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Treasure Hunter Seeks To Unravel Oak Island Riddle

In about 1889, a syndicate from Truro, Nova Scotia, was formed and employed a horse-driven pot auger (which picked up a sample of anything it passed through) to assist in digging.

A search of the area revealed a chain of five, rock-walled drains running from the sea toward the island’s interior—aimed directly at the “Money Pit.”

By building a dam to hold back the sea, which was previously destroyed by the tide, the Truro crew dug 113 feet straight down and bored toward the pit. This tactic, however, was also destroyed when the pit’s bottom collapsed into an apparent cavern.

After a cost of more than $40,000, the Truro syndicate found two chests, one of which held gold coins, a few other items, and treasure. A succession of treasure hunters followed, some meeting death in bizarre and almost “haunting” ways.

As recent as the 1960s, live has been lost in the hunt for the Oak Island Treasure. Robert Restall, 96, his son, Bobby, 22, and another man were overcome by gas on Aug. 19, 1985, and died.

Restall, a former Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, steelworker, died of a heart attack that day in his boat, and $200,000 into the fruitless hunt.

Dunfield, a 40-year-old oilman from Los Angeles, who died during an attempt to locate the treasure nearby.

The latest efforts, according to Local E. A. Hite, however, may find the treasure. But, he is not overly optimistic.

“I’ve got several theories of the treasure,” he said. “And one is that it’s (the treasure’s) gold. How far down it is, there’s no telling. The island has been so deep as 31 feet below the surface, without finding the treasure. There’s a problem of the water feeding into the pit that has to be solved.”

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Knife-Carrying Charge Filed

NEWPORT BEACH — Waving his thumb at a passing police car got a Long Beach man a ticket.

Police said they charged Steven Greber, 21, with possession of a concealed weapon after a series of residents were called to a home by a third party.

Greber was carrying a nine-inch switchblade knife, police said.

He is being held in lieu of $150 bail.