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The author has used the real names of people who were involved in the investigation and trial, who held public positions, and who were identified in news stories about the case. The author has used pseudonyms, denoted by an asterisk, to disguise the identity and maintain the privacy of the rape victim and her family, as well as others not centrally involved in the case. Any similarity between these fictitious names and those of living persons is coincidental.

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