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Chapter 1

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1.1 The Complete Guide to The Simpson Murder Mystery

THE SIMPSON MURDER MYSTERY
An Amiga-Guide by Manfred Huber
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1.2 O. J. Simpson Profile

Orenthal James Simpson - A Profile

Born in 1947 as the third of four children in a poor neighbourhood of San Francisco, Simpson soon becomes a member of a local gang, the "Superiours". When only 15 years old, he even spends some time in jail. But three years later, he has become one of the most famous football players ever. O, J. - Number 32. He stays nine years with the Buffalo Bills, then plays for the San Francisco 49ers. Following his professional football career he starts a new career as an actor, starring in movies like "Naked Gun", "Towering Inferno" and "Capricorn One". He also appears in commercials for "Hertz" and "True Sweet" Orange Juice. Soon he is known as O. J. - The Juice.

He and his first wife Marguerite get divorced in 1979, two years after he first met 18 year old Nicole Brown, who later becomes his second wife. After their marriage he starts battering her. She calls 911 more than nine times. In 1992 they get divorced, but still spend considerable time together. Shortly before the killings, they agree to separate for a second

time, as O. J. points out in The Letter read by Robert Kardashian.

1.3 911 Call

Police released this 911 Call, taped October 25, 1993. Play Sample

Dispatcher: 911 Emergency

Nicole: Could you get someone over here now, to 325 Gretna Green.
He's back. Please.

Dispatcher: OK. What does he look like?

Nicole: He's O. J. Simpson. I think you know his record. Could
you just send somebody over here?

...

Dispatcher: We're sending the police. What is he doing? Is he
threatening you?

Nicole: He's fucking going nuts.

Dispatcher: OK. Has he threatened you in any way or is he just
harassing you?

Nicole: You're going to hear him in a minute. He's about to come
in again.

Dispatcher: OK, just stay on the line.

Nicole: I don't want to stay on the line. He's going to beat
the shit out of me.

Dispatcher: Wait a minute, just stay on the line so we can know
what's going on until the police get there, OK?

Later, you here O. J. shouting in the background. Play Sample

1.4 The Characters

The People Connected to the Simpson Case
(in alphabetical order)

Juditha Brown	Nicole Brown Simpson's mother
Lou Brown	Nicole Brown Simpson's father
Nicole Brown Simpson	One of the victims, O. J. Simpson's former wife, died at age 35, met O. J. when she was 18; Police released 911 Calls that show that O. J. even continued battering her after their divorce.
Marcia Clark	Deputy District Attorney, member of the Los Angeles Special Trials Unit, prosecutor in the case.
Johnnie Cochran	Defense Attorney, also represented Michael Jackson in his child molestation case.
Al Cowlings	Close friend of O. J., drove the white Ford Bronco during The Chase. He called the police to tell them that he had O. J. in the car. Play Sample

John DeBello	Owner of "Mezzaluna", found Nicole Brown Simpson's mother's glasses.
John Dunton	Claims that private eye Anthony Pellicano has witnessed The Murder, although Pellicano denies that. Initially he refused to testify before the grand jury investigating the Al Cowlings case because, he said, he feared for his life.
Pablo Fenjves	Nicole Simpson's neighbour, heard a dog bark at 10.15 the night of The Murder.
Dr. Susan Forward	Nicole Brown Simpson's therapist
Mark Fuhrman	Detective with the L.A.P.D., found the bloody glove on Simpson's property. He was the first one to enter the Simpson estate.
Gil Garcetti	Los Angeles District Attorney
Cmdr. David Gascon	Commander of the Los Angeles Police Department, announced at a Press Conference that O. J. Simpson had not turned himself in and that they were now searching for him. Play Sample
Ronald Lyle Goldman	The other victim, friend of Nicole Simpson, age 25 at time of death, full time waiter, part time model, often worked out with Nicole.
Lance Ito	Judge in the trial
Robert Kardashian	Friend of O. J. Simpson; He read The Letter Simpson left his family before his disappearance.
Cecil J. Mills	Superiour Court Judge, dismissed the grand jury.
Allan Park	Limousine driver, took O. J. to the airport the night of The Murder.
Jennifer Peace	Ex-girlfriend of Al Cowlings, claims that Cowlings told her that O. J. confessed to him. Cowlings also allegedly told her that during The Chase he and O. J. were trying to leave the country and only gave up the plan when police spotted them.
Anthony Pellicano	Private eye; Denies the claim by John Dunton that he has witnessed the murder.
Robert Rentzler	John Dunton's Lawyer
Steven Schwab	Nicole Simpson's Neighbour, spotted a lonely dog in the neighbourhood of Nicole Brown Simpson's residence the night of The Murder and noticed that it had blood on its paws.
Robert Shapiro	Defense Attorney

Arnelle Simpson	O. J. Simpson's daughter, lives with her father
Eunice Simpson	O. J. Simpson's mother
O. J. Simpson	The suspect in the case; For further information check out the Profile.
Howard Weitzman	Former Simpson Attorney

1.5 The Murder

The Day of the Murder
Sunday, June 12

Nicole Brown Simpson spends the afternoon with her ex-husband, later dines at her favourite restaurant "Mezzaluna", where her friend Ronald Goldman is working as a waiter.

Later this evening, Goldman hears that Nicole's mother has left behind her glasses. He volunteers to take them to Nicole.

O. J. Simpson plans to leave on a trip to Chicago this evening. He and a friend go out for a Hamburger with Simpson's Rolls-Royce. They return from Mc Donald's at 9.40.

The Limousine Driver who is to take O. J. to the airport arrives at Simpson's estate at about 10.25. Since no one appears to be home, he waits till 10.40 before ringing the intercom buzzer. No one answers. At about the same time, a friend of O. J. who stays at the guest house hears a strange, scaring noise. In the Preliminary Hearing he describes what he heard. Play Sample After a few minutes he grabs a flashlight and goes out to investigate.

At his point the Limousine Driver spots someone inside the compound carrying a flashlight. Almost simultaneously he sees a black person, about 6 feet tall, crossing the driveway towards the house. Less than a minute later, O. J. answers the intercom, claiming he has overslept and just got out of the shower.

Searching for the source of the noise, O. J.'s friend reaches the driveway the moment the Limousine is driving in.

Minutes later, O. J. heads for the airport for his long scheduled flight to Chicago.

At midnight, a neighbour of Nicole Brown Simpson follows a dog which leads her to a body near a sidewalk leading to Nicole Simpson's residence. Police find a second body, both of them lying in a river of blood. Nicole Simpson suffered knife-wounds on her arms, apparently from fighting her attacker. Her black dress is soaped with blood. Paw trails are found, leading away from her.

Near Ronald Goldman's body, police find an envelope containing Nicole Simpson's mother's glasses. Also found, a set of keys, a cap, and a single leather glove.

Inside the house, still sleeping, Nicole and O. J. Simpson's small children. Later, Pablo Fenjves, a neighbour of Nicole, will recall having heard a dog bark at about 10.15. Another neighbour, Steven Schwab, had even spotted a lonely dog, noticing that it had blood on its paws.

Police quickly rush to O. J. Simpson's estate to, as they now claim, notify him of the killings. Detective Mark Fuhrman spots a small blood-stain on Simpson's Ford Bronco. As Police decide to go in without a search warrant, Fuhrman jumps the wall and opens the hydraulic gate. It is also Fuhrman who discovers the bloody glove behind the guest house.

When Simpson returns from Chicago the next morning, he is handcuffed and taken downtown for questioning. Police discover a cut on Simpson's left middle finger. He claims he cut his finger on a broken glass in Chicago after learning of the killings. After three hours he is released.

1.6 The Chase

O. J. - The Fugitive
Friday, June 17

At about 8 am this morning police notify Simpson Attorney Robert Shapiro that they are going to file charges and that Simpson has to surrender to authorities. The time is set for 11 am, later revised to 11.45. As O. J. does not show up, police want to pick him up at his house - but Simpson has disappeared.

This afternoon L.A.P.D. is holding a Press Conference. Cmdr. David Gascon drops the bombshell: He announces that police were now actively searching for O. J. Simpson. Play Sample

The drama continues to unfold as Simpson friend Robert Kardashian reads a Letter from O. J. before the press.

What follows are more than two and a half hours of high drama. Several million Americans watch it live as a white Ford Bronco is chased by dozens of police cars and 14 police and news helicopters. Behind the wheel: Al Cowlings; in the back of the car: O. J. Simpson. Cowlings makes a 911 call to police. Play Sample As they arrive at Simpson's estate in Brentwood, Simpson demands to speak to his mother. Only then he agrees to surrender and is taken into custody. Searching the white Ford Bronco, police find \$ 10.000 in O. J.'s pocket, O. J.'s passport, a gun and a false beard.

1.7 The Alleged Suicide Note

"To Whom It May Concern..."
Friday, June 17

While police are searching for O. J., Simpson friend Robert Kardashian reads the 700 word long letter Simpson has sent him before disappearing:

To whom it may concern.

First, everyone understand, I have nothing to do with Nicole's murder. I loved her, always have, and always will. If we had a problem, it's because I loved her so much. Recently we came to the understanding that for now we were not right for each other. At least for now. Despite

our love we were different, and that's why we mutually agreed to go our separate ways. It was tough splitting for a second time, but we both knew that it was for the best. Inside I had no doubt that in the future we would be close friends or more. Unlike what has been written in the press, Nicole and I had a great relationship for most of our lives together. Like all long-term relationships, we had a few downs and ups.

...

I can't go on. No matter what the outcome, people will look and point. I can't take that. I can't subject my children to that. This way they can move on and go on with their lives. Please think of the real O. J. and not this lost person.

Peace and love.

O. J.

1.8 L.A.P.D. Press Conference

The Drop of a Bombshell

Friday afternoon Cmdr. Gascon tells the assembled members of the press:

"This morning, detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department sought and obtained a warrant for the arrest of O. J. Simpson, charging him with the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Lyle Goldman. Mr. Simpson, in agreement with his attorney, was scheduled to surrender this morning to the Los Angeles Police Department. Initially that was 11 o'clock. It then became 11.45. Mr. Simpson has not appeared. The Los Angeles Police Department, right now, is actively searching for Mr. Simpson." Play Sample

1.9 The People vs. O. J. Simpson

The Trial

This segment will feature the developments during the trial once it has started.

The Latest

- Jury selections are set for September 26.
(The beginning of the trial was pushed back one week because of Judge Lance Ito's vacation-plans.)
- Prosecutors announced that they were not going to seek the death penalty. If found guilty Simpson will receive life imprisonment without parole.

1.10 The Evidence

Some of the Evidence Introduced During the Preliminary Hearing

The Cut

Police find a cut on Simpson's left middle finger which he says he suffered from a broken glass after learning of the killings. There was no matching slice found on the bloody glove found at the crimescene.

The Knife	Testifying during the Preliminary Hearing, the owner of "Ross Cutlery", where O. J. Simpson bought a knife six weeks before the killings.
The Mystery Envelope	A sealed envelope produced by the defense during the Preliminary Hearing. Its contents is unknown, however it is widely believed that it contains the knife Simpson bought at "Ross Cutlery" six weeks before the murder.
The Pair of Gloves	One bloody glove is found at the crimescene, near Ron Goldman's body. Its right counterpart turns up on Simpson's property, found by Detective Mark Fuhrman behind the guesthouse, just under the air conditioner.

1.11 Publications

Paperbacks About the Simpson Case

Fallen Hero: The Shocking True Story Behind the O. J. Simpson Tragedy
Don Davis, St. Martins Mass Market Paper, published July '94, \$ 4.99

Juice: The O. J. Simpson Story
Jack B. Williams, Carol Pub Group, published July '94, \$ 4.99

O. J. Simpson: American Hero, American Tragedy
Mark Cerasini, Pinnacle Books, published July '94, \$ 4.99

Available on Video

The Simpson Murder Mystery
CNN Video, approx. 50 min., Tel.: 1-800-799-7676, \$ 24.98 plus \$ 4.95 S&H

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