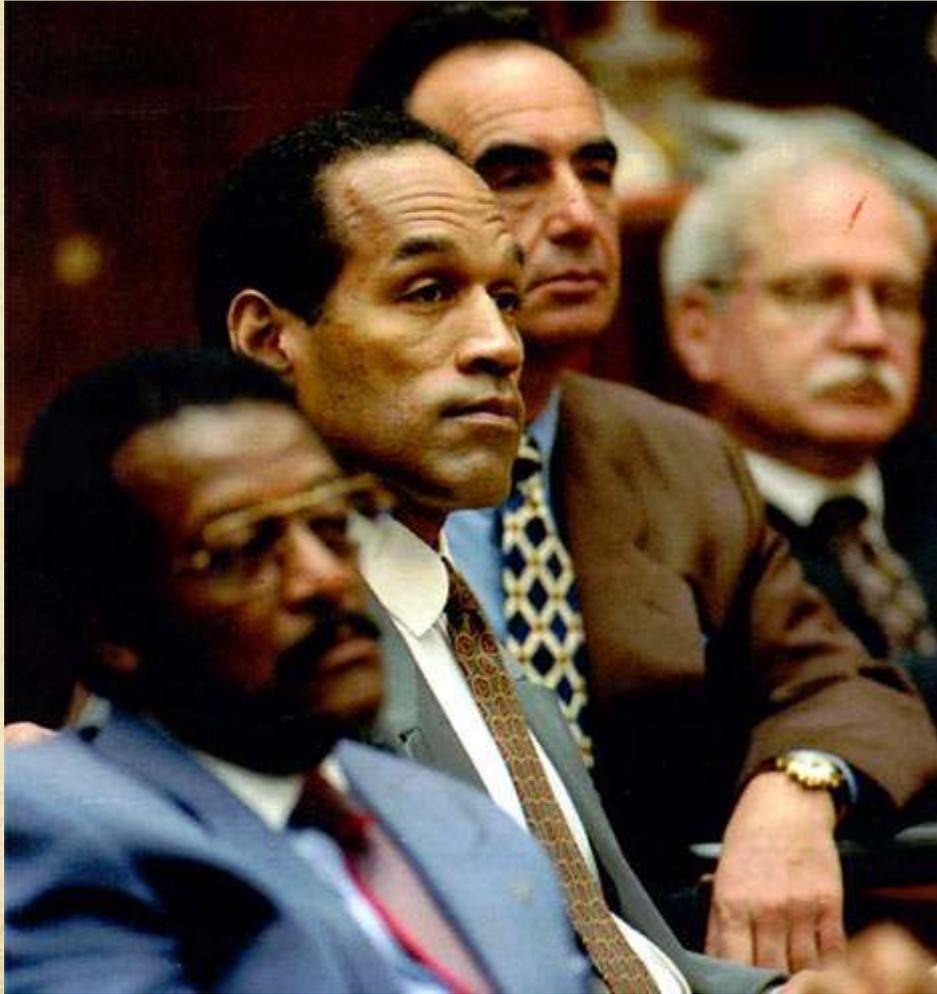


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- The Crime
 - At 10:30 PM on June 12, 1994, Los Angeles, CA: Nicole Brown Simpson's neighbors heard a dog barking frantically and find Nicole Simpson's dog with blood all over his feet. They call police.
 - The police find Nicole laying face down on the sidewalk to her condo in a pool of blood. Her throat was slashed.
 - The police also find Ronald Goldman, a waiter at a local restaurant and a friend of Nicole's, stabbed to death nearby.

Warning!! Pictures of crime scene to follow.

CRIME SCENE PHOTOS



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The Investigation Begins

- Phillip Vannatter, Ronald Phillips, Tom Lange, and Mark Fuhrman were the police officers sent to search and secure the premises.
- Scene was not properly secured.
 - Numerous police officers walked in and out of the bloody scene without proper attire (no tyvek suits, no gloves, no booties).
 - Bodies were covered with a sheet to hide from news cameras.
 - Bodies left at scene for 10 hours before coroner came out to investigate.



What are some potential problems with this?

The Investigation Continues

- Police go to Simpson's home to ascertain his whereabouts and notice specks of blood on his white Ford Bronco SUV.
- O.J. Simpson, boarded a flight to Chicago at 11:45 PM on the night of the murder.



Evidence

- Blood samples were found in O.J.'s car after the murder and a trail of blood was found leading from the car to the front door.
- Bloody ARIS glove, size XL found at crime scene.
- Matching bloody glove found on OJ's property.

Are the gloves class or individual evidence?

What would make them individual evidence?



Evidence

- O.J. had fresh cuts on his left hand the day after the murder.
- Hairs consistent with O.J. were found on Ronald Goldman's shirt.
- Black socks with blood on them found in O.J.'s bedroom.
- Knit cap with fibers consistent with white Bronco and O.J.'s hair found at crime scene.

Hairs + Fibers: Class or Individual?

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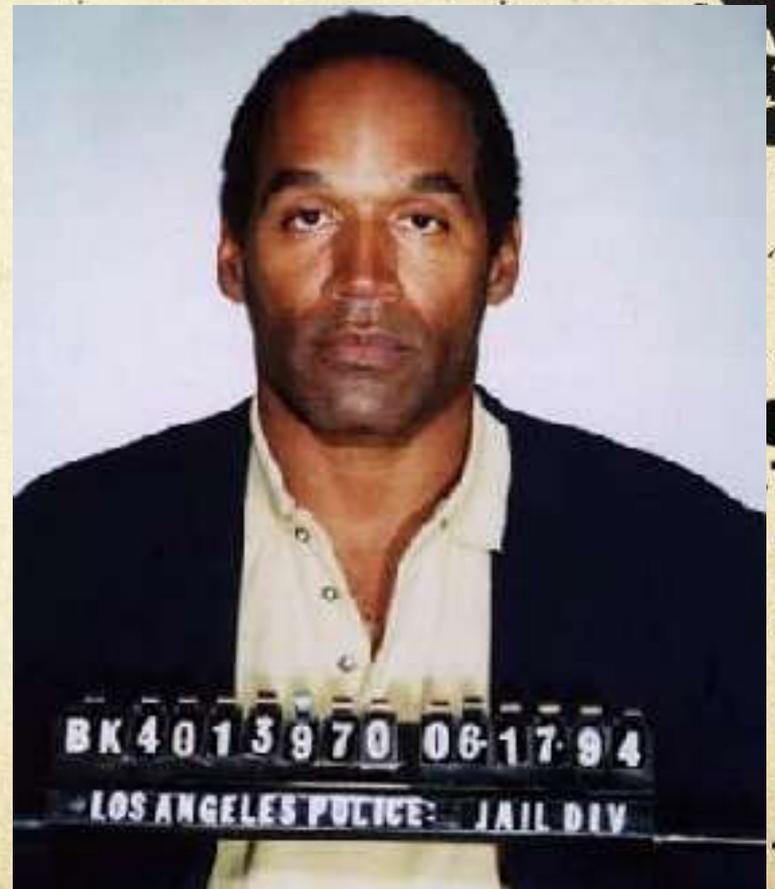
- One set of bloody footprints lead away from the crime scene.
- Shoe prints made by size 12 Bruno Magli casual shoes, which O.J. had been know to wear.

**Is this direct or
circumstantial evidence?**



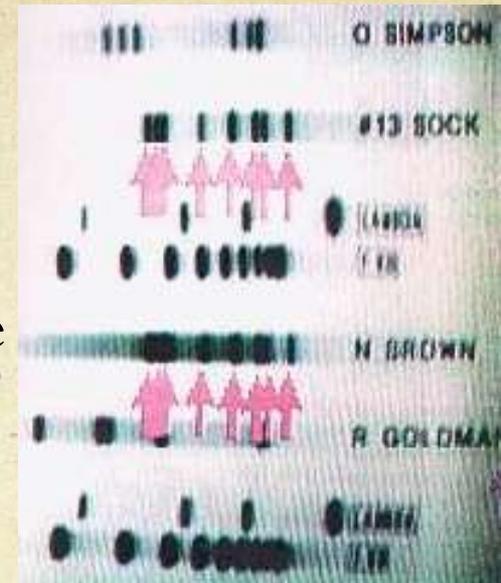
The Arrest

- June 17, 1994 Simpson is arrested after a slow-speed chase down the freeway in Los Angeles.



DNA Evidence

- Two DNA tests performed.
- The first indicated that blood found at the crime scene could have come from only 1 out of 170 million sources of blood - O. J. Simpson fit the profile.
- The second came from blood found on two black socks at the foot of O. J.'s bedroom.
- Tests indicated that only 1 out of 6.8 billion sources of blood matched the sample - Nicole Brown Simpson was the blood match on the socks



DNA Evidence from Bronco

- Small spot of blood found near outside driver's door handle.
- More blood found smeared inside on console, door, steering wheel and carpeting.
- DNA tests showed some of the blood was a mixture with genetic markers of O.J. Simpson and the victims.

The Defense

- Investigators rushed to judgment and mishandled evidence to make O.J. look guilty.
- Racist police officers planted evidence at O.J.'s home and at the crime scene.
- Evidence was not properly collected nor was chain of custody always maintained.

- Are these valid points?

- What does this tell you about crime scene processing?

The Verdict

- O.J. Simpson found NOT GUILTY.
- Juries didn't understand the significance of the DNA evidence – it was fairly new and could be difficult to comprehend.
- Improper handling of evidence and poor crime scene procedure compromised physical evidence and created reasonable doubt.
- Could not prove guilt beyond a shadow of a doubt.

