

A hand is pointing at a murder board. The board is covered with numerous yellow sticky notes, each containing handwritten text. Some notes have numbers circled in red, such as '0430', '0484', and '0437'. Other notes contain names like 'Vadal', 'Black', 'Jango', 'Hallard', and 'Torpa'. The background is a light blue wall, and the overall scene is dimly lit, focusing attention on the sticky notes and the hand.

# Murder Boards vs. Genetic Genealogy: Can They Coexist on Screen?

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*Only Murders in the Building, Hulu*





*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, CBS*



## FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGY HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION PRESS CONFERENCE: Nancy Bennallack



SACRAMENTO COUNTY COLD CASE SOLVED



AUGUST 10, 2022

## GOLDEN STATE KILLER CAUGHT ON ANCESTRY SITE



### COLD CASE ARREST

- ▶ 59-Years-Old
- ▶ Arrested In Decatur, GA
- ▶ Suspected Of Three Rapes In Sacramento, Sacramento Co. & Davis In 1992 & 1994
- ▶ Genetic Genealogy Led To Arrest



ARRESTED  
MARK  
MANTEUFFEL



KAYU/November 13, 2022  
Moscow, Idaho



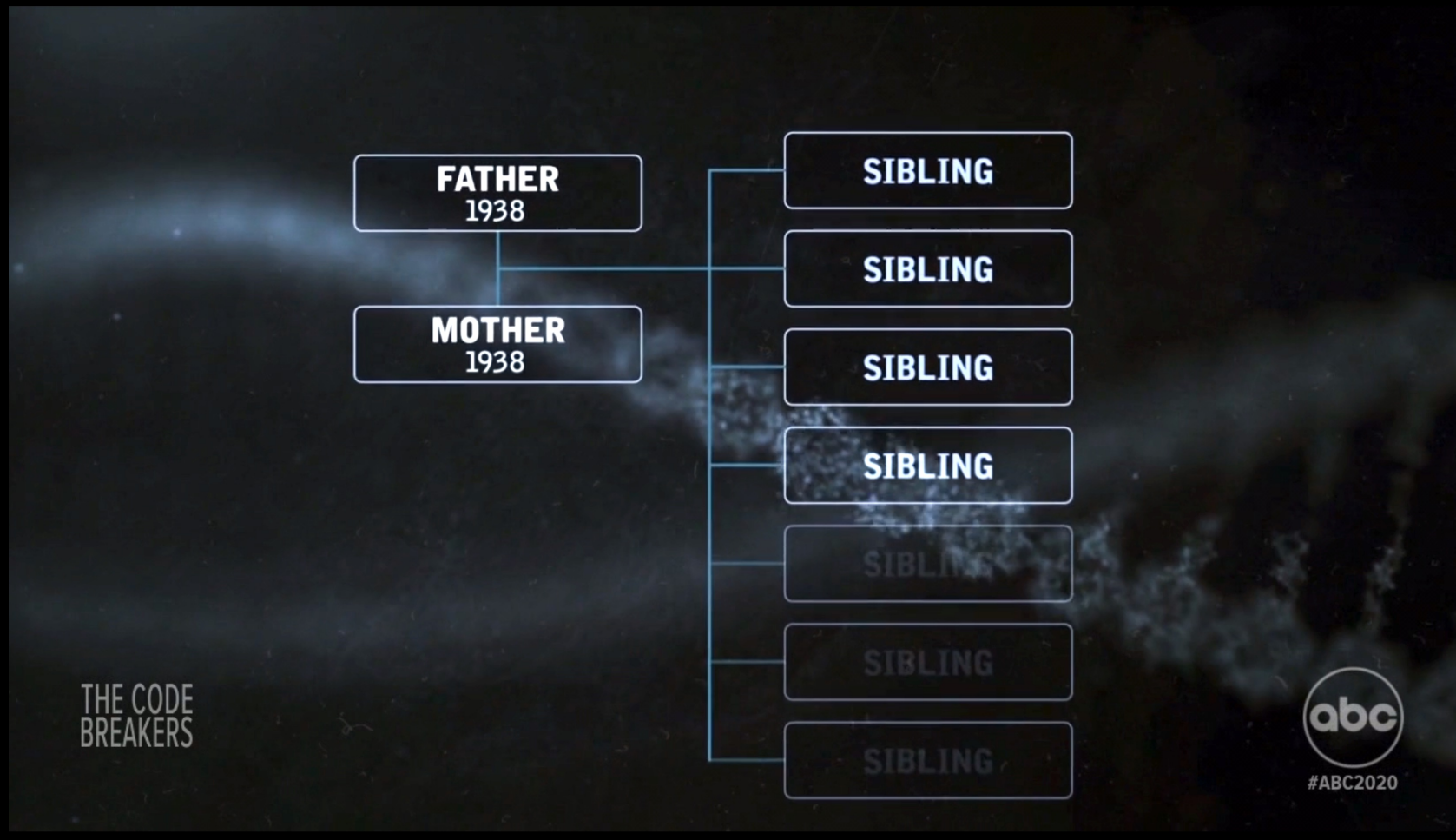
### TALE OF THE KNIFE SHEATH DNA'S ROLE IN IDENTIFYING IDAHO MURDERS SUSPECT

CeCe Moore | Genetic Genealogist



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20/20, ABC



*Bloodline Detectives*, FilmRise





*The Genetic Detective, ABC*




*Finding Your Roots, PBS*





Step 2:  
Fuck with the evidence

*The Gentlemen*, Netflix



You're watching

# The Breakthrough

Limited Series

## Family Tree: Ep. 3

John and Per's investigative efforts are obstructed by their clashing personalities. A prying journalist adds to the pressure.

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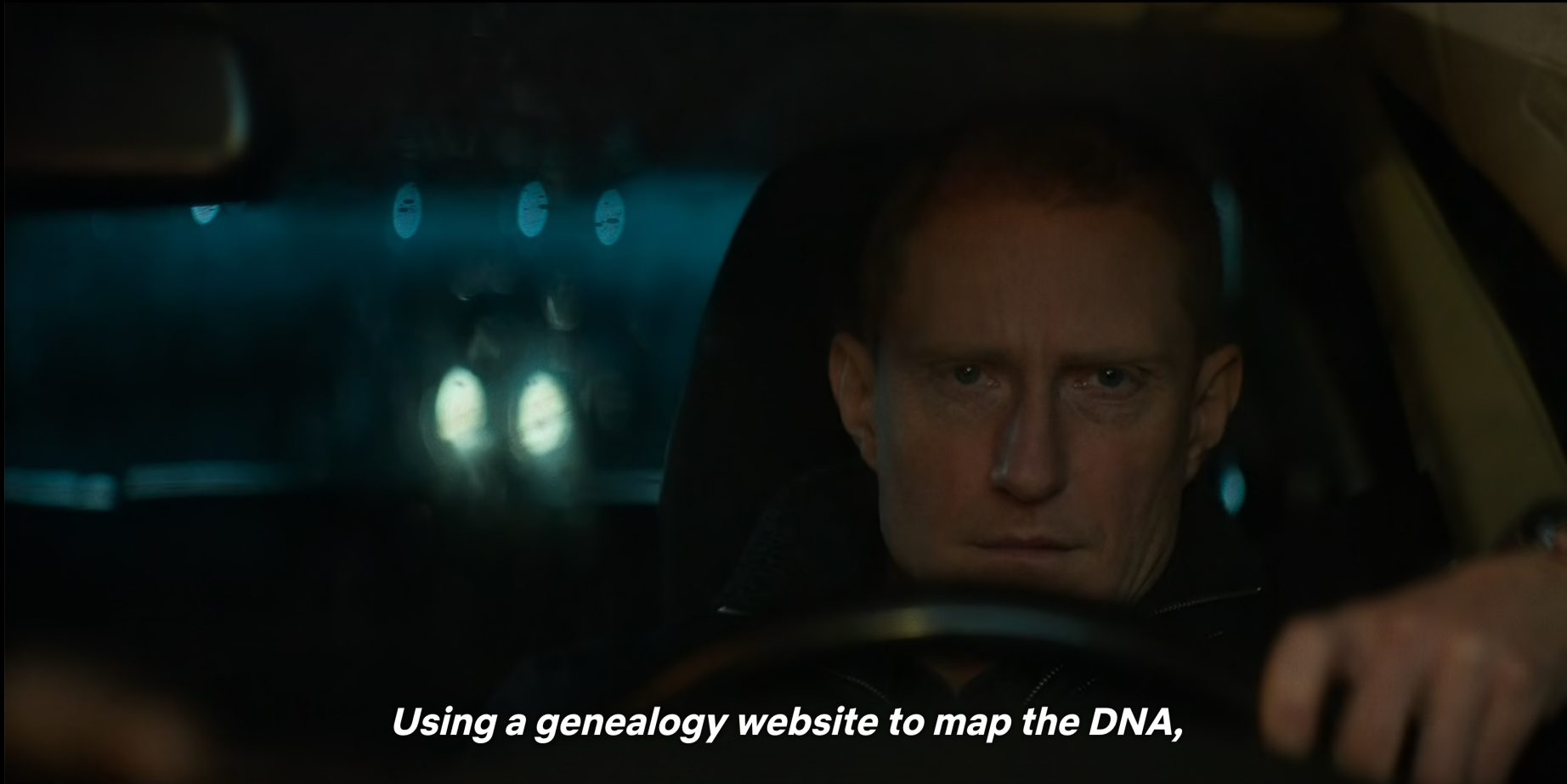
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MANHUNT AIDED BY FACIAL COMPOSITE

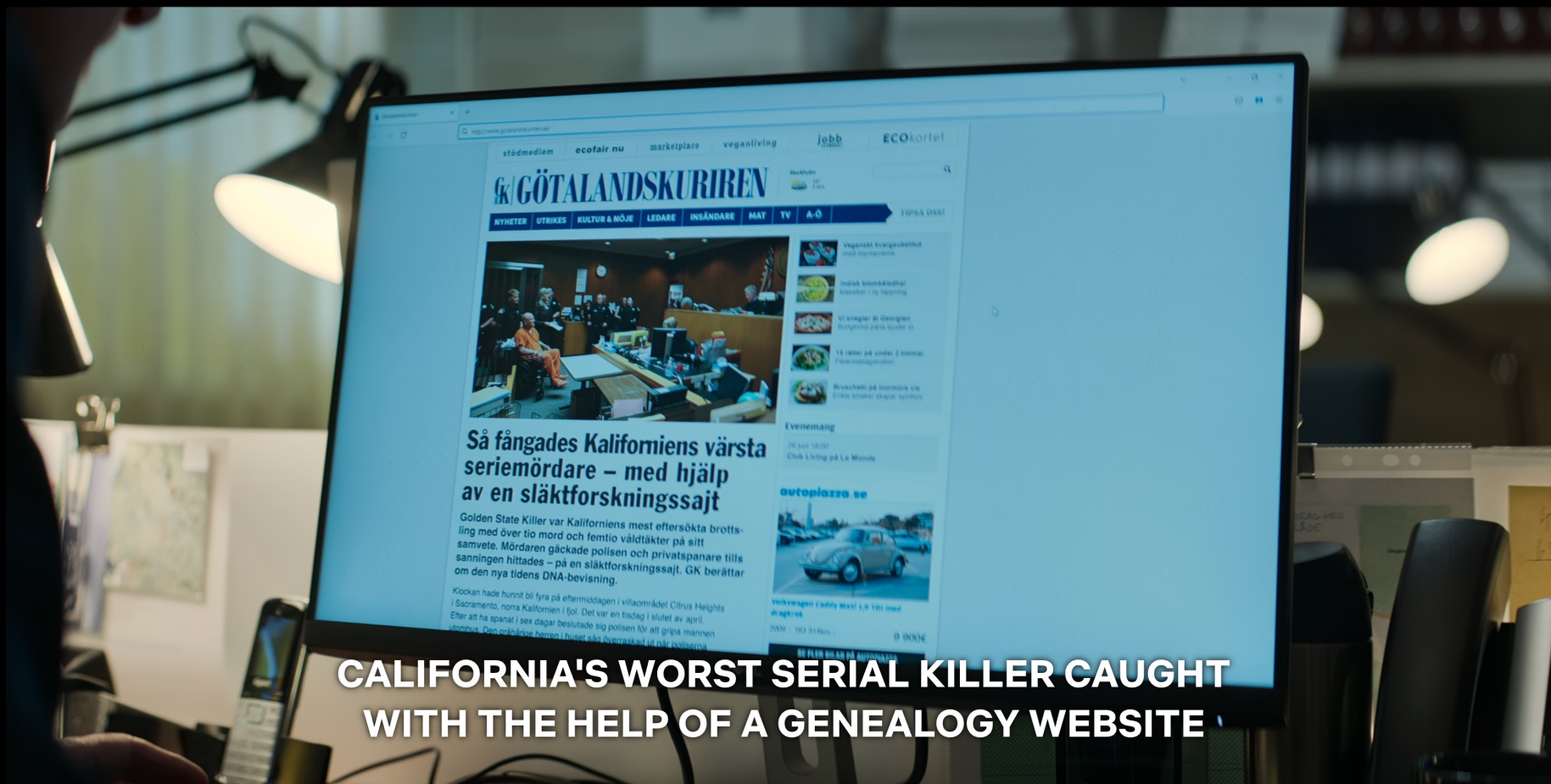
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*Using a genealogy website to map the DNA,*

*The Breakthrough, Netflix*









**CALIFORNIA'S WORST SERIAL KILLER CAUGHT  
WITH THE HELP OF A GENEALOGY WEBSITE**

*The Breakthrough, Netflix*



Research paper

# Getting the conclusive lead with investigative genetic genealogy – A successful case study of a 16 year old double murder in Sweden

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*Finding Your Roots, PBS*



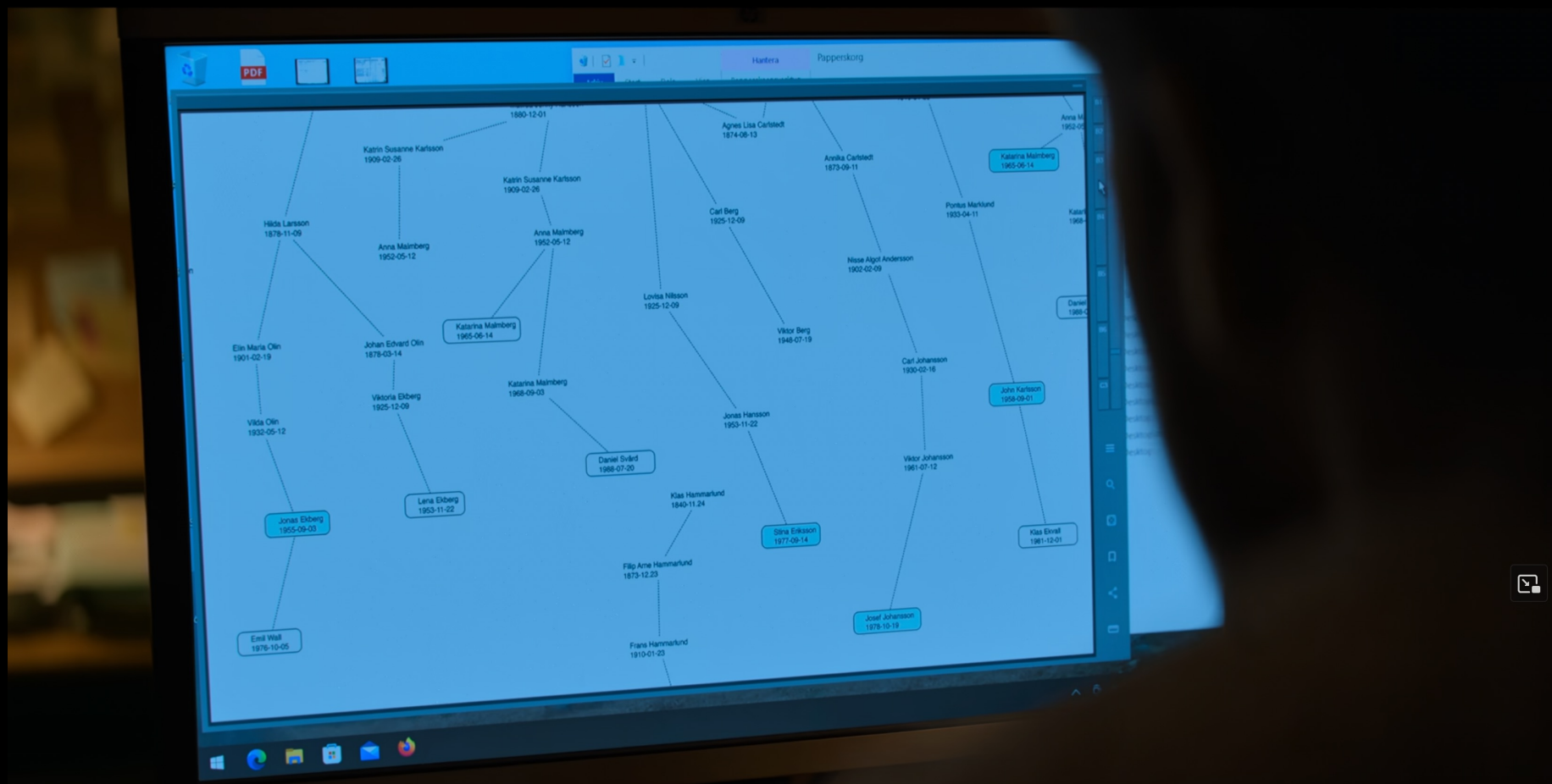


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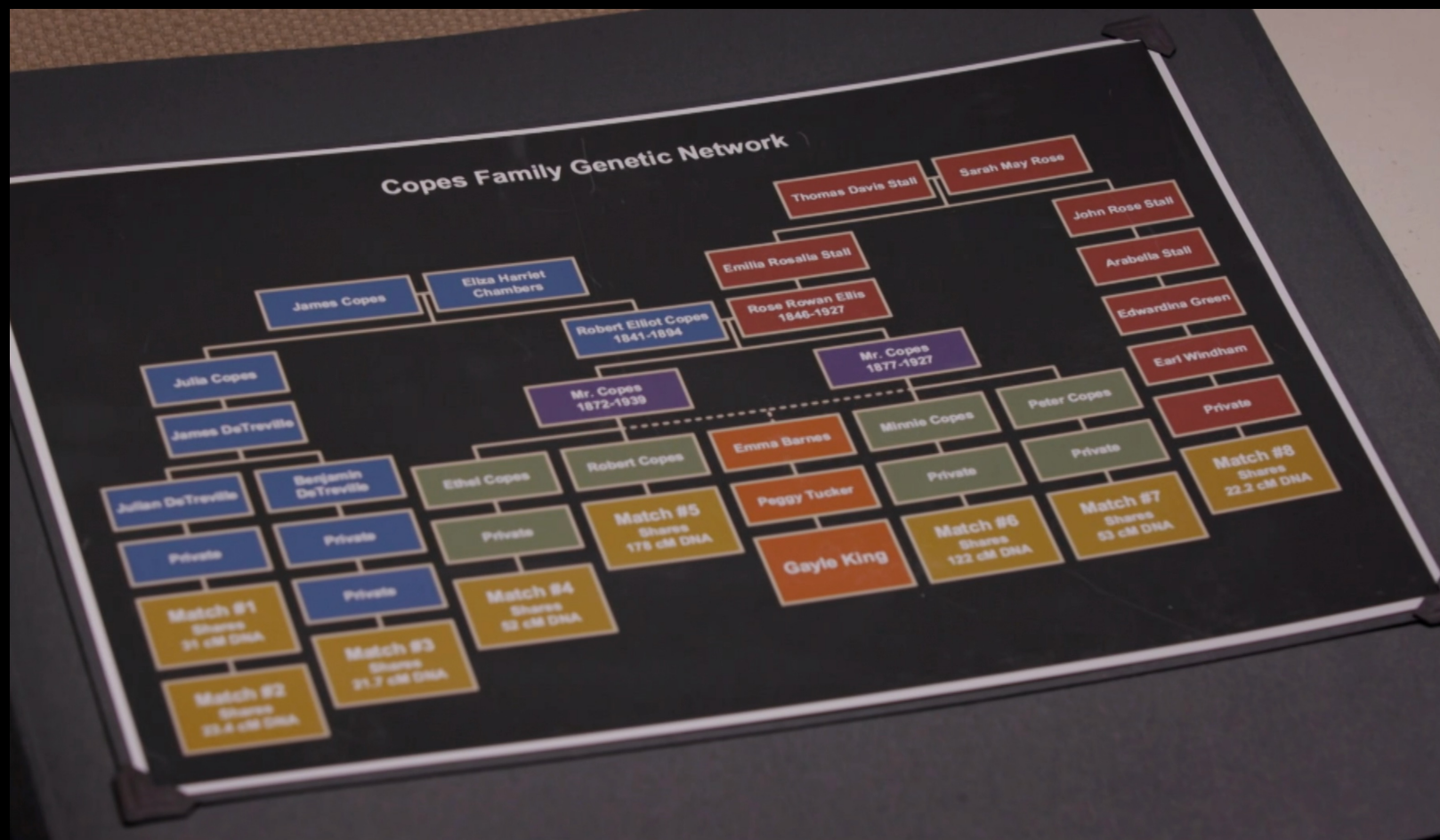


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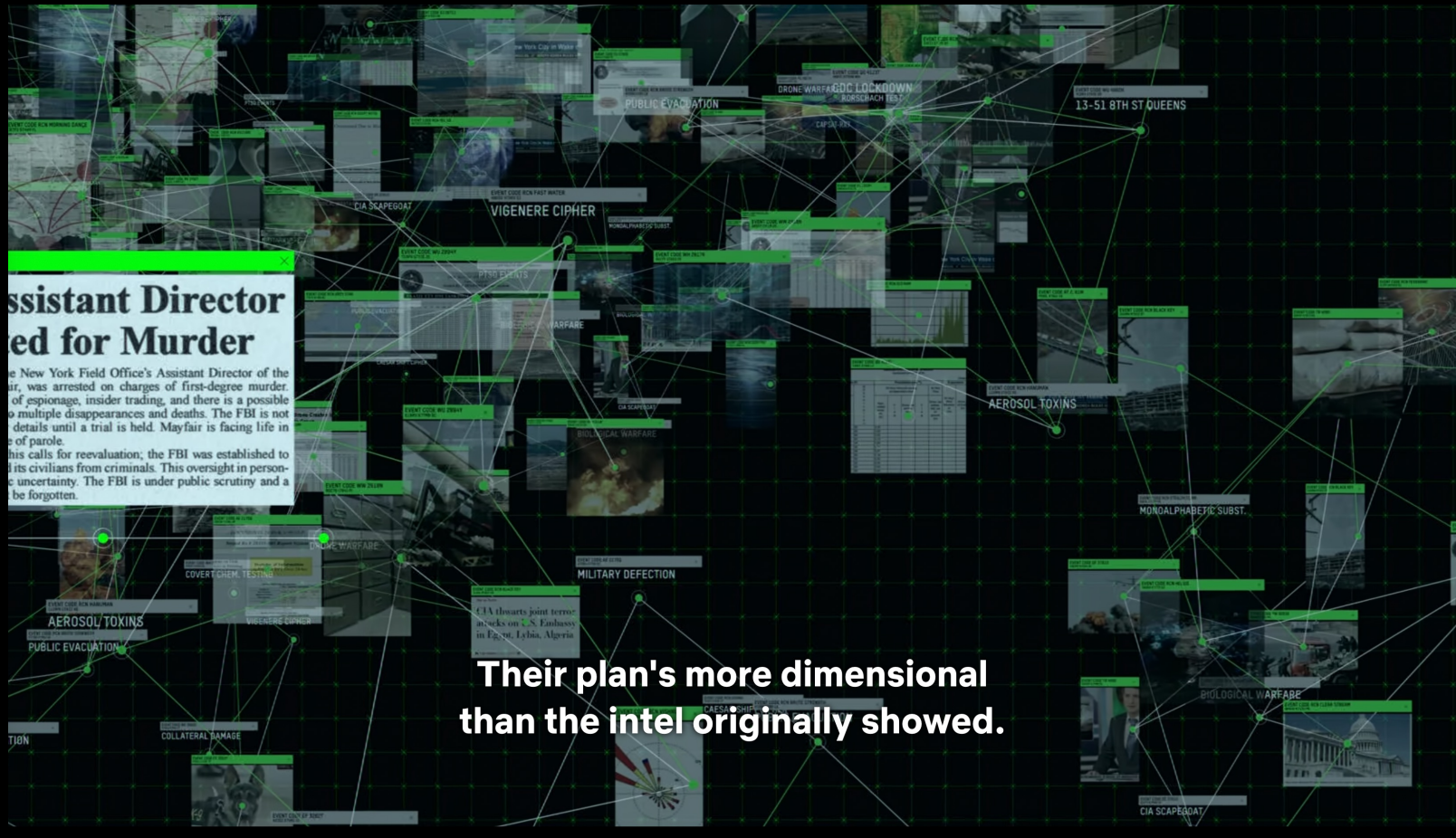


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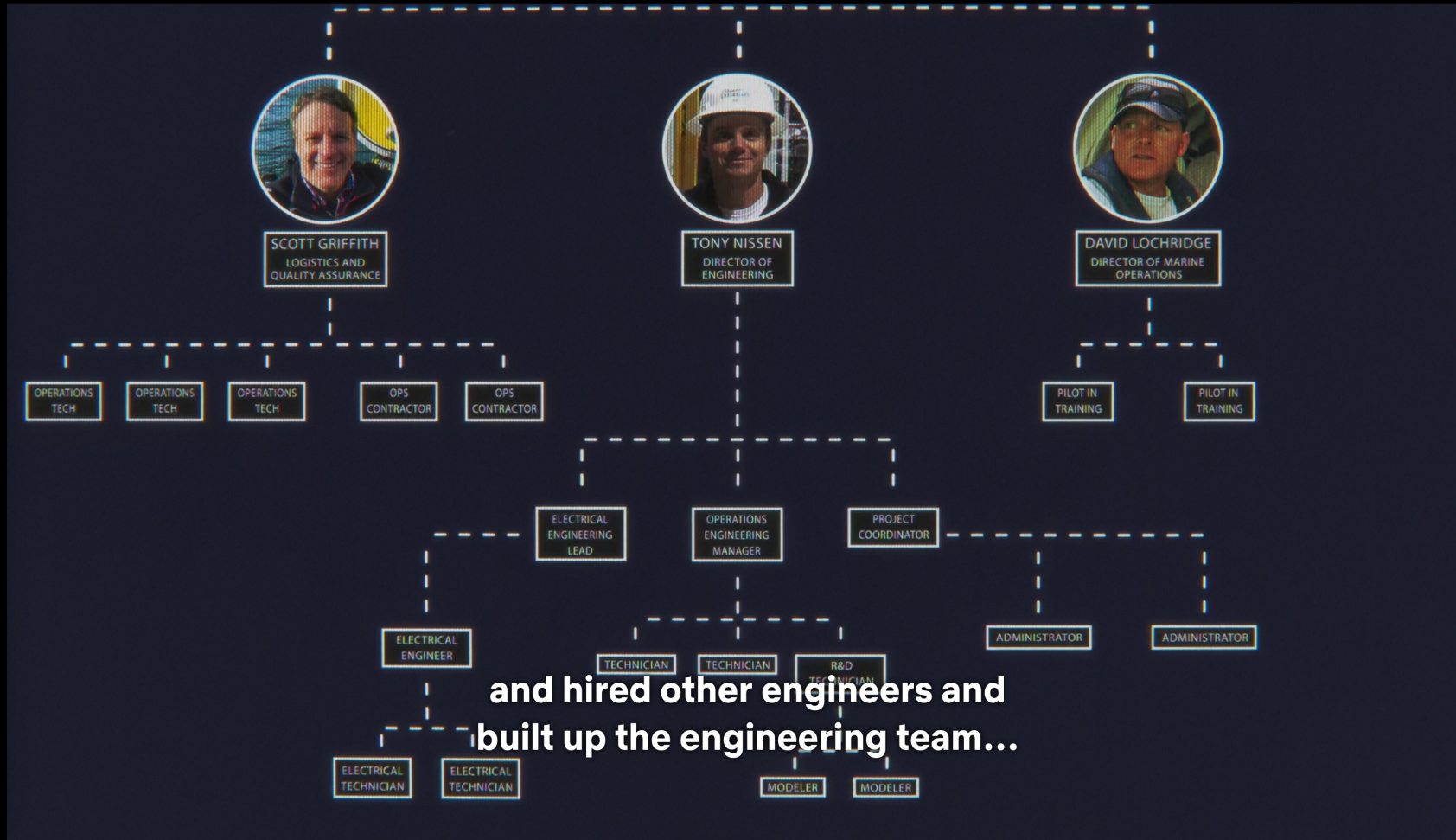
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**Their plan's more dimensional  
than the intel originally showed.**

*Blindspot, NBC/USA*



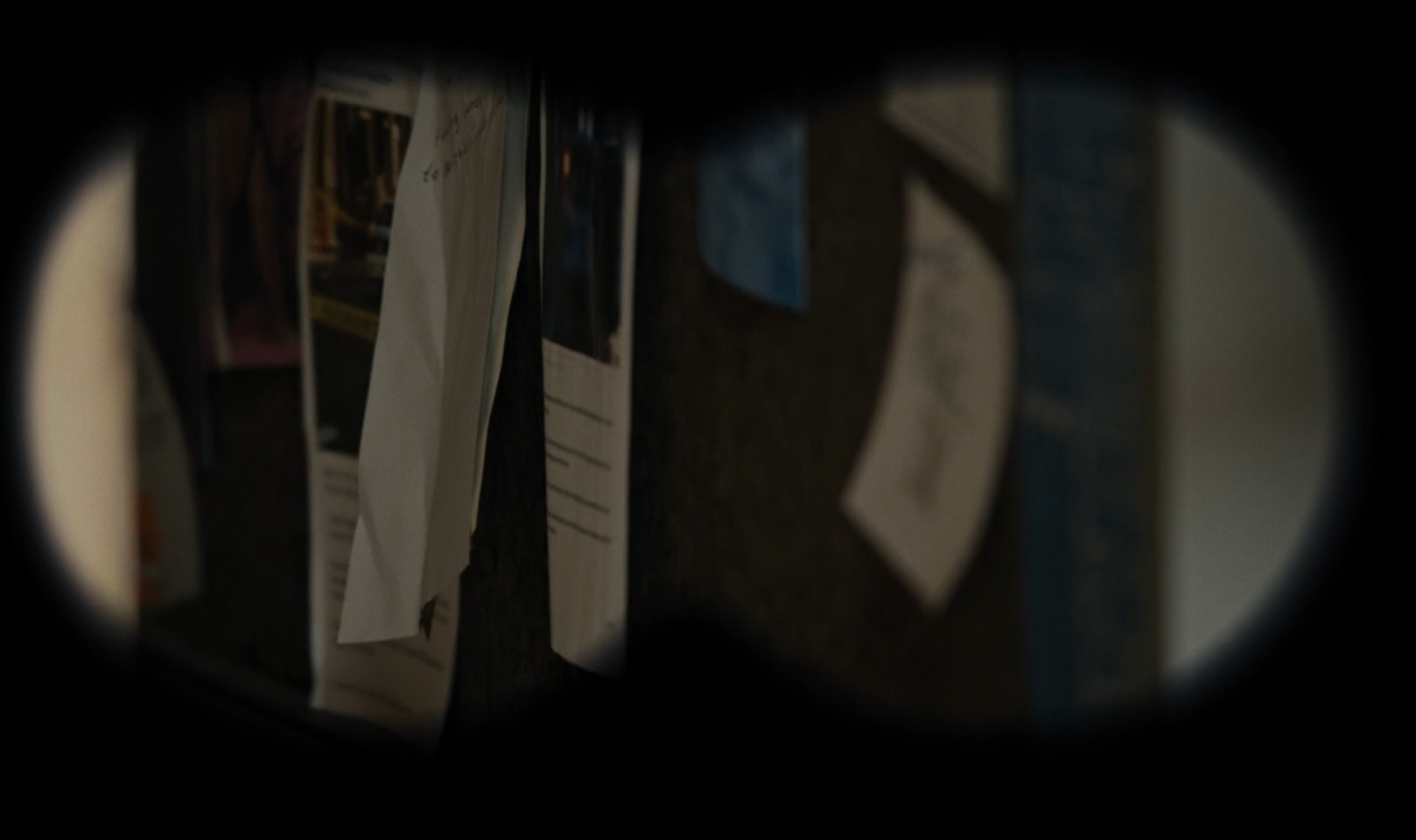
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*Watchmen*, HBO



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