? And, and...

S-He just got everybody's attention.

D-Yep.

J-Yeah, he's just the big one out there.

D-Yeah.

J-There's people out there who have killed ten times as many people.

D-Yeah.

J-And, yeah. People don't even know their names.

D-Yeah.

J-But, yeah.

D-But they, you know, didn't taunt people as much.

J-The letters, the codes.

D-Yeah.

J-And they're still trying to break the codes.

D-Yeah, they are.

J-Yeah.

D-I guess there's one last theory, and that's just some random person avoiding, I don't know, child support...

J-Child support or something (laughing).

D-...or, you know, bills or literally insert anything here.

S-Well, there's that guy that just recently, there's that article. They found him in Europe, I think it was, and he'd been missing for six years.

D-Yeah.

S-And he's from the States, and...

D-Sixt years, yeah.

S-Huh?

D-Doesn't matter. There was a typo in the original headline and it said he was missing for "sixt" years.

S-Oh (laughing).

J-Sixt years. I love it.

S-I didn't see that one. But yeah, he, he was gone for six years. His family didn't know where he was, and then they find him. And he's like, "Oh yeah. No, I'm fine. No, I don't want to talk to you people. No." And he's just like, he won't have any contact with his family. I mean, some people just...

D-Well that's what John Dial was doing. I mean, he just didn't want to have contact with the family.

S-Yeah.

D-And then one day, you know, finally I think it got to the point where he said, "Oh my God, you guys.

I'm not, ok fine. I'm alive. Yes, I'm alive. Fine.”

S-Yeah. People, people have fallings-out with family all the time.

D-Yeah.

S-And say, “You know what? You're a bunch of jerks. I'm never talking to you again.” And move and never talk to them again.

J-Uh huh.

D-Yeah, although you don't necessarily need to steal someone's identity to do that.

J-Yeah. You could just move away.

D-Especially in the '70s.

S-No, I'm not going to disagree with you at all.

D-These days...

S-But it's, people do weird stuff to really, really take it as far as they could. And he, he was an oddball. So he may have said, you know, his, he seemed to have a very methodical side to him.

D-Uh huh.

S-So he may have said, “To do this, I have to do this, and I have to do that.” And so he went ahead and he did all those things. Even though he probably could have just moved to another state and never given them his phone number (laughing).

D-Yeah. It would have been really easy for him to do that, yeah.

J-Yeah.

S-I, I told you guys, though. I went ahead and checked the FBI, the FBI vault...

D-Yeah, you did.

S-...for this name. The Joseph, what's his middle name again?

D and J-Newton.

S-Thank you. Joseph Newton Chandler. Nothing comes up on Joseph Newton Chandler III, but I found some interesting results for Joseph Newton Chandler.

D-Ok.

S-Some of which make sense, some of which make absolutely no sense. Like the Black Panthers. But there was the Dillinger Gang from the '30s, which the time frame doesn't work on that. There was the

Bremer kidnapping, which was a gang, a gangster kidnapping which was in the late '30s I believe. But that's, that kind of brought the Feds down on them and they took the entire gang out. There's another guy by the name of Ralph Roe. He comes up in it, but again, he's another gangster from the '30s who's killed. But the one that actually was really interesting to me is that the name came up in documents about Jonestown.

J-Uh huh.

D-Hmm.

S-Jonestown, the, the drinking the Flavor Aid happened in late '78.

D and J-Yeah.

S-So it's possible that he was an early defector. Or he survived the whole thing and just went, "I never want to be found by these people again."

J-Yeah.

S-"I'm changing who I am."

D-Yeah.

J-Understandable. Now...

D-It's true.

J-...his name came up in the files about Jonestown?

S-Uh huh.

J-Was he actually a member? Did he actually...

S-Uh, the problem is is that I didn't think to check the vault until today.

J-Ah.

S-And it was in one of those PDFs that's a hundred and some odd pages long, and it's all photocopied.

J-And not easily readable.

S-Right.

D-Uh huh.

S-So I looked at it, and so I just started skimming through the results, but I couldn't find exactly where it was.

D-Uh huh.

J-Ah.

S-But I just noticed that, it was like well that's actually, it's one of those big things that people may never want to be associated with, so they just up and leave because of it.

D-Yeah, except for the...

J-It's the same name.

D-Yeah (Joe laughing).

J-That's the problem with it.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah.

D-That's the problem, I, I guess the other thing that would be interesting is if he was connected to, you know, the Dillinger or like any of the mob, you know, stuff. The fact that he went dressed, the one time he ever went to a dress-up party he went dressed as a gangster, is kind of interesting.

S-Yeah.

D-I mean, I don't think the time frame really necessarily lines up, but.

S-No, and I looked up a bunch of stuff about the mob...

D-I mean, you know, unless he was, like, a kid. Maybe he was, like, a ten-year-old kid who saw something and it was Witness Protection and it just was so long standing that, you know, the Marshals didn't even have any...

S-Maybe.

D-I don't think so. I mean, I'm just speculating obviously, but.

S-I looked up stuff about, cause there's speculation on the internet that he was a gangster who was on the run, not necessarily in Witness Protection, but just on the run. But it is, it's just so impossible to find who disappeared, cause guys in the mob disappeared all the time.

D-Yeah. I don't think it's good.

S-And it's, I, I put it in the same, the same stand as I do with the Zodiac. It's an easy go to.

D-Yeah. Super easy.

J-Uh huh.

S-"Well, he was hiding."

D-Yeah.

S-Well, why was he hiding? “Well, he must have been in the mob.”

D-Uh huh.

S-That's the easy answer.

D-It is. It's a really easy answer.

J-Yeah, I know. Who knows? He had a secret. He wanted to get away from somebody. Hide from the law. I mean, who knows?

D-Yeah. I mean, you know, Marshal Elliott is quoted on the internet as saying that he's very certain that, that Chandler was a violent fugitive.

J-It's possible.

D-But, you know, everybody who ever encountered him in his life said they didn't have that, the sense that he was violent at all. Although maybe that's why, you know, he's got the headphones on all the time. He's a recluse, because if he knows if he interacts with people too much, he might become violent. I don't know.

J-Yeah. Well, people mellow as they get older, too.

D-That's true.

J-I mean, who knows, maybe his violent crimes, crime days were behind him.

D-Or maybe they were, you know...

S-He was a teenager.

D-...alcohol induced.

S-Twenties, yeah.

J-Yeah, it could be.

D-You know, maybe he had a problem with alcohol, and that's why he didn't drink.

S-Uh huh.

J-Yeah, it could have been.

D-You guys have anything else you want to talk about with this?

S-No, cause there's a bajillion ways this could have gone.

D-I know. I'm sorry this is an unsatisfying one, where I just don't have a good answer.

J-Yeah. Well stay tuned, though. You never know.

D-Yeah. It could be solved.

J-They'll probably dig up a few bodies. Maybe they'll solve it. When I talked to Pete Elliott today, he said, he said, you know, please send any information you turn up.

D-Uh huh.

J-Please send it my way.

D-Great.

J-He's still actively pursuing the case.

D-Yeah, he is.

J-And so, listeners out there, anybody has any evidence, you know, shoot it our way. We'll forward it on to the Marshal or we'll...

D-Yeah. Don't send it in yourself. We'll do it for you.

J-Yeah.

D-We'll take the credit.

S-We will, yeah, we'll totally give you credit.

J-Yeah, yeah, yeah, exactly.

D-Uh huh.

J-If you do want some credit, then fine, fine, fine. We'll find a way to, like, get you hooked up with the Marshals.

D-Yeah.

S-Or send you a t-shirt.

J-Yeah.

S-Or something, you know, whatever.

J-Yeah.

D-Get you a free podcast or something like that.

S-Yeah (laughing).

J-Yeah, there you go.

D-Yeah, we can probably do that.

S and J-Yeah.

D-Yeah. Well, if you want to see any of the links, I think probably we'll post at least one of the links that is connected through the Wayback Machine. And then a couple of other things. So if you want to find those links without having to find them yourselves, which is kind of a pain, I can tell you. That'll be on our website. That's thinking sideways podcast dot com. You are probably listening to us on iTunes or streaming us or listening to us on Google Play. If you're doing any of those and for some reason you have not subscribed yet, why don't you do that. And then you can also give us a comment, or a review and a rating.

S-On iTunes.

D-On iTunes. I think on some of the streaming ones you can too.

S-Yeah.

D-If you can, just do it. It helps people find us. Obviously we hope you'll leave a good one, but if you don't...

J-Yeah, please do.

S-Well, and we're getting, thanks to Google Play, we're getting a whole bunch of new listeners, so welcome to everybody that...

D-Yeah.

S...in the last month or so since Google Play really released all the, Google Music released all the podcast stuff...

D-Yeah.

S-...tons of people.

J-Oh really?

D-It's great, yeah.

J-That's good to know.

D-Yeah, yeah. We're on Facebook. We've got a group and a page. If you want, this is just a quick word of advice, if you want to have a discussion, do it in the group. If you post on our Facebook page, like a question for our audience, nobody will see it.

S-We will respond to you, but nobody else.

D-But the way we'll respond to you is to say, "Hey, you should probably post this in the group!" (Steve laughing).

J-Yeah.

D-We've got a Twitter. It's thinkin sideways. We got a subreddit, which is just r/thinkingsideways. You can email us if you have comments about this. If you have information. If you have story suggestions. If you're an expert. Also, if you have any constructive criticism that you'd like to get out there, that's a pretty good forum. If you want to do it in a public forum, do it, please do it on, like, Facebook or somewhere where we can respond to you.

S-Yeah.

D-So we can talk about it.

S-Not somewhere that's a 168 character limit.

J-Yeah.

D-Hopefully. Yeah. So you can email us. That email address is thinking sideways podcast at gmail dot com. And then last but not least, if you would like to support the show in any way, we do have the merch links on the website. You can get a shirt or a sticker or whatever. But if you'd like to donate just, like, money, you can do a one-time donation via Paypal, and that link's on the website. Or you can become a sustaining member and donate per episode on Patreon, which is patreon dot com slash thinking sideways.

S-And everybody remember, Patreon is an ongoing thing, so it's per episode. So if say you want to give a buck, that's a buck per episode.

D-Yeah.

J-Yeah.

D-Which we love, thank you so much!

S-Yes, it absolutely...

J-It helps, yeah.

S-It is, it is amazing. We wholly appreciate it. I know that it seems that there's a little bit of confusion sometimes in the way Patreon works with the amount you're pledging versus the limit that you set.

D-Yeah.

S-Cause you can limit it. You can say I can't, you know, you say you want to spend ten bucks a month. It'll stop you at the ten bucks, but that seems to have caused some confusion.

D-Uh huh.

S-So be aware that that's how that works.

D-Yeah.

S-It'll never just keep rolling on ya.

D-Yeah. So all of that having been said, I think we're just going to go ahead and get on out of here.

J-I think so. It's time. We solved this one.

S-This was a blast.

J-I know.

D-Yeah.

J-All right. Bye everybody.

D-Bye guys.