

High Two – Unit Seven - Summary

The number of unsolved crimes across the world is frustrating. Dan Cooper's case is one of the rarest mysteries, which are not solved up to now. On Nov. 24, 1971, a man who had bought a ticket using the name Dan Cooper did the most famous hijack, which is the only unsolved case of air piracy in commercial aviation history. Shortly after takeoff, he slipped the flight attendant a note explaining his intention to hijack the plane. Calmly, he demanded \$200,000 in ransom, four parachutes, and a flight that would fly him to Mexico.

Once on the ground, the hijacker let all passengers exit and accepted the \$200,000, which were all photocopied by FBI agents to be easily tracked. Finally, after refueling, he instructed the pilot to fly to Mexico.

After takeoff, Cooper told the flight attendant to join the rest of the crew in the cockpit and remain there with the door closed. As she complied, the flight attendant observed Cooper tying something around his waist. A few later, The crew soon noticed a significant air pressure change, indicating that the aft door was open. When Dan Cooper jumped out of the plane, the temperature outside was -7°C , while he was wearing no protective clothing.

The night of jumping was the last night that Cooper was seen, and it is a puzzle up to now whether he survived or died during free fall ?!!

Initial extrapolations placed Cooper's landing zone within the Ariel, a city near the Columbia River. In February 1980, an eight-year-old boy uncovered three ransom cash packets as he raked the sandy riverbank when he was playing around the area. The bills were significantly disintegrated but still bundled in rubber bands. This was the first and the last evidence which was found in the area!

Despite a long chase and protracted FBI investigation, the perpetrator has never been located or identified. No definitive conclusions have been reached regarding Cooper's true identity or whereabouts if he survived the jump. Numerous theories of widely varying plausibility have been proposed over the years by investigators and theorists, but none of them worked. The point is that Dan Cooper, the famous hijacker, is supposed as a hero in Ariel town. And his story has been depicted in many books and even movies.

