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**Update on Homicide Investigation**

Boulder Police are continuing their investigation of the death of six-year old JonBenet Ramsey (DOB:8/6/90) which was reported on Thursday, Dec. 26. Detective Commander John Eller provided the following chronology at a news briefing on Friday, Dec. 27:

- Police responded, on Dec. 26, to the home of John and Patsy Ramsey, 755 15th Street in Boulder following a 9-1-1 call. The call, from Patsy Ramsey, stated a note had been found indicating their daughter had been kidnapped.
- Officers initiated an investigatory response to a possible kidnapping for ransom.
- The Boulder and Denver offices of the FBI were requested to assist, as was the District Attorney's Office.
- The initial stages of the investigation were directed towards preparing to comply with the ransom note instructions. Detectives remained on the scene with the family. At approximately 2 p.m., a search of the family home produced the body of the missing girl.
- An autopsy was conducted on Friday, Dec. 27 and the Boulder Co. Coroner's Office has determined the cause of death is asphyxia due to strangulation. The manner of death is homicide.
- The victim, JonBenet Ramsey, as a student at High Peaks elementary school, 3740 Martin Park Drive. The parents are John Ramsey, CEO and President of Access Graphics and Patsy Ramsey. There is an older brother who lives at home and two adult siblings who live outside the home.

Commander Eller added, "The family has been cooperative and our investigation is continuing. The Boulder Police Department's Victim Services Unit is coordinating crisis services with the Boulder County Mental Health Center and school district officials. Parents may call the Victim Services Unit at 441-3332 for information or assistance."

As of 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27 no arrests have been made and there are no suspects. The investigation is ongoing and updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

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**Update on Ramsey Case**

Boulder Police are continuing their investigation into the murder of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey. They are methodically searching the principal crime scene, the family home. This is a large residence and the search is being conducted in stages. This search has required additional resources and Boulder County Sheriff Department investigators and crime scene personnel are assisting.

Police anticipate it will take at least until Monday morning to complete the preliminary processing of the family home.

Approximately 30 officers are working this case, including Sheriff department investigators as needed. Additionally, there are two workers from the Division of Social Services involved.

In a case like this it is understandable that people are anxious for a resolution, however it is important for the police to carefully investigate all leads and that sometimes means presenting a limited amount of information to the public to protect the integrity of the case. The family is cooperating with the investigation which is ongoing.

At this point, we have not been advised of any public memorial service.

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**Update on Ramsey Case  
Sunday, December 29**

The body of JonBenet Ramsey has been released to the family and it's expected the body will be flown to Atlanta for burial by the family. The family will accompany the body to Atlanta. We believe this probably occurred today, Sunday.

The family continues to cooperate with the police investigation, although police have not yet conducted interviews with the father and mother. They have been in no condition to be interviewed up to this point. There are a number of people, including some family members, who have provided lengthy interviews and non-testimonial evidence. The non-testimonial evidence includes hair, blood and handwriting samples.

Police are continuing their investigation of the Ramsey home, the principal crime scene. Police have not ruled out any suspects. There are no further details of the case which will be released at this time.

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**Incident News Release #7  
Jan. 3 Update on Ramsey Case**

Boulder Police continue to investigate the Ramsey homicide. This case has been designated as the highest priority of the Boulder Police Department until further notice. The latest information Police can release includes the following:

- Police anticipate releasing the crime scene later tonight (Friday) or tomorrow (Saturday).
- Police are planning to have their field officers who went to Atlanta back on Monday.
- Police are aware that the Ramsey family flew into the Jefferson County Airport early this morning. Police have not confirmed a time to speak with the Ramseys, but are in the process of setting up that appointment.
- The voice mail tip line which was set up yesterday has received a substantial number of calls. Police have assigned personnel to log and monitor the calls and will respond to those that show promise. The calls have included opinions, suggestions, theory and possible leads.

In response to comments and criticism about not confirming rumors or providing extensive details of the case, the Police Department states they will continue to investigate this case with the highest professional standards. The Boulder Police Department has a long history of highly competent police work and enjoys the support of the community. There are certain facts in this case that only the killer and police are aware of and it is vital to our investigation that the integrity of the information remain intact. The likelihood of getting a successful conclusion to this case is based on maintaining the security of this information.

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**Incident News Release #8  
Update on Ramsey Case**

The Boulder Police Department investigation into the Ramsey homicide continues. This case is the highest priority of the Boulder Police Department. This is an active and ongoing investigation. There are no named suspects, there have been no arrests and there are no arrests pending.

Boulder Police have talked with the counsel for the Ramsey family and made arrangements to return possession of the home to the family and their representatives effective 6:30 p.m. tonight. Procedures for returning the home included giving the family or their representatives control of the property and the Police Department providing an inventory of what items were removed from the house.

It is unknown if the family intends to resume residency at the home. We have no comment on the whereabouts of the family at this time. Police are in the process of setting up an appointment to formally interview the Ramsey family. We expect the family to continue to be cooperative with investigators and the interview is now a matter of scheduling.

Boulder Police continue to request that anyone with possible information on this case to please contact the voicemail tip line at 303-441-4310. The tip line has received over 250 calls as of today. Police are screening the calls and will make return phone calls as are appropriate.

The detectives who were sent to the Atlanta area are all expected back in Boulder by Monday night. The returning investigative team will be debriefed by the case supervisors to determine the next steps in the investigation.

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**Incident News Release #9:  
Next Media Briefing Scheduled**

The next regularly scheduled news briefing regarding the Ramsey homicide investigation will be Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997 at 10:30 a.m., in the Boulder Municipal Building, located at 1777 Broadway at the corner of Broadway and Canyon.

The purpose of the media update will be to provide the public with current information we are able to release regarding this ongoing Boulder Police investigation.

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**Monday, Dec. 30 Update on Ramsey Case**

Additional Information (4 P.M. mst):

The adult children were out of state at the time of the incident.

Boulder Police are extending their investigation at the Ramsey home, 755 15th St. in Boulder. There is a tremendous amount of material to evaluate and it's taking more time than previously expected. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will be assisting in the forensic examination of the evidence.

The CBI will also be handling the analysis of the non-testimonial evidence; the hair, blood and handwriting samples taken from friends and some family members. Samples have been taken from the father and siblings. Some of the analysis may take weeks to complete.

Boulder Police have not detained anyone, nor have they identified any suspects at this time.

Police want to let neighbors know there is no cause for concern. There are police on duty in the area 24 hours a day. Boulder Police have received a number of calls from around the country and if people have information they would like to provide to the police, they can call CRIMESTOPPERS at 441-7867 or long distance to 1-800-444-3776.

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**Jan 2 Update on Ramsey Case**

Boulder Police last night sent five police investigators to Atlanta to continue their investigation of the Ramsey case. They will continue to interview family members, friends, and gather background information. The officers have been authorized to approach the family to schedule an interview with them in Boulder at a later time. The five Boulder Police Officers are: Larry Mason, Tom Trujillo, Jane Harmer, Steve Thomas and Ron Gosage. The officers are expected back sometime Monday.

Boulder Police were completely taken by surprise by the Ramsey's CNN interview, but have no comment on the contents of that interview. However, they do concur with Mrs. Ramsey's statement that she has provided police with hair, blood and handwriting samples.

Evidence is still being taken from the Ramsey home and police hope to conclude that portion of their investigation sometime late Friday or Saturday.

The police have received numerous calls from people around the country and have set up a voice mail number which people call if they wish to leave a message. That number is 303-441-4310.

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**Incident News Release # 10  
Jan. 7 Update on Ramsey Case**

The Boulder Police Department continues to actively investigate the Ramsey homicide. Police investigators who were in Georgia and Michigan have all returned to Boulder and will be debriefed by the case supervisors to determine the next steps in the investigation. In both Michigan and Georgia, investigators continued obtaining background information and talking with friends and family members of the Ramseys. In Michigan, investigators executed a search warrant for the Ramsey's home in Charlevoix. That search warrant has been sealed by a judge in Michigan. Investigators were in Michigan from Friday, Jan. 3 through Monday, Jan. 6.

Police were in court this morning requesting that the search warrant for the Ramsey's Boulder home be sealed. Judge MacDonald has sealed that warrant for 30 days.

Other procedural updates are:

- The Ramsey's legal counsel have offered to respond to some questions supplied by Boulder police last week. We cannot confirm if those responses have been returned to Police at this time. Police will not be releasing information on the questions and answers.
- Police have nothing further to add on the issue concerning the formal questioning of the Ramsey family.
- The Colorado Bureau of Investigations continues to process material related to this investigation. Depending on the type of examination needed, the test results would take weeks to months to complete. Police do not plan to release the results of those lab tests except in court.
- Police have received almost 300 calls on their voice mail tip line. They are monitoring and logging those calls and responding to those that show promise.



- We are aware the Ramsey family has hired private investigators. Private investigators who are looking into this case are entitled to the same information as that being released to the public. These investigators are private citizens.
- The role of the Boulder District Attorney's Office is to provide counsel and legal advice to the Police Department on the preparation of the case. The FBI continues to provide counsel on an as needed basis.

Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby has indicated he will make a statement to the Boulder community later this week. We will inform the public as to the specific time when it is confirmed.

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**Ramsey Incident News Release #11**

(Note to Editor: Boulder City Manager Tim Honey provided the following remarks to the Boulder City Council on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997)

Statement from Boulder City Manager Tim Honey:

"As all of Council and members of our community are aware, Boulder is in the national media spotlight following the tragic death of JonBenet Ramsey. This spotlight has resulted in some criticism, observations and comments about how police are handling the investigation.

I want to publicly express my 100% support for our police chief, Tom Koby, and the men and women of the Boulder Police Department. They are doing an outstanding job of staying focused on our collective goal in this situation: finding out who killed JonBenet and securing a conviction. We have committed a tremendous amount of resources to this investigation and I have assured the Chief of the continued support of everyone in the City organization, especially our communications division staff, Leslie Aaholm and Kelvin McNeill.

To the community, I remind you that the Boulder Police Department has a long history of accomplished and professional police work. Certainly emotions in the community may run high at times seeing our community in the national spotlight, please know that your police department is doing everything possible to ensure that this tragic crime is solved and that your community remains a safe place for you and your family."

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**Incident News Release #12**

Boulder Police Chief to Hold Live-Broadcast Community Update and Media Roundtable on Ramsey Case

On Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m., Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby will participate in a community update on the Ramsey homicide investigation. The update will air live on Boulder Municipal Cable Channel 8 and will be followed by roundtable questioning and discussion with five local journalists.

Chief Koby understands that Boulder citizens are very concerned about the death of Jon Bonet Ramsey. As the Chief of the Boulder Police Department he is interested in providing some insight into this investigation from the police perspective directly to the public. He looks forward to exploring those issues that he can publicly discuss with members of the Boulder media who have worked with the department on many issues.

The live broadcast will be moderated by City Communications Director Leslie Aaholm and will begin with remarks from Chief Koby addressed to the Boulder community. He will then be joined by local journalists who will ask questions. This is an active and ongoing investigation so some information about the case may not be available for release.

Invited local journalists include:

- Alli Krupski, reporter, Boulder Daily Camera
- Kevin McCullen, Boulder County Reporter, Rocky Mountain News
- Mike McPhee, Reporter, Denver Post
- Jim Burrus, Managing Editor, Boulder Planet
- Ron Baird, Staff Writer, Colorado Daily

The Community Update and Media Roundtable will be re-broadcast on Channel 8 for the next several days. A limited number of copies of the broadcast will be made available to other members of the media as requested. Copies of the tape also will be available for check out at the Boulder Public Library.

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**Ramsey Case News Release #13**

Boulder Police Chief Thomas G. Koby delivered the following message to the Boulder community in a live broadcast on City Municipal Cable Channel 8.

"Two weeks ago today, a violent criminal act took away from this community one of our innocents, JonBenet Ramsey. She did not deserve to be killed, for she had done nothing in her young life to harm anyone.

We are grieving as a community for our loss. I hope to use this forum as a means to aid that process. I hope to provide insight into this event that has been difficult to communicate because of the inherent conflict between the media's desire to provide all of the information they can obtain and the Boulder Police Department's desire to protect the integrity of our investigation.

I have had many members of this community ask me about comments indicating that there is a killer loose in our community. The question this raises: Is there a need for community members to be fearful?

There is no question that there is a person or persons responsible for this act who have not been apprehended. It is my advice now, as it is at any time, that we need to be vigilant with respect to persons who may do harm to us. But this needs to be kept in perspective. In this country for the last two years, 65% of the homicides have been cleared. That means that in 35% of the cases of murder in the United States, the person responsible has not been apprehended. The reality we all live with every day is that we have many dangerous people in this community and communities across the country who are walking the streets.

We all know this intellectually. However, we really never have to deal with it until it strikes close to us. We were not living in fear before this incident, and we cannot be forced to live in fear now.

It is the best judgement of the Boulder Police Department that this is a one-time occurrence. The killing of JonBenet does not appear to be linked to any other similar event. What this means is that we do not believe we have a serial situation to deal with. Should the Boulder community be concerned and vigilant? Yes. Should we be living in fear? No. Can I guarantee that this will not occur again? No.

There have been many stories and much speculation about who killed JonBenet. This is an area that I know will be explored in greater detail in the questions to follow. Let me offer a perspective on this issue. Prejudging and media hype have never solved a crime. Crime solving requires diligent and careful police work and that is exactly what the Boulder Police Department is committed to doing.

It is a natural response to a tragedy like this for the community to want to know immediately who is responsible. It is often an effort to assure ourselves that such a tragedy will never happen to us. The reality of the situation is that often these types of investigations may take time to solve.

The integrity and competence of the men and women of the Boulder Police Department have been challenged. Let me first say that I have never had the privilege of working with more competent, dedicated professionals. They are getting the job done. We will not lose the focus of this investigation to respond to meaningless and unfounded remarks. This organization is well respected in our community. That respect has been earned over many years because of the level of competent service we have provided. Again, it is unfortunate that those who have anointed themselves as experts have seized the opportunity to offer criticism which has no basis in fact.

Let me assure the citizens of Boulder that the men and women of this department are doing everything that can be done to solve this case. All of the resources that my people have needed to do their work have been provided. Our success is very good in Homicide investigations. Over the last five years, 1990-1995, we have had fifteen homicides in Boulder. We have solved thirteen of them. That means we have an 85% rate of success with these investigations.

We are not working on this investigation alone. When we have needed assistance, we have reached out to those who could provide help. Alex Hunter, the District Attorney, has had his personnel working with us from the first hours of this investigation. George Epp, Boulder County Sheriff, has provided us support in the areas of the crime scene search and interviewing of witnesses.

Pat Alstrom, Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, has the Colorado Bureau of Investigations processing the evidence we have submitted as quickly and effectively as possible. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Denver and Boulder Offices, has provided us its expertise as we have asked for it.

This violent act has deeply affected the members of the Boulder Police Department. We are fortunate that we work in an environment where we have not built up the hardened shell which you often find in other communities. But that means we still feel for the victims of violent crime. We are vulnerable. Many of us are parents who have felt this loss very deeply. We are doing our own debriefings within the organization to deal with our grief just as community members are participating in debriefings to help themselves cope. The support we have received from the community means a great deal to us. Thank you.

On behalf of the Boulder Police Department, I would like to publicly acknowledge the political leadership of this community. As much publicity as there has been around this incident, it would be very easy for it to have become very political. That has not happened. Mayor Leslie Durgin, our City Council, and City Manager, Tim Honey, have never wavered in their support of this organization. Their steady hand in this matter has enabled us to go forward with this investigation without distraction. Because of their steadfast support, they have enhanced our capacity to solve this case. They have honored their roles as community leaders.

Last, before we get into the questioning: Let me be very clear about the focus of the Boulder Police Department in this matter. Our allegiance is solely to JonBenet Ramsey. We have a mission. We have dedicated ourselves to bringing to justice the person or persons responsible for her death. Everything else is secondary. We will not be deterred.

**Closing Comments:**

The Boulder Police Department has this investigation well in hand. It is our intention to bring it to resolution through a successful prosecution. Our community is now in the healing process to recover from our loss. If you have not been a part of one of the many debriefings that have been offered during the last two weeks and feel you would like some assistance in dealing with our tragedy, contact the Mental Health Center, Boulder Police Victim Assistance, or your place of worship.

Last, to the members of the Boulder Police Department, continue to provide for the well-being and safety of this community. The citizens of Boulder do not expect you to be perfect. What they appreciate is the effort and concern that you show them. Take care of yourselves both physically and emotionally during this time of great stress. As always, take care of each other. I respect and admire every one of you."

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**Ramsey Case News Release #14  
Channel 8 to Rebroadcast Community Update and Media Roundtable with Tom Koby**

On Thursday, January 9, Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby participated in a community update on the Ramsey homicide investigation. The live broadcast was moderated by City Communications Director Leslie Aaholm and began with remarks from Chief Koby addressed to the Boulder community. He was then joined in a roundtable discussion by five local journalists. The show was produced in the Channel 8 studio and shown live on Municipal Cable Channel 8 in Boulder and on channel 12 in Denver.

Municipal Cable Channel 8 will rebroadcast the Community Update And Media Roundtable With Tom Koby the following dates and times:

**DATE TIME**

Friday, January 10 6:00p.m.  
Saturday, January 11 6:00p.m.  
Sunday, January 12 6:00p.m.  
Monday, January 13 1:30p.m.  
Tuesday, January 14 4:30p.m.  
Wednesday, January 15 5:30p.m.  
Thursday, January 16 7:30p.m.

A limited number of copies of the broadcast will be made available to other members of the media as requested. Copies of the tape will also be available for the public to check out at the Boulder Public Library.

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### **Ramsey Case News Release #15**

#### **Police Review 9-1-1 Hang-up Call on Dec. 23**

Boulder Police have reviewed records detailing the 9-1-1 hang-up call from the Ramsey house, 755 15th St., on Dec. 23, 1996 at 6:47 p.m. (a copy of the call report is included with this news release) A Boulder Police officer was dispatched to the location and confirmed the following information: It appears that during a party at the home a telephone user mis-dialed while making a long distance call.

#### **Public Calls following Media Roundtable**

Over 150 calls of support from the public have been received by Boulder Police and the City Manager's Office, following Police Chief Tom Koby's media roundtable last night on Municipal Cable Channel 8. These calls have come in from all across the country.

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### **Ramsey Case News Release #16**

#### **City Responds to Unauthorized Publication of Coroner Photos**

The City of Boulder strongly deplores the unauthorized distribution and publication of coroner photos related to the death of JonBenet Ramsey.

Boulder Police are confident that the investigation by Boulder County Sheriff George Epp and his deputies, being conducted in cooperation with Boulder County Coroner Dr. John Meyer, will be thorough and will find who is responsible for this violation.

Boulder police believe that this unauthorized release will not impede the ongoing investigation. However, any information which becomes public or common knowledge prior to an arrest will restrict the police department's ability to confront the person(s) responsible for the homicide with specific facts in the case which would otherwise only be known to the perpetrator.

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**Ramsey Case News Release #17  
Media Update for Jan. 14**

The City of Boulder is pleased that Boulder County and Globe Magazine have reached a settlement concerning the unauthorized distribution of the Coroner's photographs related to the JonBenet Ramsey homicide. The City commends the County Commissioners and the County Attorney for their swift and decisive action in this matter and are grateful for their continued partnership and support.

The Boulder Police Department stresses that this matter has not distracted from the investigation or from the sole focus in this matter; finding out who is responsible for the murder of JonBenet and ensuring a successful prosecution. The homicide investigation is moving forward according to plan.

The Boulder County Crime Stoppers is coordinating a reward of up to \$100,000 for information related to the homicide investigation. Under a pending agreement, the Ramsey family and others will place this reward money with the Boulder County Crime Stoppers program. The Boulder County Crime Stoppers is a non-profit corporation which assists police by anonymously gathering information on crimes.

Boulder Police have offered former FBI agent John Douglas, who has been hired by the Ramsey family, an opportunity to provide insight on the case. Mr. Douglas has been contacted and interviewed by Boulder detectives.

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### **Ramsey News Release #18**

The Boulder Police investigation into the death of JonBenet Ramsey continues. The investigation is moving forward according to plan. A formal interview with the Ramsey family has not been scheduled and no timeline has been established for scheduling. Police have not requested a polygraph examination of the Ramsey family.

There is a core group of 10-15 Boulder police personnel assigned full-time to the investigation. The police investigators are responsible for the day-to-day management of the case and other personnel are brought in as needed.

In addition, a daily public inventory of what test results have been completed will not be provided. Any test results returned to Boulder Police will only be discussed in a court of law.

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### **Ramsey Case News Release #19 (Revised Version) Fact Sheet on Investigation Statistics**

The following is current statistical information concerning the Boulder Police investigation in to the JonBenet Ramsey homicide. There have been no arrests in this case, there are no arrests pending and police have not named any suspects.

- Boulder police investigators have committed more than 3,000 hours of staff time to this case. The number of staff hours committed to this case is nearly the equivalent of one and a half full-time police officers working for an entire year (one full-time is 2,080 hours per year).
- Boulder police have interviewed over 90 individuals during the course of the investigation; both in Colorado and out of state.
- The voicemail tip line established for this case (303-441-4310) and the Boulder County Crime Stoppers program (1-800-444-3776) have collectively received over 1,100 telephone calls since the start of the case. Five percent of these calls have necessitated some form of follow-up by police.
- The Boulder County Crime Stoppers Program is coordinating a reward for up to \$100,000 for information in the case. The money is being provided by the Ramsey family and others.
- Boulder Police have received over 500 letters from members of the public regarding this case. Police do not have an Internet site so information is not being received through the



Internet.

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**Ramsey Case News Release #20**  
**CORRECTION: Fact Sheet on Investigation Statistics**

Attention Media: Please disregard the item in News Release #19 concerning an address to send letters intended for the Ramsey family. The address we provided is not valid. The City of Boulder Media Relations office will provide a valid address, if available, next week. Thank you.

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3:30 p.m., February 4, 1997

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**Ramsey Case News Release #21**  
**Update for Feb. 4**

- Boulder County Judge Diane MacDonald has sealed the search warrant, affidavits, and return and inventories related to the Ramsey homicide investigation for an additional 15 days. The court-ordered seal on information related to the search warrant executed in Colorado was set to expire on Feb. 6. A copy of the court's latest order may be picked up at the Clerk of the Court's Office in the Criminal Justice Center, located at 1777 6th Street, at 6th and Canyon.
- In addition, a court date of Feb. 12 at 1:30 p.m., has been set for consideration of a motion by Boulder County to seal the Coroner's autopsy report. The hearing will be held in Division 5 of the Boulder District Court in the Criminal Justice Center, located at 1777 6th Street, at 6th and Canyon.

Information concerning arrangements for any possible television coverage for that hearing will be provided when details are finalized.

The investigation into the death of JonBenet Ramsey continues. There have been no arrests, there are no arrests pending, and Boulder police have not named any suspects.

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**Ramsey Case News Release #22:  
City Calculates Costs for Ramsey Investigation**

City Manager Tim Honey today received an update on expenditures related to the Ramsey investigation. The police department has incurred expenses relating to overtime, travel and related investigative expenses.

1996 expenditures related to Ramsey case:

| Item                            | Cost                |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime Expenses (604.75 Hrs.) | \$ 20,340.80        |
| Travel Expenses                 | \$ 248.38           |
| Investigative Expense           | \$ 788.55           |
| <b>1996 Total</b>               | <b>\$ 21,377.73</b> |

1997 expenditures related to Ramsey case:

| Item                      | Cost                |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime Expenses         | \$ 40,842.79        |
| Travel Expenses           | \$ 11,491.96        |
| Investigative Expense     | \$ 4,251.90         |
| <b>1997 Total to Date</b> | <b>\$ 56,586.65</b> |

***The total expenditures for 1996 and for 1997,  
through January 26, 1997,  
are: \$ 77,964.38.***

City Manager Tim Honey adds, "These figures need to be viewed within the overall context of the total Police Department budget of \$14 million for 1997. The City's 1997 general fund budget for is \$68 million. At this point in time, these expenditures do not necessitate any adjustment to our budget. These budgetary issues, as well as any other City budgetary issues, will be evaluated throughout the course of the year."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Feb. 6, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #23  
Police Seek Information on Author of Letter**

Boulder Police today requested assistance from the Shreveport, Louisiana Police Department in attempting to locate the author of an anonymous letter sent to Boulder Police earlier this week. The letter was postmarked in late January, 1997 in Shreveport. The letter contained potentially significant information which is of interest to Boulder investigators.

Boulder Police have not determined if any field investigation trip to Louisiana will be necessary and at this point Boulder police simply want to make contact with the author of the letter to ask some follow-up questions.

The letter was one of the 600 letters Boulder Police have received regarding the Ramsey case. Police also have received over 1300 telephone calls regarding the case. These calls and letters are logged and assigned to follow-up as necessary. To date only 5% of the calls and letters have warranted some form of follow-up.

The author of this letter is asked to contact Boulder Police Detectives at 303-441-3330.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Feb. 7, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #24  
Boulder Crime Stoppers Announce  
\$100,000 Reward in Jonbenet Ramsey**

Boulder County Crime Stoppers officials announced today that a reward fund totaling the amount of \$100,000 has been established for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for the murder of JonBonet Ramsey in December of 1996. Earlier reports stated that an award fund has been established by the Ramsey family in the amount of \$50,000 and by a national publication in the in the amount of \$50,000.

"This information is incorrect," notes Brad Harvey, co-chairman of the non-profit Crime Stoppers organization. "We have been working with the Ramsey family attorneys for the past several weeks as they worked to establish a foundation which will be responsible for the funds," he adds. The Crime Stoppers board of directors will direct the distribution of the funds and make any decisions concerning possible recipients.

The Crime Stoppers programs exist internationally and are designed to assist in solving difficult crimes. Due to the program's ability to take information anonymously, and provide rewards, the program has been very successful. The Ramsey family suggested using the program to assist with the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the death of their daughter.

"Although this case is somewhat unusual, we hope to provide assistance that will lead to the eventual closure of the case," says Harvey. Individuals who have information that may be pertinent to the case should call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-444-3776. All callers remain anonymous.

**Note: Officer Larry Wieda is the President of Crime Stoppers International. He is recognized world wide as an authority on the program. He is the coordinator of the Boulder County Crime Stoppers program.**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
3:30 p.m., February 4, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #25  
Felony Menacing Incident Involving  
Media Covering Ramsey Case**

Boulder Police today arrested Jay Elowsky on charges of felony menacing and carrying a concealed weapon following an incident in the 4900 block of North Broadway. It appears that Mr. Elowsky accosted members of the media that were waiting in an area where members of the Ramsey family may have been residing. Around 10 a.m. this morning, Mr. Elowsky threatened three

individuals with a baseball bat. A loaded weapon also was recovered from the scene. Mr. Elowsky was arrested at the scene without further incident and booked at the Boulder County Jail.

The arrest occurred in the jurisdiction of the Boulder County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department will conduct any necessary follow-up to this incident. A copy of the arrest report is attached to this news release.

**Author of Letter from Shreveport Has Not Been Located:**

The Boulder Police Department has not contacted the author of a letter postmarked in Shreveport, Louisiana. Three to four individuals have contacted Boulder police about the letter, but those contacts have not been legitimate. The request for the letter writer to come forward remains in effect.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
2 p.m., Feb. 11, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #26  
Parameters for the Conduct of  
Formal Police Interviews**

Since this incident began, the Boulder Police Department has articulated to counsel for the Ramsey family the parameters for the conduct of formal police interviews. These parameters are the Boulder police department's standard operating procedures. Among these typical parameters are requirements that:

1. parties be interviewed separately;
2. interviews be conducted by Boulder police detectives at a time and location conducive to a productive interview;
3. the interviews be video and/or audio taped;
4. the person being interviewed may be represented by legal counsel and police officers advise them of their legal rights, including the right to not talk to police, and that they may exercise their rights at any time; and
5. only the individual being interviewed, their legal counsel and police be present in the room during the interview.

The conversations and discussions with counsel for the Ramsey family concerning a formal interview continue. However, as of this week, counsel for the family have refused to consent to

the parameters for formal police interviews. The interviews with the family have not been scheduled.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
12:30 p.m., Feb. 12, 1997

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RAMSEY CASE NEWS RELEASE #27  
JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 13

Boulder County and the City of Boulder have scheduled a joint news conference for 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb., 13 in City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway, at the corner of Broadway and Canyon. Boulder County District Attorney Alex Hunter and Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby are scheduled to speak at the joint news conference. There are no arrests pending and police have not named any suspects.

Please note the following logistical items:

1. Satellite trucks must be in the parking area by 9:30 a.m., and parking is available on a first come, first served basis.
2. Two pool television cameras will be allowed in the Council Chambers. One camera will be a fixed shot on the podium and the second camera will provide cut-away shots of the audience. KUSA Channel 9 will provide the pool cameras and will uplink the news conference for other stations on G-Star 4, transponder 15 full, standard audio. Uplink to the satellite will begin at 10:15 a.m. NO OTHER TELEVISION CAMERAS WILL BE ALLOWED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.
3. Space in Council Chambers is limited to about 150 seats.
4. Satellite trucks and other media vehicles may remain parked in the Municipal complex area for up to 2 hours following the news conference, after which time all parking regulations will be enforced.

The information which is planned for release on Thursday will be released at the news conference. The joint news conference will be aired live on Boulder Municipal Cable Channel 8.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Feb. 13, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #28  
Expert Prosecution Task Force Formed**

Boulder County District Attorney Alex Hunter and Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby today announced the creation of an Expert Prosecution Task Force, which includes Dr. Henry Lee and four Colorado district attorneys to assist in the investigation and preparation of the JonBenet Ramsey homicide case, saying "we intend to pursue this case as aggressively as possible."

Criminologist Dr. Henry Lee is the Director of the Connecticut State Police Lab. He is an expert in the field of crime scene reconstruction and evidence collection. He is assisting in this case with the support of Connecticut Gov. John Rowland.

Four Colorado district attorneys have agreed to serve on the Task Force, making their offices' expertise and other resources available on call. The participants are: Bill Ritter of Denver, Dave Thomas of Jefferson, Bob Grant of Adams and Jim Peters of Arapahoe counties. Other members of the task force may be announced in the near future.

Although not a member of the Task Force, noted criminal defense attorney Barry Scheck will be advising the Task Force as an expert in DNA evidence and other matters. Scheck is a professor at the Cardosa Law School in New York. He is a private practice attorney and heads the Innocence Project, which has used DNA evidence to exonerate 40 individuals wrongly convicted of crimes. Scheck also is a commissioner for the New York State Commission on Forensic Science, which regulates the work of state crime labs.

According to District Attorney Hunter, "As this case has proceeded, we have sought outside expertise when it has been needed. We are entering a long-term strategy phase and the Expert Prosecution Task Force will be a valuable asset and resource."

In addition to announcing the Expert Prosecution Task Force, Chief Tom Koby also stated: "We have received the results of some evidence in this case. Specifically, the testing on the DNA evidence has been completed by the Colorado Bureau of Investigations. We will now send the DNA samples to Cellmark Laboratories for additional testing. These tests could take four to six weeks. Let me remind you, the results of these tests, although important, are not the final piece of this complex investigation."

Hunter and Koby both asserted, "This case does not lend itself to a quick solution and we are sure everyone agrees that we need to be methodical and professional in our approach to ensure a successful prosecution."

There have been no arrests, there are no arrests pending and police have not named any suspects in the murder of JonBenet Ramsey.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 17, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Statement from City of Boulder Media Relations  
(Ramsey Update #29)**

The Boulder Police Department's field investigation in the Roswell, Georgia area is expected to be completed today. Our investigators plan to leave the area late tonight. No determination has been made concerning possible return trips to the area.

Once completed today, our investigators will have:

1. Conducted more than 20 formal police interviews this weekend, bringing to about 110 the number of total interviews conducted in this case both in Colorado and out of state.
2. Conducted more than 35 hours of interviews this weekend, all of which were either video or audio taped. Some interviews were multi-hour interviews.

"Our two investigators in Georgia worked tirelessly this weekend and are taking the time they need to get the job done professionally. The work in Roswell is another piece in the puzzle as our investigators try to determine who killed JonBenet.

The weekend visit to Roswell was very focused and without distractions. The investigators reinterviewed some people they talked to on their previous visit, talked to some new people, and gathered some new information in an attempt to tie up some loose ends.

Police are not at the point in the investigation where any suspects can be named. Again, we want to thank the Roswell community for their patience and especially thank our host agency, the Roswell police department for their logistical support."

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 20, 1997

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Media Relations / (303) 441-3090

Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case #30 - Update for Feb. 20**

Boulder police are not at a point in the investigation when possible suspects can be identified. There are no arrests pending and the investigation continues day-to-day with 8 detectives working on the case full-time.

The Boulder Police field investigative team, as you are aware, completed its work in Roswell, GA on Monday, Feb. 17. The investigators had no contact with Mr. John Ramsey or Ms. Patricia Ramsey during our coincidental visits to Georgia last weekend. We do not have specifics of who else may or may not have been interviewed.

A formal interview with the Ramsey family has not been scheduled and no timeline has been established for scheduling those interviews.



The investigators have left Georgia and remain out of state. As a matter of policy, we cannot provide an itinerary for the duration of their trip after leaving Georgia. Essentially, they are pursuing additional information in the case in various other cities.

Police have conducted more than 115 formal interviews both in Colorado and out of state.

Police have received more than 600 letters and 1,840 telephone calls concerning the case. Approximately 15% of these items require some form of follow-up by police.

The author of the letter which was postmarked in Shreveport, Louisiana, has not been positively identified.

The cost of the investigation is currently being funded out of existing police and communication department funds. City Manager Tim Honey is briefed daily on the case and the related fiscal impacts. Should there be a need to request additional funds, the City Manager will present this information to the City Council. The City Manager will, by the way, provide a comprehensive report on various budgetary issues to the City Council in April.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 21, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #31  
Death Report of Elizabeth Ramsey**

The Boulder Police Department has removed the 1992 death report of Elizabeth Ramsey from the JonBenet Ramsey homicide investigative file.

According Boulder Police Detective Commander John Eller, "The medical examiner's report on the death of Elizabeth Ramsey was obtained from the Cook County, Illinois Medical Examiner's offices early in our investigation. The document is a public record. The Cook County Chief Medical Examiner and I have conferred and find it appropriate to be released. The report contains no information which, if made public, would harm our investigation."

"It is unconscionable that some media factions have chosen, irresponsibly, to speculate publicly on contents of the death report, and in so doing have caused renewed grief for friends and family members of the deceased," added Commander Eller.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 6, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #32**  
**March 6 Update**

Various items in the case have been sent to CellMark Diagnostics in Maryland for DNA testing. The items were delivered on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The testing by CellMark could take up to six weeks for results.

Boulder Police are in receipt of a third set of handwriting samples from Ms. Patricia Ramsey. These items were collected by Boulder Police on Friday, Feb. 28. Police had difficulty obtaining satisfactory samples because Ms. Ramsey is reported to have been taking medication since Dec. 26.

Based on the information Boulder Police have to date, police are now able eliminate John Andrew and Melinda Ramsey as a potential suspects. John Andrew and Melinda are being publicly cleared of involvement to relieve them of stress caused by inappropriate speculation.

Boulder Detectives traveled to Roswell, Georgia for the express purpose of collecting conclusive evidence that would allow us to eliminate John Andrew and Melinda from suspicion in this case. Upon arrival, we were informed that John B. Ramsey had retained attorney James Jenkins in Atlanta to represent Lucinda Johnson, Melinda and John Andrew. Mr. Jenkins declined to allow his clients to speak with us. As a result, alternative sources of information had to be developed which delayed our ability to publicly issue this information.

The Boulder Police internal investigation process which was initiated to examine a concern that Detective Sgt. Larry Mason was involved in an unauthorized release of information has been completed. The process has determined this concern to be unfounded.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 7, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Update #33**  
**(Sent out over AP wire)**

Boulder Police today confirmed that a detective flew to Charlevoix, Michigan and executed a search warrant at the Ramsey's summer home. The detective has returned to Colorado. Information on the purpose of the search warrant or the results of that warrant will not be available.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 10, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #34  
City confirms Dr. Lee's visit to Boulder**

Boulder Police today confirmed that Dr. Henry Lee was in Boulder, Colorado on Saturday, March 8 and Sunday, March 9 to review material in the JonBenet Ramsey murder investigation.

Criminologist Dr. Henry Lee is the Director of the Connecticut State Police Lab. He is a member of the JonBenet Ramsey homicide Expert Prosecution Task Force as an expert in the field of crime scene reconstruction and evidence collection. He is assisting in this case with the support of Connecticut Gov. John Rowland. Dr. Lee has since returned to Connecticut.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 20, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Case News Release #35  
Update for March 20**

Boulder Police have conducted more than 176 formal police interviews both in Colorado and out of state. The investigation is on track and moving forward. Currently no police investigators are out of state.

- The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) continues to analyze handwriting samples, including those provided by Mrs. Patricia Ramsey. The Boulder Police Department has given substantial samples to CBI for analysis and CBI is working on this analysis on a daily basis. The examination of non-testimonial samples continues to be extended as new samples are taken as needed and as police talk to other people who may have had access to the crime scene.
- The material sent to Cellmark on March 4 is in the analysis process. Police will be advised when the tests are completed. Typically these tests take four to six weeks to complete.
- Boulder Police did initiate a request to meet with the private investigators who have been retained by the legal counsel for the Ramsey parents. Two of such meetings were held in the past week. Boulder Police will talk with anyone who may have information of use in this investigation.
- Police investigative expenses to date:  
Total expenditures since Dec. 1996: \$110,071.68  
Some expenses include:  
Police over time (thru 3/9/97) \$63,336.86  
1,777 overtime hours in 1997  
Travel (thru 2/28/97) \$17,769.28

Investigative (thru 3/1/97) \$5,843.60

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 3, 1997

**Contact:**

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Briefing for April 3, 1997  
Release #36**

The following updates were presented at the weekly City of Boulder briefing on the Ramsey investigation:

**Cellmark Update**

The District Attorney has sent formal authorization to Cellmark Diagnostics to proceed with the testing of material sent on March 4. This authorization was sent once the Ramsey family declined to have someone present at the testing. Testing at Cellmark has begun and normally this testing takes a minimum of 6 weeks to complete.

**Colorado Bureau of Investigation Update**

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is still conducting tests on material collected by Boulder Police during this investigation. The CBI has been given substantial samples to analyze and that work continues.

**Status of the Investigation**

Boulder Police and the DA's Office will be reviewing thousands of pages of material that has been gathered during this case. Boulder Police continue to follow up on leads, conduct interviews, and await test results from CBI and Cellmark. Boulder Police, The DA's Office and Police will consult with other professionals as needed and they remain focused on the investigation into the death of JonBenet Ramsey.

During this phase of the investigation we plan to discontinue our weekly updates and will instead provide information in a written form.

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April 8, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

### Ramsey Investigation Update #37

Boulder Police today confirmed that Detectives Steve Thomas and Ron Gosage visited Charlotte, North Carolina to follow up on the Ramsey investigation. The detectives were in Charlotte April 6 and 7. Charlotte Police contacted Boulder Police following their arrest of John Brewer Eustice because of similarities in his case and that of JonBenet Ramsey. Following an extensive interview with Eustice, Detectives Thomas and Gosage were able to conclusively rule him out as a suspect in the Ramsey case. Detective Commander John Eller adds, "We are appreciative of this help from the Charlotte Police Department, as we have been of other law enforcement agencies throughout this investigation."

Detectives from the Boulder Police Department are currently in the Atlanta area continuing to gather information.

Eller explains, "Right now we're in an analytical phase of the investigation. As we read through over 200 interviews and review material, our investigators will be in and out of state on a myriad of tasks, but we're not going to provide an itinerary. We have indicated throughout this case that we will talk to experts and interview people who may have information. That will occasionally take us out of state. However, there have been instances where people decided not to talk with our detectives because of the attention this case is receiving. Obviously, that does not help move the case forward."

Other updates:

DNA testing continues at Cellmark Diagnostics in Maryland. Completion of tests and analysis is expected in four to six weeks.

CRIMSTOPPERS continues to monitor calls on the Ramsey case. In Colorado, people with information can call (303) 440STOP or from outside Colorado, call 18004443776.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 10, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

### Statement Concerning Ramsey Case (Ramsey Update #38)

"The Boulder Police Department has requested, through the District Attorney's Office, a fourth handwriting sample from Patsy Ramsey and police expect that request to be accommodated in the near term."

We have no additional information on this matter.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 15, 1997

**Contact:**

Contact: Leslie Aaholm, 441-3090

Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Fifth Handwriting Sample Requested  
(Ramsey Update #39)**

The Boulder District Attorney and Boulder Police Department have made a request for a fifth handwriting sample from Patsy Ramsey and have set forth reasons for that request. Lawyers for the Ramsey family are considering the appropriateness of this request.

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(Note: There is no additional information on this issue at this time.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 16, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Update April 16 (#40)**

- Expenses incurred by the Boulder Police Department through March 30, 1997 are \$119,141. This includes \$21,377 expended in December 1996 and an additional \$97,763 through March 30, 1997. The 1997 expenditures include: \$69,406 for overtime; \$18,506 for travel and \$9,851 for investigative expenses.
- In response to media inquiries and to clarify inaccurate statements, Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby has the following statement:
  - □Mr. and Mrs. Fleet White, Jr. are not suspects in the JonBenet Ramsey murder investigation. They are considered key witnesses. The Boulder Police Department appreciates the full cooperation they have received from the Whites since the beginning of their investigation. I feel this response is necessary due to the inaccurate portrayal of Mr. and Mrs. White in certain media publications.□
- The request by the Boulder District Attorney's Office and Boulder Police Department for a fifth handwriting sample from Patsy Ramsey is still being considered by lawyers for the Ramsey family. Colorado Bureau of Investigation continues to analyze samples previously submitted.

- All Police investigators have returned to Boulder following out-of-state trips to conduct interviews and gather additional information.
- The DNA testing continues at Cellmark. Testing began the week of March 31 and is expected to take four to six weeks to complete.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 23, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police Department Response  
To Ramsey Attorney's Letter of 4/23/97  
(Ramsey Update #41)**

The Boulder Police Department has been interested in conducting interviews with John and Patricia Ramsey since the murder of their daughter, JonBenet Ramsey. To date, there have been three specific attempts to schedule interviews with the Ramseys.

The first attempt was immediately following the murder. It was the Boulder Police Department's expectation that John and Patricia Ramsey would provide interviews prior to leaving Boulder to attend their daughter's funeral in Atlanta. However, Police were advised by the Ramseys that they had no intention of talking to Police prior to taking the body to Atlanta to be buried.

Police were reluctant to release JonBenet's body because they were not sure all the necessary forensic work had been completed nor had they had an opportunity to discuss the circumstances of JonBenet's death with the parents. The body was released to the Ramseys within 24 hours of their request.

The second attempt to obtain an interview was in January. Police had identified the terms of a productive interview and the response from the Ramsey attorney's, on less than a one-day's notice, was that they would be willing to present John and Patricia Ramsey only under the following conditions:

- That the interviews be done together.
- That the interviews be conducted at the Ramsey's attorney's office.
- That Patricia Ramsey's doctor be present during the interview.

- That the attorneys would specify which Boulder Police Department Officers would conduct the interview.
- That the interview with Patricia Ramsey would not be more than one hour.

These conditions were totally unacceptable to the Boulder Police Department.

The third effort to obtain interviews with the Ramseys has occurred over the last few weeks. In an effort to move the interview process forward, the Boulder Police agreed to consider deviating from their normal interview procedures. The last offer of conditions received by the Boulder Police Department from the Ramseys was reviewed with the FBI's Child Abduction and Serial Killer Unit and based on their advice Police concluded that the conditions were unacceptable. As a result of this review, the times that had been scheduled for an interview were canceled because it was felt the interviews would not be productive.

The Boulder Police continue to request interviews with John and Patricia Ramsey, and their reluctance to provide witness information continues to hinder the Police investigation into the murder of their daughter.

Boulder Police remain willing to discuss conditions for a productive interview.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 30, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Statement from Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby and  
Boulder County District Attorney Alex Hunter  
(Ramsey Update #42)**

Two Boulder police detectives today conducted interviews with John and Patricia Ramsey at the Offices of the Boulder County District Attorney.

Also present for the interviews were a representative from the Boulder County District Attorney's Office, an attorney for the Ramsey family, and a Ramsey family investigator. The interviews began at 8 a.m.

Conditions of the interviews met the specifications outlined last week by the Boulder Police Department:

1. John and Patricia Ramsey would be interviewed separately.
2. Patricia Ramsey would be interviewed first.



3. There would be an open-ended time frame for the interviews, with reasonable breaks.
4. The interviews would be tape recorded.
5. The interviews would be conducted by two Boulder police detectives selected in consultation with District Attorney Hunter. Each interviewee would be accompanied by his/her attorney.
6. The location of the interviews would be acceptable to the Boulder Police Department.

Neither the Boulder Police Department nor the Boulder County District Attorney's Office will comment further on today's interviews.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 12, 1997

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441-4702 or 530-9242

Ramsey Case New Release Index

**District Attorney reacts to Ramsey Ad:  
Redaction of autopsy report extended  
(Ramsey Release #43)**

There follows a letter from Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter responding to the Ramsey's ad in the May 11, 1997 *Boulder Daily Camera*.

Second, is the petition from the Boulder County Coroner to extend the redaction of the autopsy report in the JonBenet Ramsey case. The District Court finds that the existing order restricting disclosure should be continued until the Court has ruled on the Coroner's Petition.

We will have no additional comment on these issues.

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**Note: For a copy of this correspondence**

**contact Suzanne Laurion,  
District Attorney's Office  
at 441-4702 or 530-9242**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 15, 1997

**Contact:**

Leslie Aaholm, Media Relations, 441-3090

**RAMSEY UPDATE #44**

- Boulder Police received DNA test results from Cellmark Diagnostics on Tuesday, May 13. This material was sent to Cellmark on March 4, 1997; tests began the week of March 31. There will be no additional information provided on the content of the test results by the Boulder Police.
- Boulder Police Detectives Melissa Hickman and Jane Harmer were in Tucson, Arizona this week to conduct a pre-arranged interview with Kim Ballard. This interview had been arranged through the Tucson Police Department, however, after waiting four hours to conduct the interview, Ms. Ballard declined to be interviewed. This was the second attempt by Boulder Police to interview Ms. Ballard; there will be no additional attempts to interview her. According to Detective Commander John Eller, "At this point, we would have to consider anything Ms. Ballard may say as suspect. We don't plan to set up other interviews with her."
- Police are still requesting a fifth handwriting sample from Patricia Ramsey. This request is being coordinated through the Boulder District Attorney's Office.
- Boulder Police are in the process of analyzing and evaluating over 13,000 pages of transcripts and various test results. During this phase of the investigation there will be a core group of five Boulder Police detectives, two to four attorneys from the Boulder DA's Office, and two investigators from the DA's Office dedicated to this case.

Since January 1, 1997, 470 cases have been assigned to the detective division for follow-up; 364 have been completed. There are 111 cases that merit follow-up, which have not been assigned due to the Ramsey investigation, the investigation of last Friday's murder of Ruediger Jakob-Chien, and other critical cases. Adds Eller, "We need to work other important cases and thus have reassigned some officers. Should there be a need for more assistance on the Ramsey investigation, we will call in officers as needed."

**NOTE TO MEDIA: Unless otherwise warranted, media inquiries will be responded to between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (MST), Monday through Friday.**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 20, 1997

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Suzanne Laurion, District Attorney's Office,  
441-4702 or 530-9242

**Fifth handwriting sample obtained  
(Ramsey Release #45)**

A fifth handwriting sample was obtained today from Patricia Ramsey. Attorneys for Mrs. Ramsey and representatives from the Boulder Police Department and District Attorney's Office were present, along with a handwriting expert from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

No additional comment on this matter will be provided

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**NOTE TO MEDIA:**

There follow 20 pages of material including:

- Judge Glowinsky's ruling to deny the Motion for Stay Pending Appellate Review
- Statement from Deputy Boulder Co. Attorney Madeline Mason
- Complete Motion for Temporary Stay

**NOTE:** for the above material contact Suzanne Laurion,  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 22, 1997

**Contact:**  
Leslie Aaholm

Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Arrest made in theft of log pages  
(Ramsey release #46)**

Boulder Police today arrested James Michael Thompson (DOB: 9/23/63) on charges of theft under \$100 and criminal mischief related to the theft of log pages from the morgue at Boulder Community Hospital.

Thompson, who resides at 25 16th Avenue, Room 512, Denver was formally charged by Boulder Police at 2:42 today. His bond has been set at \$1,000.

**Motion Filed to Continue Seal on Ramsey Search Warrants**

The District Attorney's Office, late this afternoon, filed a motion and supporting brief to continue in effect the order sealing warrants, affidavits, returns, inventories, and other documents submitted in connection with the warrants.

A copy of the motion can be obtained at the Central Records office, 1777 Broadway

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CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO  
June 12, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police to ask for investigation of  
possible theft of computer documents  
Ramsey Update # 47**

Boulder Police have asked for an investigation by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation into a possible theft of computer documents from a police department computer located in the combined offices of the Boulder County District Attorney and the Boulder Police Department. This is the "war room" used by investigators assigned to the investigation of the JonBenet Ramsey murder.

The police department has confirmed that someone gained access to a computer containing Ramsey case information at approximately 1 a.m. on Saturday, June 7. The office was protected by electronic security and there were no signs of forced entry. Boulder police detectives discovered an anomaly in the computer on Monday morning, June 9 and immediately called for technical assistance. An assessment, conducted by in-house technicians from the police department and the city's information technology services department, determined the likelihood that a theft of information had occurred.

Technicians from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation were asked to begin an investigation and have made a preliminary examination of the computer equipment that was accessed. They are in the process of conducting further tests. It is not known at this time whether specific information has been removed or not.

Boulder police have hard-copies of the information contained on the computer, however there will be additional work required to verify the accuracy of all computerized reports. Electronic copies will need to be compared against hard copies for any evidence of tampering. According to Detective Commander John Eller, "We don't believe anything has been lost, but we don't know what, if anything, has been copied. Whether this will have an impact on this case depends on the outcome of the investigation."

Additional steps have been taken since this discovery to upgrade the security on individual computers and Commander Eller has asked the investigators to work with the DA's Office on trying to quickly improve security on the room.

Police moved into the "war room" on June 2. People assigned to this office from the Boulder Police department include one detective supervisor and four detectives. Two attorneys from the

District Attorney's Office, one investigator "on loan" from the Sheriff's Office, and a third investigator from the DA's office also are assigned to this room

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June 17, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Police Re-enter Ramsey's Boulder Home  
(Ramsey Update #48)**

**Ramsey Home**

Boulder Police today confirmed they intend to re-enter the home of John and Patricia Ramsey later this month. The primary purpose is to develop an architectural model of the home to assist in the investigation and presentation of the case. The Ramsey's have consented to this re-entry by the Boulder Police and a search warrant will not be required.

**Handwriting Sample**

Boulder Police have not received the technicians report from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation relating to their analysis of the fifth handwriting sample provided by Patricia Ramsey. Tests continue and the results will be sent to the Boulder Police Department upon completion.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 26, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**CBI Concludes Investigation of Computers  
(Ramsey Update #49)**

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation today provided an oral report to Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby, Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter and Detective Commander John Eller on the findings of their investigation into possible computer tampering. CBI Agent in Charge Mark Wilson's investigation has concluded the problem was equipment failure, not human intervention, and that no crime was committed.

CBI conducted interviews with all people who have access to information, took the computer apart for examination, and fingerprinted the inside and outside of the computer. A complete computer analysis by CBI's computer crime division showed there was an intermittent short circuit in the battery back-up to the CMOS BIOS chip (this is the chip that supplies key memory functions

such as time, date and password to the computer). The resulting loss of power made it appear as if there might have been improper access of the computer.

The power lapse was caused by a malfunction in the computer. CBI experts determined this was not an electrical power surge or a weather related phenomenon. In the course of the investigation all the computers were examined and all electrical connections were checked.

Both Chief Koby and Boulder District Attorney Hunter said, "We appreciate the great work of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in this instance. They were quick to respond and reach a resolution. This incident needed to be investigated and we're relieved that the investigation hasn't been compromised. We have an outstanding group of officers working together and they will continue to work together as the analysis of this case continues."

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation was called in on June 13 and they began investigating and interviewing people on June 16. In the course of their investigation, they eliminated the possibility of burglary or any breach of security.

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June 30, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police and DA Investigators  
Re-Enter Ramsey Home  
(Ramsey Update #50)**

Members of the Boulder Police Department and District Attorney investigators, accompanied by Colorado Bureau of Investigation personnel, today went back into the Ramsey house. Earlier the Ramsey's had consented to police re-entering the home without a search warrant.

The reason for going back into the home is to take measurements to build an architectural model. The model will be used for the case presentation to the DA for a filing decision at some point and ultimately for use in a court presentation. Investigators also are re-photographing some areas of the house from different angles and in different light and may role play some scenarios.

Investigators may be in the home for up to a week.

In other developments:

- Boulder Police have received the report of the handwriting analysis from CBI. The results of the analysis remain part of the ongoing investigation.
- A detective is assigned to the investigation of possible unauthorized access of confidential computer files at the Boulder County Department of Social Services and a number of interviews will be conducted in the near future. At this time, there doesn't appear to be anything missing.

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Note: Information on issues in the courts related to this case can be obtained on a recorded message at (303) 441-1620.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 3, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Police Conclude Work at Ramsey Home  
(Ramsey Update #51)**

Members of the Boulder Police Department and District Attorney investigators, accompanied by Colorado Bureau of Investigation personnel, are expected to conclude their work at the Ramsey home today (July 3).

According to Detective Commander John Eller Police, "We accomplished the work we intended to do which included taking measurements to build an architectural model, re-photographing some areas of the house from different angles and in different light, and role playing some scenarios. We are pleased with the results of our work in the Ramsey home."

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**Note to Media:** There will be no PIO responding to Ramsey questions until Monday, July 7. Have a good July 4th!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Aug. 1, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Police to Work with Legal Experts to  
Prepare Ramsey Case  
(Ramsey Update #52)**

The Boulder Police Department is confirming that three prominent Colorado attorneys have been engaged to provide legal advice in connection with the Ramsey investigation. The attorneys Richard N. Baer, of Sherman & Howard, L.L.C., Dan Hoffman, of McKenna & Cunio, and Robert N. Miller, of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P., were approached by detectives and asked to assist in this matter.

Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby, Commander John Eller, and the investigators assigned to the Ramsey homicide investigation met with Hoffman, Miller and Baer at the Boulder Police Department on Thursday, July 24, to discuss the possibility of such a partnership and the scope of services that might be provided. That afternoon, Koby and Eller met with District Attorney Alex

Hunter and advised him of their intent to hire this group of attorneys. Hunter endorsed the action, and police confirmed their intention to accept the pro bono services of Miller, Baer and Hoffman.

According to Eller, "We have begun discussing the components of the case with our attorneys. They are committed to this case for the duration, and we are extremely pleased and grateful for their interest and assistance." In response to early inquiries regarding the motivation for seeking out additional legal assistance on the case, Eller stated, "The investigators assigned to this case have diligently and quietly conducted their investigation into this homicide. They have from the beginning sought out the very best consultation available in a number of disciplines, seeking experts in forensics, law, medicine, psychology and numerous technological fields. The addition of these prominent and civic-minded attorneys to provide legal advice is in character with how we have approached our work in this case.

"Miller, Baer and Hoffman bring an incredible amount of experience in criminal law and complex civil litigation to this case, added Eller.

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August 19, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Investigation Expenses  
(Ramsey Release #53)**

**1996 expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                               | Cost                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime Expenses (604.75 Hrs.)    | \$ 20,340.80        |
| Travel Expenses                    | \$ 248.38           |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 788.55           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1996</b> | <b>\$ 21,377.73</b> |

**1997 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item   | Cost                 |
|--|----------------------|
| Overtime Expense through 7-27-97 P.P. #15 2,855.25 hours | \$ 98,734.77         |
| Travel Expenses through 8-15-97                          | \$ 25,494.80         |
| Investigative Expense through 8-15-97                    | \$ 17,406.60         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1997</b>                       | <b>\$ 141,636.80</b> |



***Total expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide  
for 1996 & 1997:***

***\$ 163,014.53***

(Does not include on-duty costs of investigation)

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Sept. 4, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Statement from the Boulder Police:  
(Ramsey Update #54)**

The Boulder Police Department is responding to questions raised concerning possible leaks in the Ramsey investigation. At this time there is no evidence that this has occurred within the police department, and to initiate an internal inquiry would be extremely disruptive to our criminal investigation.

We have put numerous security controls in place and continuously scrutinize these controls. Our number one priority continues to be the successful completion of this investigation for prosecution.

The Boulder police have not responded to speculation about this case and do not intend to do so now. There will be no additional official response on this issue.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 26, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**No Ethical Problem or Conflict of Interest Issues  
Involving Outside Attorneys  
Police Chief Koby Clears Up  
Misstatements in News Coverage  
(Ramsey Update #55)**

Because of blatant misstatements contained in recent news media coverage, Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby feels compelled to clear up what appears to be much confusion regarding the three outside attorneys asked by the Boulder Police to serve as counsel to them regarding their work on the Ramsey case.

As stated in the Boulder Police Department's news release (Attached) on August 1, 1997, these three individuals (Richard N. Baer, of Sherman & Howard, L.L.C.; Daniel S. Hoffman, of McKenna & Cunio; and Robert N. Miller of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P.) Were approached by the Boulder Police Department. According to Chief Koby, "These three attorneys were asked by our Department if they would be interested in counseling members of our team. As a result, all three have worked diligently with us over the past several months."

After being invited to participate, a meeting to discuss their assistance was held at the Police Department. In attendance at that meeting was Chief Koby, Commander Eller and the entire Police team investigating the JonBenet Ramsey murder.

At that meeting, Mr. Miller and Mr. Hoffman opened by making a full disclosure to everyone present about their relationships with the law firm of Haddon, Morgan & Foreman . Not a single member of the Police team believed that relationship presented any ethical problems or conflicts of interest. "Indeed, the investigating team was pleased and excited about having the assistance of three such highly qualified and experienced lawyers. There were no surprises." said Koby.

As the Boulder City Attorney was later drafting a formal letter for the arrangement, the relationship between the attorneys and the Haddon law firm was once again fully disclosed. He did not believe there was any conflict of interest.

According to Koby, "During the last two months, these three extremely competent lawyers have provided a great deal of time and valuable advice and counsel to the Ramsey investigation team - and on a voluntary, pro bono basis."

"Instead of criticism, these three talented professionals deserve praise for their commitment to the community and their civic contribution."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 8, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**News Conference Scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10  
(Ramsey Update #57)**

Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby will hold a news conference to provide an update on the Ramsey investigation including some re-organization of staff and related issues. There are no arrests pending and police have not named any suspects.

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 10 - 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Boulder City Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

1777 Broadway (at Broadway and Canyon)  
Boulder, CO

**Please note the following logistical items:**

1. Satellite trucks must be in the parking area by 9 a.m., and parking is available on a first come, first served basis.
2. Two pool television cameras will be allowed in the Council Chambers. One camera will be a fixed shot on the podium and the second camera will provide cut-away shots of the audience. KUSA Channel 9 will provide the pool cameras and provide a feed to Denver TelePort. Contact Denver Teleport at 303-397-4100. **NO OTHER TELEVISION CAMERAS WILL BE ALLOWED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**
3. Space in Council Chambers is limited to about 150 seats.
4. Satellite trucks and other media vehicles may remain parked in the Municipal complex area for up to 2 hours following the news conference, after which time all parking regulations will be enforced.

Boulder Municipal Cable Channel 8 will carry the news conference live at 10 a.m. and will re-air the news conference at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 10, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby's  
Remarks to Media on Oct. 10, 1997  
(Ramsey Update #58)**

□I am adding personnel to the investigation. We will have three additional investigators reassigned to the case: Carey Weinheimer, Kim Stewart, and Michael Everett. All of them were involved in the initial days of the case and I feel are needed to give us enough resources to get the work completed.

I have made the assessment that more resources are necessary after being briefed by the team upon their return from their meetings with the F.B.I. in Quantico. At those meetings we gained a confirmation of the quality of the work which has been done to date. We also had time to get really clear about the work that is still needed to complete this investigation.

I am also assigning Commander Mark Beckner, to work full time with Sergeant Tom Wickman, to manage the investigators. Commander Beckner will be assuming this responsibility from

Commander John Eller who has had to split his time between this case and the ongoing day to day work in the Investigative Bureau. Commander Eller will be able to focus his full attention on all the other investigations that we are attempting to manage in his division. These include the ongoing investigation of the spring riots, other ongoing homicide investigations, the recent surge in drug related deaths, and many other criminal investigations that we are trying to manage with the staff available.

I am also relocating the investigative team back to the Public Safety Building for now and intend to manage the case in a more traditional police/prosecutor relationship. A more traditional relationship is one where the staff of the District Attorney are available to advise us, but are not involved in the day to day investigation of the case.

Our purpose continues to be staying focused on getting the work done in order that a determination can be made whether we have a case to present to the District Attorney for prosecution. Although this has been our focus from the beginning, I think it is obvious to everyone that we have been scrutinized on this case from day one by the media to a degree seldom, if ever, experienced in any other case. This had made a difficult investigation even more stressful for all of those involved and our agencies.

My restructuring of this investigation is being done to serve two specific purposes:

1. I intend to see that we finish the work we have started in a professional way that this department and this community can be proud of.
2. I intend to see that we do everything possible to bring this case to a successful prosecution.

#### **General Issues:**

What is the quality of the investigation?

In spite of all of the speculation about this issue, the work done on this case by the members of both the police department the District Attorney's Office is of a very high caliber.

Were there mistakes made on the case in the early hours following the reporting of the case?

The officers and detectives who first went to the Ramsey residence responded to the report of a kidnapping, and did what was necessary to manage a kidnapping situation.

Those involved in this first day also were able to transition the focus once we understood that we were really dealing with a homicide. It is accurate to say that if we had it to do all over again we would do it differently. It is also accurate to say that we responded well to what we thought we were confronted with. Remember, this is a one of a kind case. There are few, if any, agencies that would have done it differently than we did in those first few hours.

We all know in this business that you have to deal with what is in front of you with an eye to what is possible outside your immediate situation. What was in front of us was a kidnapping. We pursued that until we understood we had something different.

Has the Boulder Police Department tried to present the Boulder District Attorney's Office with a warrant for the arrest of anyone in this case?

No, we do not yet have a case that would warrant the pursuit of an arrest.

Is an arrest in this case going to be made?

We will know that when we get the work done. We have not finished the work.

What is the relationship between the District Attorney's Office and the Boulder Police Department?

Our relationship is strained. In the Criminal Justice System there is often tension between the police and the prosecutors. This is to be expected. Remember, the Criminal Justice System by design is an adversarial system. People often disagree.

From the beginning of this investigation there have been disagreements between the investigators and the prosecutors. These disagreements have generally been in two areas. First has been in the approach to this investigation with respect to dealing with all of the possible suspects. One side of the investigation has favored a hard line on pursuing this matter. The other has been supportive of a less antagonistic approach.

Both of these approaches are legitimate. They both set a tone and are workable. Boulder County's approach to most matters over the years has been to follow the second and it has worked quite well for this community. In this case there was and still is a difference of opinion about which is more appropriate.

The second major area of disagreement has been over the management of the media. Whereas both the District Attorney and I believe strongly in being open with the press, in this case we have had differing opinions on the proper course to follow. My position, as you know, has been to be very close with the information. The District Attorney has felt a need to be more communicative. Again, both approaches are viable. Our difference of opinion on this matter has added to the strain.

These differences are normal and usually manageable. However, in the pressure cooker environment that we have been working in the last nine months small things get exaggerated and create difficulties.

I know that you have more issues that you would like me to respond to and I will try to accommodate you. But before I do that let me reiterate one thing: There are many hardworking dedicated police officers, prosecutors, attorneys, lab people and others working on this case. All of us are doing our best, under difficult circumstances, to find the person or persons responsible for the death of JonBenet. We are dedicated to this case.

Thank you. □

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 10, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police Commander Mark Beckner  
to manage Ramsey investigation  
(Ramsey Update #59)**

Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby today announced Commander Mark Beckner would be managing the Ramsey investigation on a full-time basis effective immediately. Beckner, 41, joined the Boulder Police Department in June, 1978 and was promoted to commander in May, 1994.

Following three years as an officer in the department, Beckner worked in property crimes in the detective division from 1981 to 1983. He was promoted to sergeant in 1983. From 1983 to 1986 he was a patrol sergeant and was involved in tactical field training. From Jan., 1987 to Jan., 1989, he was in charge of the tactical patrol team, handling undercover investigations, bank robberies, criminal trespass cases, drug crimes, and burglaries. From 1989 to 1991 he was in the patrol division and from Jan., 1991 to Oct., 1991 he was the traffic supervisor. From Oct., 1991 to 1994, Becker was the department's internal affairs investigator. In May, 1994 he was promoted to commander and served as the watch 2 patrol commander until the present. From May, 1994 to Sept., 1997 he also served as the SWAT commander.

Beckner said, "I intend to spend the next couple of weeks reviewing the Ramsey case with our investigative team. This is a good team and we're committed to moving the case forward as best we can."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Dec. 3, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Briefing Scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5  
(Ramsey Update #60)**

Boulder Police Commander Mark Beckner will provide a status report on the Ramsey investigation. Commander Beckner was placed in charge of the investigation in October. There are no arrests pending and police have not named any suspects.

**WHEN:** Friday, Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.

**WHERE:** Boulder City Council Chambers,  
Municipal Building, 1777 Broadway  
(at Broadway and Canyon)

**Please note the following logistical items:**

1. Satellite trucks must be in the parking area by 8 a.m., and parking is available on a first come, first served basis.
2. Two pool cameras will be allowed in the Council Chambers. One camera will be a fixed shot on the podium and the second camera will provide cut-away shots of the audience. KCNC Channel 4 is coordinating pool camera production and satellite time. KCNC will transmit an identifier from 8:30 to 8:55 a.m., replacing it with programming a few minutes before the press conference. The following is satellite information:

**Satellite: SBS6**

**Transponder: 12 Full -- Vertical Downlink 11995**

**Audio: 6.2 ONLY**

**Time: 10:30 a.m. ET (8:30 a.m. MT) to conclusion**

**Space Segment: Conus Communications**

**Pool Cameras, Audio, and Switching: KMGH**

**Transmission: KCNC/CBS**

**NO OTHER TELEVISION CAMERAS WILL BE ALLOWED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

3. Space in Council Chambers is limited to about 150 seats.
4. Satellite trucks and other media vehicles may remain parked in the Municipal complex area for up to 2 hours following the news conference, after which time all parking regulations will be enforced.

Boulder Municipal Cable Channel 8 will carry the news conference live at 9 a.m. and will re-air the news conference at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5.

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December 5, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Commander Mark Beckner's Statement to Media on December 5, 1997  
(Ramsey Update #61)**

Good morning. Here in support with me today are the investigators that make up our investigative team. They are: Case Supervisor, Sgt. Tom Wickman; Detective Tom Trujillo; Detective Steve Thomas; Detective Jane Harmer; Detective Ron Gosage; Detective Kim Stewart; Detective Carey Weinheimer; and Detective Michael Everett.

The purpose of today's news conference is to provide an update on the investigation into the JonBenet Ramsey homicide and to put to rest some of the speculation that has occurred. As you

know, the investigative team was restructured approximately 9 weeks ago and is now operating out of the police department under my direction. Two of my objectives are to keep the team focused and to move the case forward to a point at which a decision can be made. I am very pleased with the progress we have made in meeting those objectives.

During these past 9 weeks, we have taken the time necessary to review the information and evidence that has been gathered to date. A review of the case was necessary for two reasons. 1. To provide me the opportunity to become familiar with the facts of the case and 2. To have an understanding of what still needs to be accomplished and to know where to go from here. It became clear additional work is still ahead.

First, we have reviewed and updated a case management task list to identify and assign tasks that need to be completed as part of this investigation. That task list currently consists of 72 items. Of those 72 items, 28 have already been completed and about a dozen or so others are in the process of being completed. Of the remaining task list items, some are in process and others are yet to be started. It is important to understand that this is an evolving list which sometimes grows as additional information is uncovered. Investigation often leads to additional investigation. With the complexities involved in this case and the number of people that have been interviewed, it is easy to understand how time consuming an investigation of this nature can be.

Some examples of the tasks that have been recently completed include:

1. The re-interviewing of some significant witnesses.
2. Additional consultation with forensic experts.
3. We have reviewed close to 200 video tapes that were taken from the Ramsey home.
4. We have also completed a review of the computer files taken from the Ramsey home.
5. We have completed a review of all trace evidence gathered in the case and have identified some additional testing that is needed. We are in the process of getting this testing completed. However, most of this work must be completed by outside agencies. When this occurs, it takes time to get results back, sometimes weeks or even months.
6. We continue to review all information and tips that are received.

Some examples of tasks yet to be completed include the following:

1. The re-interviewing of other identified significant witnesses and neighbors.
2. The collection and analysis of additional evidentiary items.
3. The completion of all forensic analysis.
4. One of the most important tasks yet to do is the re-interviewing of some family members specifically Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and their son, Burke Ramsey. We have made a formal request for these interviews and expect this to be completed in the near future.

We are confident that once all our identified tasks are completed, we will be in a position to make a decision in this case as to the next step. There are several options;

- We could seek an arrest warrant and prosecution
- We could ask for a grand jury investigation, or
- We could inactivate the case until such time that additional information becomes available.

What direction we take will depend on the facts of the case as they are developed and on the level of cooperation we receive from witnesses. While I can not give you an estimate of how long it will be until we reach a decision point, I can tell you that we are going to be focused and



aggressive in moving this investigation forward. Regardless of what has happened in the past, we are only looking forward with the goal of solving this case. Our investigative team is dedicated, committed, and positive in their approach. I have been very impressed with the work they have done and continue to do and greatly appreciate their dedication.

I would also like to take this time to say that since my assignment to this investigation, the relationship with the District Attorney's office has been positive and professional. I have had regular contact and conversations with Pete Hofstrom. They continue to provide counsel and advice in this investigation that has been very helpful. I have been impressed with the commitment and dedication of the District Attorney's office and appreciate the help they have provided. Let me also say that we have not yet submitted a case for prosecution, nor have we prepared an arrest warrant. The investigation is still ongoing and we are still making progress.

### **Boulder Police Investigators Assigned to Ramsey Case**

**Commander Mark Beckner**, 41, is managing the Ramsey investigation. He has served with the Boulder Police Department 19.5 years.

(Ramsey investigators are listed in the order introduced by Commander Beckner)

**Detective Sgt. Tom Wickman**, 44, is the case supervisor. He has served with the Boulder Police Department for 19 years.

**Det. Thomas Trujillo**, 36, is the lead investigator and has served with the Boulder Police Department for 12 years.

**Det. Steve Thomas**, 35, has 12 years of law enforcement experience and has served with the Boulder Police Department for 7 years.

**Det. Jane Harmer**, 35, has served with the Boulder Police Department 11 years.

**Det. Ron Gosage**, 31, has 10 years of law enforcement experience and has served with the Boulder Police Department for 5 years.

**Det. Kim Stewart**, 37, has served with the Boulder Police Department 7.5 years.

**Det. Carey Weinheimer**, 33, has 11 years of law enforcement experience and has served with the Boulder Police Department for 7.5 years.

**Det. Michael Everett**, 33 has served with the Boulder Police Department for 10 years.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 5, 1997

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Report of Expenses Related to Ramsey Investigation  
(Ramsey Update #62)**

1996 expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:

| Item                               | Cost                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime Expenses (604.75 Hrs.)    | \$ 20,340.80        |
| Travel Expenses                    | \$ 248.38           |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 788.55           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1996</b> | <b>\$ 21,377.73</b> |

1997 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:

| Item  | Cost                 |
|---|----------------------|
| Overtime Expense (through 11/16/97) 3,757 hours | \$ 131,260.95        |
| Travel Expenses (through 10/31/97)              | \$ 33,060.55         |
| Investigative Expenses (through 12/3/97)        | \$ 19,222.06         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1997</b>              | <b>\$ 183,543.56</b> |

***Total expenditures related to Ramsey homicide  
for 1996 and 1997:***

***\$ 204,921.29\****

(\*Does not include on-duty costs of investigation or overtime for management exempt employees, such as chief, commander and legal advisor)

Note: All 62 news releases issued by the Boulder Police Department can be accessed on the City's Home Page listed above.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Jan. 16, 1998

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey attorneys decline request for interviews  
(Ramsey Update #63)**

The Boulder Police Department has received written communication through John and Patsy Ramsey's counsel that John and Patsy will not submit to a second interview with investigators under the reasonable conditions set by investigators. The Boulder Police Department's position in requesting the second interviews has been clear and straightforward. There are questions the police have that are related to clarifications of previous statements and questions related to information that was not available during the first interviews.

According to the latest communication from the Ramseys' counsel, if the Police Department wants further assistance in solving this crime from John and Patsy Ramsey, the police will have to show "good faith" by first allowing the Ramseys to review the evidence in this case. This is unacceptable to police investigators. To allow such disclosure could severely hamper the effectiveness of the investigation, and damage the reliability of information provided by witnesses or potential suspects. To do so would also be contrary to accepted investigative protocols and something the police have not done for any other witness or suspect in this case. The Ramseys' counsel again offered to have John and Patsy Ramsey only answer written questions. This is also unacceptable to police investigators and well beyond reasonable investigative processes.

According to Commander Mark Beckner, "I am disappointed in the position they have taken. I expected the Ramseys to agree to another interview because I believed their public and private statements about their desire to do whatever was necessary to help resolve this case. While this development will certainly hinder our investigation, we continue to make progress and will not give up in our efforts to find JonBenet's killer." Furthermore, Beckner stated, "It is even more important now for anyone who has relevant information in this case to come forward and help us resolve this."

The police are still waiting to receive clothing requested from the Ramseys in Nov., 1997, and for a final decision on whether they will be allowed to interview Burke Ramsey.

The investigative task list, described by Beckner at his Dec. 5 news conference, continues to be a working list that is evaluated and updated as needed. It now consists of 78 items. Of those 78 items, 38 have been completed and another 9 tasks are near completion. An additional 5 task list items will be completed once the results of analysis is received from outside agencies assisting in the investigation. Of the remaining 26 items, some are ongoing and long term tasks that the team continues to work on. These would include tasks such as reinterviewing significant witnesses and following up new information as it is developed.

Recent media reports that a flashlight had been lost and recently found are incorrect. The flashlight recovered from the Ramsey home was taken to CBI in March, 1997 for forensic analysis. After the completed analysis, it was returned to the custody of the Police Department in Oct., 1997 and has never been missing.

#### **Year end expenditures for Ramsey Investigation**

The Boulder Police Department expenditures to date for the Ramsey investigation total \$219,555. In 1996 overtime, travel and investigative expenses totaled \$21,377 and through the end of 1997 the overtime, travel and investigative expenses totaled \$197,634. These expenditures do not include on-duty costs of investigations.

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Boulder Police have no additional comments at this time.

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Statement from Commander Mark Beckner  
(Ramsey Update #64)**

While I see little value in perpetuating the verbal volley that seems to be rampant in the Ramsey case, I feel I must respond to comments Mr. Jim Jenkins sent to the media today. My investigators and I are committed to finding the murderer of JonBenet Ramsey. We continue to conduct our investigation with integrity and professionalism in the face of many obstacles. As stated in my December 5 news conference, there are three key interview that need to be conducted with John Ramsey, Patsy Ramsey, and Burke Ramsey. Our request for interviews with John and Patsy were declined. Negotiations with Burke Ramsey were progressing until Saturday, February 15th, at which time Mr. Jenkins informed me he believed someone in the Boulder Police Department provided information to the media in reference to our discussions.

There is absolutely no advantage to me or to the Boulder Police Department to disclose any information regarding the discussion with Mr. Jenkins. In fact, just the opposite. Our need is to interview witnesses in this case. After looking into Mr. Jenkins' assertion, I am confident that the information did not come from the Boulder Police Department. I have since discovered that there are other sources where the information could have come from. It is unfortunate that unfair accusations continue to be made in this case.

The focus of this investigation should be on finding the murderer of JonBenet. That is where it will remain for me and my investigators. The fact remains, it is in the best interest of this investigation that Burke be interviewed, and we are ready to interview him.

Given the refusal, for whatever reason, of some people to cooperate in this investigation, we will attempt other investigative avenues to obtain the information necessary to complete this investigation.

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**NOTE: The Police Department will have no additional comment.**

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Police ask District Attorney to convene  
a grand jury in Ramsey investigation  
(Ramsey Update #65)**

Boulder Police Chief Tom Koby and Commander Mark Beckner today requested and recommended that the Boulder District Attorney convene a grand jury investigation into the homicide of JonBenet Ramsey. While there is still some investigation left to be done, both Chief Koby and Commander Beckner believe the investigation has progressed to the point at which the authority of a grand jury is necessary in order to have a complete investigation. A grand jury can be utilized to obtain sworn testimony, to obtain items of evidentiary value not otherwise available through routine investigative methods, and to review the case for purposes of seeking an indictment against the person or persons responsible for the death of JonBenet.

Commander Beckner has worked closely with the District Attorney's Office in recent weeks in preparation of the recommendation for a grand jury. According to Beckner, "We only make this request/recommendation after 14 grueling months of investigation, much consideration and thought, and after consultation with attorneys familiar with, and experienced in the use, of grand juries. We believe the investigation has reached the point at which a grand jury will be very helpful in completing the investigation, thus, our recommendation to the District Attorney."

As the investigation progressed in recent weeks, the direction the investigation should take became very clear. As stated at a Dec. 5, 1997 news conference, the police were working toward one of three options:

- Seek an arrest warrant and prosecution
- Ask for a grand jury investigation, or
- Inactivate the case until such time that additional information becomes available

Out of a task list that has now grown to 90 tasks, 64 tasks have been completed or worked on as thoroughly as possible. "The longer we worked on the case, the clearer it became that inactivating the case would not be appropriate," said Beckner. "The appropriate step at this time is to ask for a grand jury to assist us in gathering additional admissible evidence."

The next step will be for the police to assist the District Attorney's Office in the review of case files and evidence. Given the volume of information gathered to date, it is expected that it will take some time for the District Attorney's Office to complete its review of the case files prior to any decision being made. "We have worked well with the DA's Office in the last five months and I expect to work even closer with them in the months to follow," added Beckner.

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police update Ramsey costs  
(Ramsey Update #66)**

The Boulder Police Department's expenses related to the JonBenet Ramsey homicide are listed below. This reflects expenditures and overtime through May 1, 1998, but does not include any on-duty costs of the investigation or overtime for Chief Tom Koby or Commander Mark Beckner:

**1996 expenditures**

| Item                               | Cost                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime Expenses (604.75 Hrs.)    | \$ 20,340.80        |
| Travel Expenses                    | \$ 248.38           |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 788.55           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1996</b> | <b>\$ 21,377.73</b> |

**1997 expenditures**

| Item                               | Cost                 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Overtime Expense (3,929.5 Hours)   | \$ 134,621.66        |
| Travel Expenses                    | \$ 57,392.46         |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 30,830.08         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1997</b> | <b>\$ 222,844.20</b> |

**1998 expenditures (through May 1, 1998)**

| Item                               | Cost                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime expenses (417.25 hours)   | \$ 15,840.39        |
| Travel expenses                    | \$ 6,053.72         |
| Investigative expenses             | \$ 9,244.10         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1998</b> | <b>\$ 31,138.21</b> |

***Total expenditures (through May 1, 1998)***

***\$ 275,360.14***

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**MEDIA ADVISORY  
Police to present Ramsey case to DA  
(Ramsey update #67)**

Boulder Police Commander Mark Beckner will present the JonBenet Ramsey case to Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter on June 1 and 2. The presentation will take place at the CU Coors Events Center.

Commander Beckner will be joined by the seven detectives who have worked on the JonBenet Ramsey investigation: Case Supervisor, Sgt. Tom Wickman, Detective Tom Trujillo, Detective Steve Thomas, Detective Jane Harmer, Detective Ron Gosage, Detective Carey Weinheimer, and Detective Michael Everett.

At the conclusion of the presentation on June 2, Commander Beckner will make some brief comments to the media, although no details of the case will be released. The exact time of these remarks is dependent upon when the presentation concludes, although it will probably take place in the afternoon.

Parking is available at meters along Regent Drive and just north of the CU Coors Event Center in Lot 440. Large vehicles can park in Lot 436 on the east side of the parking garage. Permits are required and cost \$5 per day. Permits can be purchased at the CU Police Department, 1050 Regent Drive, for one or two days. Space, especially for large vehicles, is limited.

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police conclude presentation  
of Ramsey case to the DA  
(Ramsey Update #68)**

Boulder Police detectives today concluded their presentation of the Ramsey investigation to Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter. The presentation was made by the seven detectives who have worked on the JonBenet Ramsey investigation: Case Supervisor, Sgt. Tom Wickman, Detective Tom Trujillo, Detective Steve Thomas, Detective Jane Harmer, Detective Ron Gosage, Detective Carey Weinheimer, and Detective Michael Everett.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Commander Beckner said, "This has been a very productive two days. After exhaustively reviewing the 30,000 pages of this investigation, we identified 24 investigative topics which were covered during the presentation. Some of the areas we covered included forensics information, analysis of evidence, what we learned from the ransom note and the hundreds of different items found in the house, what was not found in the house, and evidence supporting or not supporting an intruder. We discussed the interviews we've conducted and the people we've looked at as suspects. We covered a lot of ground in a very complex case."

Commander Beckner added, "We have made a very strong case for a grand jury and believe a grand jury will give us the best opportunity to find the final pieces needed in this case. We have been and will continue to be committed to working closely with the District Attorney's office to complete this investigation."

"To give you some perspective of the enormity of this investigation and the effort that has been put forth in solving this case, let me give you some statistics. Since we began our investigation in December, 1996, we have formally interviewed 590 people, some more than once; we have utilized 64 outside experts and consultants; we have investigated 68 people as possible suspects, plus an additional 54 convicted sex offenders as possible suspects; we have logged 1,058 items of evidence into property; over 500 pieces of evidence have been tested through federal, state and private labs; we conducted the investigation in 17 states; we have received approximately 3,400 letters and 700 phone tips; and we have spent approximately 22,000 hours investigating the case. Through the 28th of May we have spent \$282,180 to cover overtime, travel and investigative expenses on this case."

Since October 1997, the investigative team has identified 94 tasks of which 67 have been completed. Of the remaining 27 tasks, some will require the subpoena authority of a grand jury to complete.

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Following are some of the questions asked and Commander Beckner's answers after the conclusion of the presentation to the DA's Office today:

Q: Could you summarize why you would like this case to go to a grand jury?

A: There are still interviews we would like to do with people who are not cooperating with the investigation.

Q: Have you now turned the Ramsey case over to the DA's Office?

A: I would say that it is more of a team approach with the DA's Office now.



Q: Do you know who did it?

A: I have an idea who did it.

Q: Do you still want to question John and Patsy Ramsey?

A: Yes, the Ramseys are among those that we want to question.

Q: What are some of the tasks you have left to complete?

A: There are additional evidence tests we would like to do.

Q: What happens if it doesn't go to the grand jury?

A: We'll make the best of it.

Q: How solid of a case do you have now?

A: That's difficult to answer, it's certainly a circumstantial case.

Q: How long do you expect the grand jury to take with this case?

A: 3 to 6 months minimum, I would say.

Q: How did Barry Scheck's comments help during this presentation?

A: He helped us identify the strengths and the weaknesses of the case, and he was able to offer the defense perspective.

Q: Are there less people under the umbrella of suspicion now?

A: There are certainly less people under the umbrella of suspicion now than there were in October.

Q: Do you think Alex Hunter will take this case to the grand jury?

A: I think there is a good chance.

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey detective resigns; statement from Boulder Police Chief Mark Beckner  
(Ramsey update #69)**

□Detective Steve Thomas today resigned from the Boulder Police Department. Det. Thomas was one of seven detectives working on the Ramsey investigation. It is with regret that I accept his resignation. His work and effort on the Ramsey case will always be appreciated.

Unfortunately, in his resignation letter, Detective Thomas has chosen to criticize the progress of the Ramsey investigation and the role of the DA's Office. This comes at a critical juncture in the investigation. I am disappointed that Steve felt the need to vent his frustrations in the investigation.

When I took over the Ramsey investigation last October, I acknowledged that this case was extremely complex and that disagreements were to be expected. However, we continue to work closely with the DA's Office on completing assigned tasks. I continue to have confidence in the investigative team, Alex Hunter, and special prosecutor Michael Kane and we are meeting with them on an almost daily basis.

While we continue to pursue investigative tasks in the Ramsey case, I do not plan to assign another detective to the Ramsey team to replace Det. Thomas. Detective Sgt. Wickman, the team leader, has assured me the work load can be handled by the existing team members.

Further comment on Det. Thomas's resignation would not be in the best interest of the investigation.

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Joint Statement from the Boulder Police Department and  
the Boulder District Attorney's Office  
(Ramsey Update #70)**

Members of our offices met this morning to further discuss the resignation letter submitted by Steve Thomas.

We talked about responding in detail to the allegations presented in the letter, but agreed that our primary responsibility is to gather sufficient evidence to prosecute the JonBenet Ramsey homicide, and to further address these charges would only sidetrack the case.

Police Chief Mark Beckner said, "As I said yesterday we do not agree with Thomas's opinion that the case cannot be successfully concluded. In the six weeks that Thomas has been gone from the department our agencies have worked closely together to complete additional interviews, prepare and submit additional evidence for testing, and review other investigative materials. We have not finished this investigation and we will continue to work on this case pending a decision regarding convening the grand jury."

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News Release  
October 11, 1999

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Updated Ramsey homicide expenses  
Ramsey News Release #71**

**1996 expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                               | Cost                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime Expenses (604.75 Hrs.)    | \$ 20,340.80        |
| Travel Expenses                    | \$ 248.38           |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 788.55           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1966</b> | <b>\$ 21,377.73</b> |

**1997 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                                   | Cost                 |
|--|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense                 | \$ 308,630.81        |
| Overtime Expense (3,929.5 Hours)       | \$ 134,621.66        |
| Travel Expenses through 12-31-97       | \$ 57,392.46         |
| Investigative Expense through 12-31-97 | \$ 30,830.08         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1997</b>     | <b>\$ 531,475.01</b> |

**1998 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                                   | Cost                 |
|--|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense - P.P.#26       | \$ 562,149.72        |
| Overtime Expense 954 Hours             | \$ 37,541.46         |
| Travel Expenses through 12-31-98       | \$ 11,319.01         |
| Investigative Expense through 12-31-98 | \$ 19,946.74         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1998</b>     | <b>\$ 630,956.93</b> |

**1999 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item  | Cost          |
|---|---------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense - P.P.#20                        | \$ 175,744.91 |
| Overtime Expense through 10-04-99 P.P.#20, 203.25 hours | \$ 8,026.10   |

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Travel Expenses through 10-11-99       | \$ 3,842.36          |
| Investigative Expense through 10-11-99 | \$ 2,858.00          |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1999</b>     | <b>\$ 198,891.77</b> |

***Total expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide  
for 1996, 97, 98 & 99:***

***\$1,382,701.44***

(Does not include on-duty costs of investigation, or overtime for Management Exempt employees, such as Chief, Commander and Legal Advisor)

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Statement from News Conference on  
October 14, 1999  
Mark Beckner, Chief of Police  
Ramsey News Release #72**

I want to first publicly thank the twelve citizens of this grand jury for their service to the community. Although by law, I cannot comment on the grand jury's work as it relates to this case, I am grateful to the District Attorney, Alex Hunter, for allowing a grand jury investigation. Contrary to public perception, we have made progress in this case over the past 13 months because of the work of the grand jury. If you recall, when investigators asked for a grand jury in the spring of 1998, it was for the purpose of assisting us in our investigation. In this regard, it has been a successful grand jury.

I also want to thank Mike Kane, Mitch Morrissey and Bruce Levin for their hard work. There's been a great deal of speculation about the working relationship between the DA's office and the police. Let me just say that we have a great deal of respect for one another, and the working relationship on this case has never been better. Over the past 15 months, we have worked hand in hand with the prosecutors on this case and have been very pleased with how things have been handled.

There has also been speculation that charges have not been filed in this case because of reluctance on the part of the District Attorney's office. In addition to Alex Hunter, we have had 3 experienced prosecutors working on this case. None of these prosecutors, in my opinion, would hesitate in taking this case to trial once the evidence is sufficient to do so.

The next obvious question is...where do we go from here? From the police perspective, this will remain an open, ongoing investigation. Contrary to the public perception and the rampant speculation that the investigation is over, this case is not dead in the water. I know you have grown tired of hearing this, but yes, we still have forensic evidence we are working on. We are

committed to not giving up on this investigation. Like any other open homicide, we will continue to process and test evidence as necessary, and follow any reasonable leads that are developed.

(Anyone who's been in law enforcement can tell you of cases that finally come to resolution, often after many months or years of investigation, and sometimes when you least expect it. That's what keeps us going.)

If you believe what some of the pundits are saying, you might think it's futile to keep trying. Those of us close to the case know better. We know that the right and just thing to do is to keep going. Quite frankly, too much has been made of the conclusion of the grand jury. We have simply completed another phase of this difficult investigation.

In addition to the possibility of new evidence developing, new forensic technology is advancing at a rapid pace. As a result, cases that were once unsolvable have been solved. New technology in the last 2 1/2 years has helped us in this case. We never know what the next month, year, or several years will bring.

As Police Chief, there is something else I know I can count on. And that is the dedication of the four investigators who have been on this case from the beginning.

These four individuals, as well as all members of the Boulder Police Department, are committed to finding a resolution in this case, and they will not be swayed from that commitment.

Much has been made out of alleged mistakes early in this case. Yes, there are things we should have done differently and wish we would have done differently. Any time a crime scene is disturbed, it creates problems for the investigation. However, to say that mistakes have made this an unsolvable case is not accurate. Circumstances and evidence that raise questions for us today are not the result of a contaminated crime scene.

I know that this case has been frustrating for everyone, but I can assure you it has not been more frustrating than for the detectives who have worked full time on this case for almost three years. While we will continue to be criticized by those who fail to understand the complexities in this case, I am proud of the work our detectives have done to get us where we are today. For any mistakes that may have been made early on, there have been many times more right things that have been done in this case.

I would also like to say that while the intense scrutiny has not always been pleasant, there have been positives. We are not the same police department we were 3 years ago. As a result of learning from our experiences, we have taken steps to make some changes in how we operate. We have developed some new policies and procedures, adjusted some of our training, and made some changes in our detective section. And, we have also developed a more open philosophy when dealing with the media. As a result of these changes, I believe we are a better prepared, better trained police department.

I must take a moment to thank the local Boulder community for its support. City council, the city manager, and the many citizens of this city have been understanding and supportive in our efforts. For this, we are appreciative.

In the end, all of the media attention doesn't matter. All of the speculation doesn't matter. Legal analysts who will find fault with the work we've done doesn't matter. What matters is finding justice for JonBenet Ramsey.

To this day, two years and nine months after her death, we are as intent on that objective as we were from day one.

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police Chief responds to  
Ramsey-related media questions. #73**

In response to inquiries from the media about the status of the Ramsey investigation, Chief Mark Beckner has issued the following statements.

Related to whether the Ramseys will be asked to take a polygraph examination:

- "Boulder Police investigators did meet today with members of the DA's office and agents from the FBI to further explore the issue of whether to offer a polygraph examination to John and Patsy Ramsey. The process is ongoing and we will not disclose the content of the discussion or make any further statement at this time."

Related to Steve Thomas' book:

- "We are not releasing information on strategies or tactics used on our investigation."
- "I have not read the book, therefore I am unable to comment on its contents."

Chief Beckner also has made the following statement on the book in recent days:

- "Although I have not seen a copy of Steve Thomas' book, it's my understanding that he is highly critical of me for not being more aggressive in investigating the Ramsey parents. This stands in sharp contrast to past assertions made by the Ramsey attorneys and the Ramseys themselves in recent weeks, and a former investigator with the DA's office, who accused the Boulder Police of being too aggressive. Perhaps that contrast in opinion illustrates the fairness and objectivity with which we have approached this investigation."

Chief Beckner will have no further response at this time.

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Statement from Police Chief Mark Beckner  
regarding polygraph tests in the Ramsey case:  
(Ramsey Update #74)**

"In recent weeks, John and Patsy Ramsey have publicly offered their willingness to take a polygraph examination. The Boulder Police Department, after consultation and agreement with the Boulder County DA's office and the FBI, has decided to accept the Ramsey's offer. D.A. Alex Hunter now agrees that the polygraph exam would be a worthwhile tool for the investigation.

Arrangements have been made to conduct an exam in accordance with the conditions identified by John Ramsey in late March, 2000. We have notified the Ramsey's through their attorneys and await a reply to schedule a date for the exam."

No further comment will be made at this time.

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April 25, 2000

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**No Polygraph exams scheduled for John and Patsy Ramsey #75**

After several discussions with Boulder Police, an attorney for John and Patsy Ramsey today informed police Chief Mark Beckner that the Ramseys will not take polygraph examinations.

On April 11, the Boulder Police Department accepted John and Patsy Ramsey's public offer to take polygraph exams regarding the death of their daughter, JonBenet. The department agreed to the conditions as set forth by John Ramsey in a March 23 television interview as follows:

- The exam be conducted by an examiner independent from the Boulder Police Department
- The exam be conducted in Atlanta
- The results of the exam be made public.

Boulder Police arranged to have FBI specialists conduct the examination in Atlanta. After consulting with others in law enforcement, Boulder Police selected the FBI polygraphers specifically for their international reputation in criminal polygraphs and their independence from the Boulder Police Department. Other factors that weighed heavily in selecting the FBI were the specialist training received by FBI examiners, the quality control implemented in their examinations and supervisory oversight that is provided for every exam.

During subsequent discussions, Ramsey attorney Lin Wood told Boulder Police that the Ramseys were reluctant to take an exam administered by the FBI, as they believed involvement of the FBI and the FBI laboratories in the JonBenet Ramsey murder investigation prevented them from being "independent" examiners.

As a compromise to the Ramseys' concerns, the FBI agreed to assign an examiner who had no prior knowledge or involvement in the Ramsey case, and the Boulder Police Department agreed not to be involved in selecting the specific FBI examiners

This did not satisfy Ramsey concerns with the FBI involvement, and the Boulder Police Department is not willing to further compromise on this issue, so there will be no polygraph exams at this time.

"Obviously, we're disappointed that the Ramseys have declined to take the polygraph exams, after very publicly saying they would," Beckner said. "However, our offer still stands, should the Ramseys decide to change their position."

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May 15, 2000

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police end investigation into California woman's report**

Boulder Police and prosecutors have concluded an investigation that began in February when a 37-year-old California woman reported her belief that JonBenet Ramsey was murdered as part of a child sex ring. The investigation found no additional evidence to support this theory.

In February, the woman contacted the Boulder Daily Camera with allegations of a child sex abuse conspiracy involving her own family members, the Ramsey family and close friends of the Ramseys. The woman also claimed that some of her own family members were at a party attended by JonBenet Ramsey and her parents on December 25, 1996, just prior to JonBenet's death. The woman believed JonBenet was likely killed at the party by adults who sexually and physically abused her.

Boulder Police spent about 11 weeks investigating the allegations, which included conducting 22 interviews, reviewing medical and psychological records, reviewing photographs and recordings, consulting with a forensic psychiatrist, and comparing the allegations against physical evidence and current knowledge of the case. As a result, Boulder Police and prosecutors working on the case have concluded that other than the woman's statements, there is no evidence to support this theory of JonBenet's murder.

"The Boulder Police have spent a significant amount of time investigating the claims made by this woman and her attorney," Prosecutor Mike Kane said. "There is simply no credible evidence to link anything she alleges to the death of JonBenet. The expenditure of additional police and prosecutorial resources is unwarranted."

Boulder Police have made no judgments or conclusions about abuse the woman may have suffered in prior years in California. It is well established that she was a victim of sexual abuse in 1979-80, for which a suspect was arrested and convicted. However, the current investigation did not find any connection between the abuse she suffered and the death of JonBenet Ramsey.



Boulder Police have forwarded information to the FBI in reference to some of the woman's allegations regarding the operation of a child sex ring. Police also advised her to contact California authorities with any information she has regarding crimes that may have occurred in California.

This is the second time Boulder Police have investigated the possibility of JonBenet's death being connected to a "sex ring" or pornographic operation involving numerous people. On each occasion, no credible evidence was found to support such speculation.

"We needed to take the time to complete a thorough investigation," Police Chief Mark Beckner said. "Unfortunately, the allegations have led to speculation that Fleet and Priscilla White, former close friends of the Ramseys and hosts of the 1996 Christmas party, were somehow involved in the sexual abuse and death of JonBenet. We have no evidence whatsoever to support this and have never had evidence to support such an allegation. Nor do we have any evidence that John and Patsy Ramsey were part of or participated in a child sex ring operation."

Because she is a sexual assault victim, Boulder Police are not releasing the name of the California woman.

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

Ramsey Release #77

**Statement from Boulder Police Chief Mark Beckner regarding Ramsey news conference**

"We did receive a fax this morning from the Ramseys' attorney at the same time the press conference was happening. We will accept any information they are willing to provide regarding the polygraph examinations, just as we're happy to receive any information from others who come forward. That's part of our job, to collect all information, no matter what the source, and add it to the investigation. Certainly, how information is obtained and under what circumstances affects the reliability of the information, no matter who provides it.

"At this point, nothing has changed the way this case will be investigated. We remain committed to solving this crime through legitimate, accepted, credible investigative methods. Contrary to the myths of the pundits and lawyers, we have not focused our investigation solely on the Ramseys. In fact, we've spent well over half of our investigative time in the past three-and-a-half years on information not specific to the Ramsey family. The Ramseys and their attorneys are fully aware of this.

"What's unfortunate about our position as a law enforcement agency is that we don't have the luxury to provide many explanations. This is an active homicide investigation, and we can't afford to compromise our ability to provide justice in this case simply to satisfy public curiosity."

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News Release  
August 1, 2000

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Ramsey Update #78

**Boulder Police Chief responds to questions about 1997 sexual assault case**

A report published this morning in the Dallas Morning News raises the possibility that the murder of JonBenét Ramsey is related to the unsolved sexual assault on a 14-year-old Boulder girl that occurred nine months later, in September 1997.

Chief Mark Beckner said Boulder Police have known about this case for two years and previously looked at the sexual assault in association with the Ramsey murder. While the two cases have some similarities, detectives found no definitive connection at the time. Beckner has asked for detectives to again review the case file to determine if anything more can be done. While detectives again pursue the possibility, Beckner clarified that the two cases have more differences than similarities. "However, in this line of work, you never rule anything out until you've answered all the questions," he said. Because of upcoming interviews with John and Patsy Ramsey, Beckner has decided to decline requests for media interviews at this time. "I don't want to do anything that would potentially jeopardize this opportunity to talk with the parents," he said.

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News Release  
August 29, 2000

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Boulder Police Chief comments on Ramsey interviews (#79)**

Boulder Police Chief Mark Beckner today commented on interviews with John and Patsy Ramsey that took place over the past two days.

"We appreciate the opportunity to speak with John and Patsy Ramsey. We need some time to digest and debrief the interviews and the information we obtained, and we're not in a position to draw any conclusions at this time," he said.

"Due to the parameters of the interviews, we were not able to go into everything we had hoped to in this setting," he said. "In that respect, it was less than we had hoped for."

Regarding criticism of Special Prosecutor Mike Kane, Beckner said: "We certainly do not agree with the way Mike Kane was characterized by the Ramseys' attorney. Mike Kane has been an integral part of moving this investigation forward and has been a knowledgeable adviser to the investigation for more than two years. Just as it's the job of the Ramseys' attorney to aggressively defend his clients, it's the prosecutor's job to aggressively pursue justice in this case."

The interviews began on Monday, with investigators questioning Patsy Ramsey for more than seven hours. Today, interviewers met with Patsy Ramsey for about 30 minutes and with John Ramsey for about 2½ hours.

News Release  
August 30, 2000

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Expenses update (#80)  
TO: Mark R. Beckner, Chief of Police  
FROM: Joseph Pura, Director Financial Services  
DATE: June 15, 2000  
SUBJ: Expenses related to Ramsey Homicide

1996 expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:

| Item                               | Cost                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime Expenses (604.75 Hrs.)    | \$ 20,340.80        |
| Travel Expenses                    | \$ 248.38           |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 788.55           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1996</b> | <b>\$ 21,377.73</b> |

1997 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:

| Item                                   | Cost                 |
|--|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense                 | \$ 308,630.81        |
| Overtime Expense (3,929.5 Hours)       | \$ 134,621.66        |
| Travel Expenses through 12-31-97       | \$ 57,392.46         |
| Investigative Expense through 12-31-97 | \$ 30,830.08         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1997</b>     | <b>\$ 531,475.01</b> |

1998 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:

| Item                             | Cost          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense - P.P.#26 | \$ 562,149.72 |

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|--|----------------------|
| Overtime Expense 954 Hours             | \$ 37,541.46         |
| Travel Expenses through 12-31-98       | \$ 11,319.01         |
| Investigative Expense through 12-31-98 | \$ 19,946.74         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1998</b>     | <b>\$ 630,956.93</b> |

**1999 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                                   | Cost                 |
|--|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense - P.P.#25       | \$ 220,780.26        |
| Overtime Expense (218.75 Hours)        | \$ 10,554.11         |
| Travel Expenses through 12-30-99       | \$ 3,842.91          |
| Investigative Expense through 12-30-99 | \$ 3,010.70          |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1999</b>     | <b>\$ 238,187.98</b> |

**2000 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                               | Cost                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense P.P. #9     | \$ 41,521.94        |
| Overtime Expense 47.5 hours        | \$ 2,949.17         |
| Travel Expenses through 12-31-2000 | \$ 3,157.00         |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 645.00           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 2000</b> | <b>\$ 44,471.11</b> |

***Total expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation for 1996, 97, 98, 99, & 2000***

**\$ 1,466,468.76**

(Does not include on duty costs of investigation for Management Exempt employees, such as Chief, Commander and Legal Advisor)

Ramsey Case Update #81

CITY OF BOULDER NEWS RELEASE

April 30, 2001

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NEWS

Ramsey case update #81

**Chief Mark Beckner responds to media questions  
about Lou Smit's television appearance**

In response to questions about Lou Smit and his Ramsey case theories, the Boulder Police Department believes it would be improper to debate the merits of the evidence in the public arena.

Both Police and District Attorney investigators have been aware of Lou Smit's theories and interpretation of the evidence since 1997. Lou Smit left the investigation in the fall of 1998 and has not been involved for the last 2 ½ years of ongoing investigation. The case and development of evidence has changed significantly over that period of time.

"We certainly do not know what Mr. Smit hopes to accomplish, but we do not wish to have public debate about what evidence we do and do not have," Chief Mark Beckner said. "We will simply continue to do the work we've been doing."

- Current facts and figures related to the investigation are as follows:
- Number of people formally interviewed to date:  
More than 600.  
Note: Many have been interviewed more than one time.
- Number of outside experts and consultants utilized to date:  
More than 60.
- Number of persons investigated as possible suspects to date:  
About 140.
- Number of items of evidence logged into property to date:  
About 1,400.
- Approximate size of investigative case file to date:  
About 40,000 pages.
- Number of phone tips: About 5,200
- Number of letters received in reference to Ramsey case:  
More than 3,500.
- Number of states investigation has taken Boulder Police to: 17

There will be no further comments by the Police Department.

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Ramsey Case Update #82

TO: Mark R. Beckner, Chief of Police  
FROM: Joseph Pura, Director Financial Services

DATE: May 1, 2001

SUBJ: Expenses related to Ramsey Homicide

**1996 expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                               | Cost                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Overtime Expenses (604.75 Hrs.)    | \$ 20,340.80        |
| Travel Expenses                    | \$ 248.38           |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 788.55           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1966</b> | <b>\$ 21,377.73</b> |

**1997 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                                   | Cost                 |
|--|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense                 | \$ 308,630.81        |
| Overtime Expense (3,929.5 Hours)       | \$ 134,621.66        |
| Travel Expenses through 12-31-97       | \$ 57,392.46         |
| Investigative Expense through 12-31-97 | \$ 30,830.08         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1997</b>     | <b>\$ 531,475.01</b> |

**1998 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                                   | Cost                 |
|--|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense - P.P.#26       | \$ 562,149.72        |
| Overtime Expense 954 Hours             | \$ 37,541.46         |
| Travel Expenses through 12-31-98       | \$ 11,319.01         |
| Investigative Expense through 12-31-98 | \$ 19,946.74         |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1998</b>     | <b>\$ 630,956.93</b> |

**1999 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                                   | Cost                 |
|--|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense - P.P.#25       | \$ 220,780.26        |
| Overtime Expense (218.75 Hours)        | \$ 10,554.11         |
| Travel Expenses through 12-30-99       | \$ 3,842.91          |
| Investigative Expense through 12-30-99 | \$ 3,010.70          |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 1999</b>     | <b>\$ 238,187.98</b> |

**2000 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                               | Cost                 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense - P.P.#26   | \$ 133,648.28        |
| Overtime Expense                   | \$ 4,898.78          |
| Travel Expenses through 12-31-2000 | \$ 3,157.00          |
| Investigative Expense              | \$ 4,369.25          |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 2000</b> | <b>\$ 146,073.31</b> |

**2001 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                                  | Cost                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense through 5-1-01 | \$ 39,518.11        |
| Overtime Expense through 5-1-01       | \$ 1,247.22         |
| Investigative Expense                 | \$ 550.00           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 2001</b>    | <b>\$ 41,315.33</b> |

***Total expenditures related to  
Ramsey Homicide Investigation  
for 1996, 97, 98, 99, 2000, & 2001.***

***\$1,609,386.29***

(Does not include on duty costs of investigation for Management Exempt employees, such as Chief, Commander and Legal Advisor)

Ramsey Case Update #83

CITY OF BOULDER NEWS RELEASE

Oct. 3, 2001

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

NEWS

**Boulder Police determine that online "confession" to Ramsey murder was hoax**

Boulder Police detectives have determined that an online "confession" to the murder of JonBenet Ramsey was a hoax.

A tip was forwarded to the police department several weeks ago that a "confession" to the Ramsey murder was posted on an Internet bulletin board. Investigators filed a search warrant for America Online (AOL) to discover the identity of the person who posted the message. The message claimed that the person had been a witness and reluctant participant in the murder.

After learning the identification of the AOL subscriber known as, "BnJazzy4ever45" detectives went to the person's location and interviewed them. Detectives determined from their investigation that the "confession" was a hoax and that "BnJazzy4ever45" has no connection to the homicide. The person who posted the "confession" message is a 14-year-old juvenile.

"We would like to thank the local law enforcement agencies and the FBI for their assistance in this location," said Police Chief Mark Beckner.

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Dec. 17, 2001

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**Ramsey Update #84 Police mark fifth anniversary of investigation**

As the fifth anniversary of the murder of JonBenet Ramsey approaches, Boulder Police have compiled updated statistical information related to the case.

**Number of people formally interviewed to date:**

More than 650

**Note:** many have been interviewed more than one time

**Number of outside experts and consultants utilized to date:**

More than 60

**Number of persons investigated as possible suspects to date:**

About 140

**Number of items of evidence logged into property to date:**

About 1,400

**Approximate size of investigative case file to date:**

About 43,000 pages

**Number of phone tips:**

About 5,300

**Number of letters received in reference to Ramsey case:**

More than 4,800

**Number of states investigation has taken PD to: 18**

**Total cost of investigation for Boulder PD: \$1,705,251.21**

The case remains an open, active investigation, with up to four detectives working on the case on an as-needed basis. The work includes following up on tips received, reviewing the case file, occasional laboratory analysis, and keeping current on new forensic technologies that may assist the case. "Any homicide, but particularly the death of a small child, has a tremendous impact on the community," Police Chief Mark Beckner said. "We know that there are some cases we will never bring to a resolution. We also know that there are some cases we solve many years after the crime. We will never give up hope for finding justice in this case."

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Memo

TO: Mark R. Beckner, Chief of Police  
FROM: Joseph Pura, Director Financial Services  
DATE: December 17, 2001  
SUBJ: Expenses related to Ramsey Homicide

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| <b>Total Expenditures for 2000</b> | <b>\$ 146,073.31</b> |

**2001 Expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation:**

| Item                                      | Cost                 |
|---|----------------------|
| On-duty Salary Expense (through 12/17/01) | \$ 133,624.66        |
| Overtime Expense (through 12/17/01)       | \$ 3,005.59          |
| Investigative Expense                     | \$ 550.00            |
| <b>Total Expenditures for 2001</b>        | <b>\$ 137,180.25</b> |

***Total expenditures related to Ramsey Homicide Investigation for 1996, 97, 98, 99, 2000, & 2001.***

***\$ 1,705,251.21***

(Does not include on duty costs of investigation for Management Exempt employees, such as Chief, Commander and Legal Advisor)

Friday, December 20, 2002

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Ramsey Case New Release Index

**Ramsey Update #85: Ramsey Investigation Takes New Direction**

Boulder Police Chief Mark Beckner today announced that the JonBenet Ramsey investigation will be taking a new direction. Boulder County District Attorney Mary Keenan and Chief Beckner have agreed that the District Attorney will follow-up on new leads and information in the case. This will involve the assignment of DA investigators who have not previously worked on the Ramsey case. This is an investigative strategy that has been discussed in the District Attorney's Office and the Police Department for several weeks.

"The primary reason for this change is an attempt to further the investigation in a positive manner," said Chief Beckner. "The interests of the Boulder Police Department have always been to

do what is in the best interests of the investigation. This is a strategy to address concerns expressed by the Ramseys and their attorney that the Boulder Police Department is not following up additional leads. This may provide the Ramseys and their attorney greater comfort in forwarding what they believe is new information or leads that need to be investigated."

"It is our hope that by changing the dynamics of the investigation, information maintained by the Ramseys will be forwarded to the DA's Office for follow-up," stated Chief Beckner. "Obviously, it is impossible to investigate information you do not have access to. We also realize that a fresh look at the case from time to time is healthy and could lead to new progress in the investigation. This will be the fourth time over the course of the 6-year investigation that changes in strategy and responsibility have been made in an effort to further the investigation. Each time, we have had some success in moving the case forward."

Chief Beckner further stated, "It is important for all of us to remember that the ultimate goal is to solve the case for the victim, JonBenet Ramsey. We are willing to try just about any strategy in order to accomplish that goal. We will continue to work in cooperation with the District Attorney's Office and provide consultation as needed. Any tips or new information received by the Police Department will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for follow-up."

"We don't care how or who solves this case, and if this helps, then it is the right thing to do," added Beckner.

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

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**Unlawful e-mails sent under Chief Beckner's name**

The Boulder Police Department recently became aware that someone was unlawfully sending e-mails using the name of Chief Beckner. On April 25, 2003, Rocky Mountain News columnist Charlie Brennan received an e-mail titled as being from "Chief Beckner" complementing Mr. Brennan for a recent column he had written on the JonBenet Ramsey case. According to embedded information within the message, the e-mail was sent from a MSN Hotmail account, [becknerbpd@hotmail.com](mailto:becknerbpd@hotmail.com). The e-mail was then signed off with "Regards, Mark." Please see below message text:

From: Chief Beckner

Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 1:16 PM

To: [brennanc@rockymountainnews.com](mailto:brennanc@rockymountainnews.com)

Subject: Great articles!

Charlie,

Just want you to know I thought those two articles you wrote today were excellent. You got everything right, as you always do.

Thanks for all your support. Eventually, we'll be proven right.

Regards,

Mark

Being skeptical of the message's authenticity, Mr. Brennan telephoned Chief Beckner to ask him about the message. Chief Beckner confirmed that he did not send the message. The Chief was alarmed that someone was apparently using his title and name without authorization to communicate about the JonBenet Ramsey case with members of the media.

Search warrants were obtained and executed for MSN Hotmail in California. According to MSN Hotmail, the becknerbpd(at)hotmail.com account was established in 2000. The account creator provided information stating that the owner was "Chief Beckner" from "Boulder, Colorado," and furthermore, provided an accurate birth year for the Chief.

Further investigation led police to the Internet Protocol (IP) numbers from where the suspect had been accessing the becknerbpd(at)hotmail.com account. Since early March 2003, all access to the becknerbpd(at)hotmail.com account were from a single Netcom (now owned by Earthlink) dial-up account.

A search warrant was obtained and executed for Earthlink in Georgia. According to Earthlink's records, the account holder that has been accessing the becknerbpd(at)hotmail.com e-mail account is Susan B. Stine, 5760 Long Grove Drive, Atlanta, Georgia. Susan Stine is known as a close friend of John and Patsy Ramsey and has been interviewed as a witness in reference to the Ramsey investigation.

The search warrants also yielded other messages that had been received by the becknerbpd(at)hotmail.com account. A number of these messages indicate that the becknerbpd(at)hotmail.com user had been attempting to convince others that he/she was Chief Mark Beckner. Others appeared to be nonsensical. Please note that investigators were able to confirm that the messages to and from Rocky Mountain News reporter Charlie Brennan and Rita Johnson were received/sent by those individuals. The other messages were not confirmed as received or sent by those parties.

At the request of the Boulder Police Department, members of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) went to Ms. Stine's residence in an attempt to interview her on June 3, 2003. However, she refused to talk with the GBI agent.

Chief Mark Beckner is alarmed by the discovery that his name and position as Boulder Police Chief has been used in an effort to communicate with others. "Given the history of the Ramsey case and the concerns we have had with information being distributed to the public, often times inaccurate information, this discovery is disturbing," stated Chief Beckner. "I want the media and public to know that if they have received communications from this e-mail address purporting to be me, that it is bogus. My official e-mail address is public and is becknerm@bouldercolorado.gov."

Under Colorado law, Criminal Impersonation is a class 6 felony and Impersonating a Police Officer is a Class I Misdemeanor.

The Boulder Police Department and the Boulder County District Attorney's Office have agreed to issue a letter to Susan Stine advising her of the unlawful conduct and that the use of Chief Beckner's name in such a manner must cease immediately. The becknerbpd(at)hotmail.com account has been frozen by MSN Hotmail.

The Boulder Police Department would like anyone receiving e-mail messages from any reported member of the Boulder Police Department to know that official e-mail addresses use the members last name and first initial followed by @bouldercolorado.gov. If you are not sure that a message is legitimate, please call the department member to confirm that they did in fact send the message. "We are concerned that there could be other messages out there reportedly from either me or other department members that are fake in an attempt to either receive information or communicate false information," stated Beckner.

On June 3, 2003, Chief Beckner did receive an e-mail from Susan Stine in which she apologized for using the hotmail account, describing it as a sophomoric prank and apologizing for any distress she may have caused.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call Boulder Police Detective Jim MacPherson at (303) 441-3330.

[Jonbenet Ramsey \(Homicide\) \(bouldercolorado.gov\)](http://bouldercolorado.gov)