

Jon Benét Ramsey

26 December 1996

JonBenét Ramsey, age
6, found dead at home



Boulder, Colorado



JonBenét Ramsey

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JonBenét Ramsey's parents were suspects



Patsy and John Ramsey

Brother, Burke Ramsey, was age 9

26 December 1996

5:45 AM



Patsy Ramsey called the police



Police arrived at 5:52 AM

The Ramseys also called their friends

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Patsy found a ransom note



JonBenét kidnapped?

Crime scene



Bedroom, entrances?

26 December 1996

Police performed a cursory search of the house

JonBenét's body found around 1:00 PM
during a more comprehensive search



Found by the father, John Ramsey

Autopsy

1

Fractured skull



Impact of a blunt object

2

Ligature strangulation



Rope wrapped around handle
of a broken paintbrush from
Patsy's painting equipment

Autopsy

3 Sexual assault?

4 Hands loosely tied

5 Mouth covered with duct tape



Perfect lip print

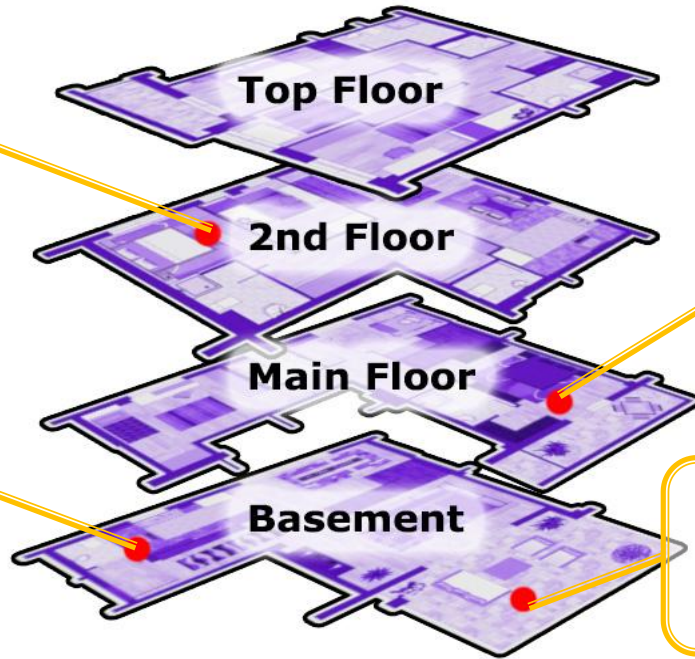


Unconscious or
already dead

Ramsey House

JonBenét's
bedroom

Broken
window



Ransom
note

Body found
here

Ransom Note

1 Written on Ramsey's paper using their pen



First draft discarded

2

Very long



3 pages



Usually very short

Ransom Note

3 Handwritten



Handwriting analysis



John



No



Patsy



Low probability

Ransom Note

Pretending to
be a foreigner?

"Mr. Ramsey,
"Listen Carefully! We are a group of individuals
that represent a small foreign faction. We do
respect your bussiness but not the country that
it serves. At this time we have your daughter in
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The only spelling mistakes in the note

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John's bonus

"You will withdraw \$118,000.00 from your account. \$100,000 will be in \$100 bills and the remaining \$18,000 in \$20 bills. Make sure that you bring an adequate size attache to the bank. When you get home you will put the money in a brown paper bag. I will call you between 8 and 10 am tomorrow to instruct you on delivery. The delivery will be exhausting so I advise you to be rested. If we monitor you getting the money early, we might call you early to arrange an earlier delivery of the money and hence a earlier delivery pick-up of your daughter.

Ransom Note

"Any deviation of my instructions will result in the immediate execution of your daughter. You will also be denied her remains for proper burial. The two gentlemen watching over your daughter do not particularly like you so I advise you not to provoke them. Speaking to anyone about your situation, such as police, F.B.I., etc., will result in your daughter being beheaded. If we catch you talking to a stray dog, she dies. If you alert bank authorities, she dies. If the money is in any way marked or tampered with, she dies. You will be scanned for electronic devices and if any are found, she dies.

Ransom Note

"You can try to deceive us but be warned that we are familiar with law enforcement countermeasures and tactics. You stand a 99% chance of killing your daughter if you try to outsmart us. Follow our instructions and you stand a 100% chance of getting her back. You and your family are under constant scrutiny as well as the authorities. Don't try to grow a brain John. You are not the only fat cat around so don't think that killing will be difficult. Don't underestimate us John. Use that good southern common sense of yours. It is up to you now John!

Victory!"

"S.B.T.C"

Ransom Note

Mr. Ramsey vs John

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Ransom Note

Strange

Written to divert attention?

DNA

Fingerprints

Fibre Analysis

Poison

Blood

Who Did It?

Intruder?



Traces?

House was not recognized as a crime scene



A lot of people were in the house



Traces obliterated

Who Did It?

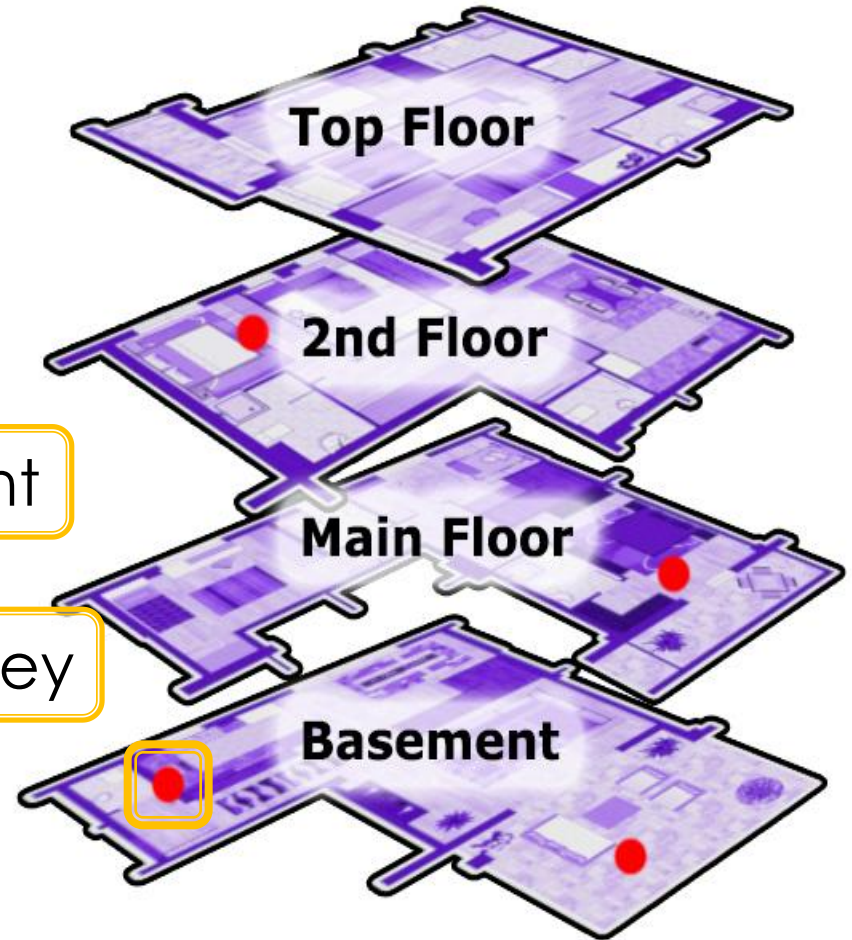
Broken window



Led into the basement



Broken by John Ramsey



Evidence

Duct tape on her mouth



Used to silence her?



Probably already dead or unconscious when it was put

DNA Evidence

DNA from the rope?

DNA from her clothes?



Some DNA from her underwear

John Mark Karr

Email correspondence with Michael Tracey



“I was with JonBenét when she died”

Colorado police informed



John Mark Karr deported back to Colorado

John Mark Karr

DNA sample taken



Compared to DNA sample from underwear



Charges dropped

Boulder Police Mistakes

- 1 Failure to recognize the whole crime scene
- 2 Failure to secure the crime scene
- 3 Failure to search the crime scene