Gilgo

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FADE IN:

EXT. GILGO MARINA – DAY

The iconic mural title stretches across the entrance tunnel which accesses:

GILGO BEACH

Off-season -- windy and cold.

The ocean waves crash into the shore line. Mist sprays everywhere.

SUPERIMPOSE: Gilgo Beach

one of the four barrier beaches belonging to the Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York.

An aerial view from the ocean shows how narrow this man-made barrier actually is.

BEGIN ‘VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE’ VOICE-OVER MONTAGE

The young voice of REGRET, early 20s, defeated tone...

REGRET (V.O.)
I’ve heard of this beach. My friend would come here. How is it possible that this is my final resting place? I mean, I’ve never even been here before. Why? Why did he choose this place, and why did he choose me?

CUT TO:

A close-up of a long dune near the Ocean Parkway.

A set of tires speed by.

OVER BLACK:

SUPERIMPOSE: From the mid 1990s onward, human remains have been found spread out in the vicinity of Gilgo Beach and all along the Ocean Parkway
The voice of SCARED, early 20s, sniffles and snivels...

    SCARED (V.O)
    I didn’t... do anything wrong!
    How...? Please! No one came to help
    me. I miss... I miss my mom, my
dad... my family!

BACK TO SCENE

CLOSE on a trampled dune. Wind blows through the ammophila.

A BABY cries for a few seconds and then quickly stops -- way too abruptly.

And then there is a snap to blackness.

The voice of DISMAYED, early 20s, hyper ventilating...

    DISMAYED (V.O.)
    Frigid. Wet.
    (beat)
    Dark...
    (beat)
    Alone...

At the edge of the Ocean Parkway is a makeshift memorial. A crucifix leans against vases of flowers with ribbons and bows. Recently maintained and also very respected.

The voice of MAD, early 20s, and she is indeed, very mad.

    MAD
    I hope you burn in hell for what
    you did to me, you son of a bitch!
    So many things I still wanted to
do. I had a future, yet you took it
all away! You took my lifeeeee!

OVER BLACK:

SUPERIMPOSE: Known as both the Gilgo Beach Killer and the Craigslist Ripper, the police believe a single serial murderer is ultimately responsible for 10-16 killings during an almost 20 year span.

BACK TO SCENE

More foliage grows around beach debris.
REGRET (V.O.)
Without any warning, I was lured into a false sense of security. I mean, there were dangers involved, sure, but... the trust was there. The relationship had been secured. Repeat calls then led to more encounters and...

Silence.

SCARED (V.O.)
I shouldn’t be here. I want to go home... back to my house. I don’t want my family to worry about me any longer.

DISMAYED (V.O.)
Torn away... hands, feet... very tight, pain... taken... driven away...
(beat)
Betrayed.

MAD
I hope your death is the most horrible thing that anyone could ever imagine, you evil and murderous pig!

SUPERIMPOSE: Leads and suspects were few. Theories remain abundant. Some believe the unidentified subject, "Unsub" may have ties to law enforcement which have thus far helped him to avoid detection.

Very low to the pavement --

Vehicle tires stop. This is a partial view, perhaps that of a black S.U.V.

The driver’s door opens.

Black boots step out.

A car door shuts.
CUT TO:

Piping Plovers scatter across a dune.

The SOUND of a shovel as it digs -- routinely and methodically.

A burlap bag, partially buried, sticks out from the sand.

The sound of a door closes.

The vehicle starts up and drives away.

Back to the tunnel mural. Slowly pull away from it and then up to the setting sun.

FADE OUT

THE END