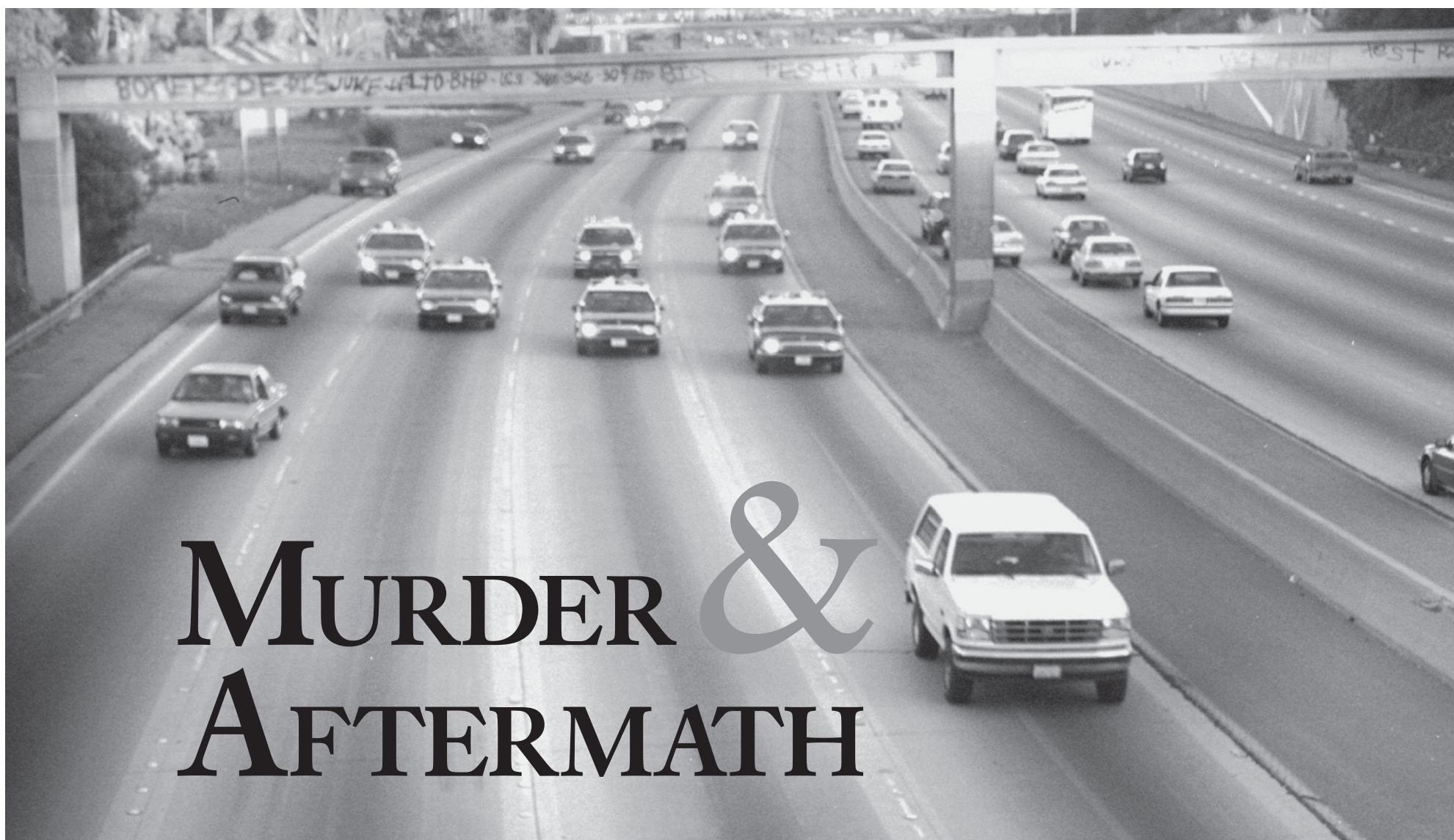


VERDICT IN THE O.J. SIMPSON TRIAL



MURDER & AFTERMATH

Timeline

■ June 1994

12: Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman are stabbed to death outside her condominium at 875 S. Bundy Lane in suburban Los Angeles.

13: O.J. Simpson arrives in Chicago. Los Angeles police detectives go to his Brentwood estate on Rockingham Avenue and conduct warrantless search. Simpson is told of murders and flies back to Los Angeles. Undergoes questioning at police headquarters.

16: Simpson accompanies children Sydney and Justin to Nicole's funeral. Friends and family attend Goldman's funeral.

17: SLOW-SPEED BRONCO CHASE – Simpson charged with murder. Failing to surrender as promised, Simpson is declared a fugitive. He later is spotted in a white Ford Bronco with friend Al Cowlings driving. Police follow for 60 miles across Southern California freeways, ending at Simpson's home, where he is arrested.

■ July 1994

8: After six-day preliminary hearing, Municipal Judge Kathleen Kennedy-Powell finds "ample evidence" for trial.

22: Simpson pleads "absolutely, 100 percent not guilty." Case is assigned to Superior Court Judge Lance Ito.

27: Goldman's estranged mother files wrongful death lawsuit against Simpson, alleging he "willfully, wantonly and maliciously" killed her son.

30: Grand jury transcripts depict Simpson as a jealous man who stalked his ex-wife.

■ August 1994

Elsewhere in the news: Major League Baseball players go on strike Aug. 12 in an attempt to counter a projected move by the team owners to install a salary cap. The strike lasts until the spring of 1995, causing the 1994 World Series to be canceled.

18: Defense files motion, later denied, seeking Detective Mark Fuhrman's personnel and military records. Defense sources earlier said they might portray Fuhrman as a racist cop who moved the bloody glove from the murder scene to Simpson's estate.

22: Court papers disclose that some DNA tests show Simpson's blood has the same genetic makeup as samples from blood trail leading from the murder scene.

■ September 1994

2: Prosecutors file a motion for jury sequestration.

9: Prosecutors announce they will seek a sentence of life without parole rather than the death penalty.

19: Judge Ito rejects defense claims of sloppy detective work and says the police acted properly when they searched Simpson's house without a warrant.

26: Jury selection begins.

The hour in question

All times Pacific

■ **9:10 p.m.:** O.J. Simpson drives house guest Brian 'Kato' Kaelin to McDonald's in his Bentley.

■ **9:36 p.m.:** Simpson and Kaelin return to Simpson's estate on Rockingham Avenue.

■ **10:03 p.m.:** Simpson telephones his girlfriend, Paula Barbieri, from the cellular phone in his Bronco.

■ **10:15 p.m.:** Nicole Simpson's neighbor Pablo Fenjves hears a dog barking, then a 'plaintive wail.'

■ **10:22 p.m.:** Limousine driver Allan Park drives down Rockingham and doesn't see Bronco.

■ **10:40 p.m.:** Park pulls up to the gate on Ashford Street and rings the buzzer. Nobody answers.

■ **10:45-50 p.m.:** Nicole Simpson's neighbor sees Nicole's Akita, with bloody paws, on the sidewalk outside her house.

■ **10:51-52 p.m.:** Kaelin hears three thumps on the wall outside his guest house.

■ **10:54 p.m.:** Park sees a man he believes is Simpson entering the front door at Rockingham.

■ **11:15 p.m.:** Simpson and Park leave for the airport.



O.J. Simpson



Chase of the white Bronco
Police cars trail Al Cowlings and O.J. Simpson along a Southern California freeway June 17, 1994.



The bloody glove

From an evidence photo that was presented on July 5, 1994, at O.J. Simpson's preliminary hearing. This is the glove that Los Angeles police Detective Mark Fuhrman described finding at O.J. Simpson's home.



Ronald Goldman
1991 California Department of Motor Vehicles photo

Nicole Brown Simpson
At Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 4, 1993.

Ronald Goldman was murdered, too

He enjoyed the company of the rich and famous

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LOS ANGELES - Outgoing and cocky. Adventurous, yet relaxed.

This, in his own words, was Ronald Goldman.

He was more than just a waiter. More than just Nicole Brown Simpson's friend. More than just a name in a headline.

After moving from suburban Chicago at age 18, Goldman basked in the Southern California lifestyle, learning to surf, becoming a health-club regular, playing softball on Sundays, hanging out at coffee shops by day and hitting trendy spots by night.

"He was always having fun," says long-time friend Mike Pincus. "He lived day-to-day."

After dropping out of college, Goldman lived with his family in suburban Agoura Hills and held a string of jobs waiting tables, hoping to gain enough experience so he could open his own restaurant, said his father, Fred Goldman.

"That's why he had jobs at restaurants.

He was getting a handle on what it took," his father said. "He was putting his life together."

Goldman's drawback, if any, was a penchant for the nicer things in life - a desire that led him to overuse his credit cards so much that he filed for bankruptcy in 1992, claiming \$12,216.97 in liabilities.

The suburban life soon proved too inhibiting, and Goldman set his sights on Brentwood, a fashionable Los Angeles address where he could hobnob with the rich and famous.

Goldman, however, had little money and no car. He moved to one of the few streets lined with modest apartment buildings, many inhabited by students attending the nearby University of California, Los Angeles. His good looks and his connections in the community often got him into the hottest clubs for free.

In Brentwood, Goldman found himself surrounded by a clique of well-toned, youthful bodies who hung out at a Starbucks coffee shop that sits on a bustling boulevard,

across from the Mezzaluna restaurant where Goldman worked and Nicole Simpson often dined.

It was at Starbucks, friends say, where Goldman and Nicole Simpson first met, several months before their lives came to a savage end on the pathway of her condo. She often stopped at the coffee shop after a run around town, sometimes with her Akita dog in tow.

Goldman and Nicole Simpson became friends, working out at a pricey gym, driving around in her white Ferrari and hanging out on Thursday nights at Renaissance, where Nicole Simpson usually went with her girlfriends.

The friendship ultimately cost Goldman his life when he offered to return a pair of glasses Nicole Simpson's mother had left at Mezzaluna, where her family had dined that night. It was an errand his friends say was entirely in character.

"He would open his heart to anyone," Pincus says. "You'd ask him for a favor and he would do it."



Funeral for Ronald Goldman

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Fred Goldman (left center) is flanked by his wife, Patti, (left) and daughter Kim (center) as they leave the Valley Oaks Memorial Park in Westlake Village, Calif., Thursday, June 16, 1994.