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Note: A comprehensive list of available legal documents related to the numerous lawsuits related to the JBR case for the period 1997 through mid-2001, sorted by case, is available at [acandyrose.com](http://acandyrose.com).

## Search Warrants

- **News Coverage.** See the *Daily Camera's* index of more than 25 headlines/stories related to [property searches](#) in this case.

## Boulder Search Warrants

- **First Boulder Search Warrant: 12-26-96** for Ramsey premises and vehicles in Boulder. A transcribed version including photos of various items taken is at [acandyrose.com](http://acandyrose.com) ([web page](#)).
- **Second Boulder Search Warrant (Unsealed).** "a Boulder judge signed yet another warrant Dec. 26 -- the day 6-year-old [JonBenet's](#) body was discovered in her parents' basement -- for a still publicly undisclosed property in Boulder County. The Michigan warrants are sealed indefinitely ["editor's note: these 2 warrants subsequently were unsealed by a Michigan judge"]; the last remaining Boulder County warrant won't come open until an arrest is made in the child beauty queen's slaying -- if an arrest is ever made. The mystery Boulder warrant gets a veiled reference in the motion that Boulder District Attorney appellate deputy Bill Nagel filed Sept. 25, in which Nagel said his office no longer opposed releasing most of the contents of warrants and affidavits relating to searches at the Ramseys' Boulder home. 'Several people in addition to police and the victim's family are mentioned in the documents,' Nagel wrote in a phrase that was footnoted: 'See, e.g., Item A dated 12/26/96.' 'Item A,' according to Boulder district attorney's spokeswoman Suzanne Laurion, is the mystery warrant."
- **Third Boulder Search Warrant: 12-27-96** for Ramsey house in Boulder. A transcribed version is at [Jameson's Webbsleuths](#) ([web page](#)).
- **Fourth Boulder Search Warrant: 12-29-96** for Ramsey house in Boulder. A transcribed version is at [Jameson's Webbsleuths](#) ([web page](#)).
- **Fifth Boulder Search Warrant: 1-30-97** for permission to search already seized computer equipment for evidence of pornographic materials. Note that most of the substance of the first 3 Boulder search warrants are contained in this search warrant. A transcribed version is at [Jameson's Webbsleuths](#) ([web page](#)).

## Michigan Search Warrants

- **First Charlevoix Search Warrant: 1-5-97** for Ramsey house in Charlevoix, Michigan. A transcribed version is at [Jameson's Webbsleuths](#) ([web page](#)).
- **Second Charlevoix Search Warrant: 3-6-97** for Ramsey house in Charlevoix, Michigan to obtain further handwriting samples of Patsy Ramsey's. A transcribed version is at [Jameson's Webbsleuths](#) ([web page](#)).

## Arrest Warrants

- **John Mark Karr**

## Autopsy Report

- [Unredacted Scan](#) at *The Daily Camera* (no photos included)
- [Transcribed Version](#) at [Webbsleuths](#) (with photos)
- Transcribed version (with photos) and discussion at [Webbsleuths forum chat](#).

## Documents Related to JBR Investigation

### Boulder Police Department Interviews

- **Patsy Ramsey**
  - **1997.** Interview with BPD in Boulder, April 30, 1997; [full transcript](#) posted at [acandyrose.com](http://acandyrose.com) (html). Detective Steve Thomas, Detective Thomas Trujillo, Chief Trial Deputy Peter Hoffstrom, Mrs. Patricia Ramsey, Mr. Patrick Burke and Mr. Jon Foster present. This version has been prepared from a transcript provided to Global Reporting & Video, Inc. on October 10, 2002. Numerous inaccuracies in spelling, punctuation and other textual errors have not been corrected.
  - **1998.** Interviews with BPD, June 23-25, 1998 in Boulder; [full transcript](#) posted at [acandyrose.com](http://acandyrose.com) (html).
  - **2000.** Videotaped interview with BPD in Atlanta, August 28 and 29, 2000; [full transcript](#) posted at [acandyrose.com](http://acandyrose.com) (html).
- **John Ramsey**
  - **1997.** Interview with BPD in Boulder, April 30, 1997; [full transcript](#) posted at [acandyrose.com](http://acandyrose.com) (html).
  - **1998.** Interviews with BPD, June 23-24, 1998; [full transcript](#) posted at [acandyrose.com](http://acandyrose.com) (html).
  - **2000.** Videotaped interview with BPD in Atlanta, August 29, 2000; [full transcript](#) posted at [acandyrose.com](http://acandyrose.com) (html).
- **Burke Ramsey**
  - **1998.** Interviews with BPD's Detective Schuler, June 24, 1998; *National Enquirer* purportedly obtained copies of the 6 hours of interviews, publishing highlights of these interviews on 10.3.16 and

10.10.16. Internet poster DrollForeignFaction transcribed these and posted results in several parts at Websleuths forum: 10.3.16 paper ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)); 10.10.16 paper ([Part 1](#)).

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- **February 2000**. Interview with BPD related to Ramseys, February 22, 2000; [full transcript](#) available at *Forums For Justice* (html). Also available in pdf format at acandyrose.com: [Part 1](#); [Part 2](#); [Part 3](#); [Part 4](#); [Part 5](#); [Part 6](#).
- **May 2000**. Interview with BPD, May 10, 2000; full transcript posted at acandyrose.com (pdf): [Part 1](#); [Part 2](#).

## Boulder County Grand Jury Documents

The grand jury ran from September 15, 1998 to October 13, 1999; details at [acandyrose.com](#).

- **GJ Members**. Grand jury [members](#) (with photos).
- **GJ Daily Summary**. A day-by-day summary of the 55 days the GJ was in session and who testified on various days is [here](#).
- Boulder DA Alex Hunter [announcement](#) that the Grand Jury has completed its work, October 13, 1999 (scanned press release). [Audio](#) and photos from this press conference are available, but the link on this page to video is no longer operational.
- Boulder District Court Chief Judge Morris Sanstead [order](#) restricting access to members of Grand Jury, October 13, 1999 (scanned document).
- Boulder District Court Chief Judge Morris Sanstead [Discharge Instructions](#) for Boulder County Grand Jury, October 13, 1999 (scanned document); [transcript](#) is here. These instructions state "The question may arise as to whether or not you can discuss the events which took place in front of the grand jury. The oath of secrecy that you swore at the time that you began your grand jury service remains in effect. You may not discuss this case with anyone other than the prosecutors who acted as your legal advisors through the course of these proceedings. If you violate the court's order in this regard, you are subject to criminal contempt." Thus, technically speaking, the Grand Jurors in this case are "[gagged for life](#)."
- Press conference by Boulder DA Alex Hunter and Police Chief Mark Beckner, October 14, 1999; audio links are [here](#).
- A discussion of Grand Jury secrecy rules and how they relate to this case is [here](#). Colorado's rules regarding criminal contempt are [here](#).
- [Grand Juror Says He Believes He Knows Who Killed JonBenet](#). ABC's 20/20 aired this interview on 12.17.16.

## Documents Related to John Mark Karr

## Documents Related to JBR-Related Libel Cases

### Stephen Miles v. John Ramsey (1998)

- **Background**. [Angered by tabloid reports accusing him of pedophilia and murder, Boulder photographer Stephen Miles filed a defamation suit Tuesday against John Ramsey and the National Enquirer. John Ramsey was dropped from the lawsuit in January 1999 after the judge ruled that Miles and his attorney, Lee Hill, presented no evidence that Ramsey was the source of the stories.](#) But in the meantime he had provided a publicly available deposition.
- **Complaint**. Full text ([pdf](#) and [html](#)) at [jonbenetindexguide](#).
- **John Ramsey** videotaped deposition with BPD, October 20, 1998 (full transcript in [pdf](#) and [html](#) at [jonbenetindexguide](#)).
- **News Coverage**. See the *Daily Camera's* index of 10 headlines/stories related to [John Ramsey's civil trial](#).

### Burke Ramsey v. American Media, Inc., and Star Editorial, Inc. (1999)

- This libel case was filed in U.S. District Court for Northern District of Georgia.
- Complaint for Libel and Plaintiff's Responses to Mandatory Disclosures (11/30/99) are [here](#).

### Burke Ramsey v. Windsor House et al. (2000)

- [This suit against Windsor House and authors for publication of A Little Girl's Dream by Eleanor von Duvke and Dwight Wallington was filed in Travis County Texas district court for \\$11 1/2 million dollars in compensatory and punitive damages for libeling Burke Ramsey.](#)

### Burke Ramsey vs. Court TV, AOL Time Warner, Time Warner Entertainment and Liberty Media (2001)

- This libel case was filed in the U.S. District Court for Northern District of Georgia. The case relates to the airing of "Who Killed [JonBenet](#) Ramsey: Prime Suspects" on November 5, 1999 and a companion press release issued on October 27, 1999; there is no on-line transcript of this broadcast.
- A summary of the complaint is posted at [acandyrose.com](#) but most of the legal documents concerning this case no longer are posted.
- According to Internet poster [Candy](#) a confidential settlement was approved October 23, 2002.
- The CourtTV site contains the following [disclaimer](#) which is presumably part of this settlement: "On November 5, 1999, Court TV telecast a program entitled "Who Killed [JonBenet](#) Ramsey? Prime Suspects." In that program, Court TV did not intend in any way to suggest that Burke Ramsey had any involvement in the murder of his sister, [JonBenet](#). To the contrary, the discussion of Burke Ramsey was intended to convey to the viewers that the participants in the program did not believe that Burke Ramsey should be considered a suspect. In this connection, the program acknowledged that, in May of 1999, Boulder County District Attorney Alexander M. Hunter publicly released a statement that officially stated that Burke Ramsey was not a suspect in connection with the murder of his sister."

### Robert Christian Wolf v. John and Patricia Ramsey (2001-2003)

- **Steve Thomas** videotaped deposition in Robert Christian Wolf v. John and Patricia Ramsey, September 21, 2001 (official transcripts at [acandyrose.com](#) ([html](#)); and [jonbenetindexguide.com](#) ([html](#))).
- **Mark Beckner** videotaped deposition, November 26, 2001 ([transcript](#)).
- **Alex Hunter** videotaped deposition, November 27, 2001; according to Internet poster [Jameson](#), parts of this deposition are under seal. Small portions have been posted by Internet poster [Jameson](#) [here](#).
- **Patsy Ramsey** videotaped deposition, December 11, 2001; full transcript at [jonbenetindexguide](#) ([html](#)).
- **John Ramsey** videotaped deposition, December 12, 2001; full transcript at [jonbenetindexguide](#) ([html](#)).
- **Cina L. Wong** (handwriting expert) videotaped deposition, May 13, 2002; full transcript at [acandyrose.com](#) ([html](#)) and [jonbenetindexguide](#) ([html](#)).
- **Gideon Epstein** (handwriting expert) videotaped deposition, May 17, 2002; full transcript at [acandyrose.com](#) ([html](#)).
- **Robert Allen Stratbucker, MD** (Taser expert) videotaped deposition, May 30, 2002 ([transcript](#)).
- **Lou Smit** deposition. according to Internet poster [Jameson](#), Lou Smit's deposition has been sealed by the Court and apparently can only be unsealed by petitioning the Court to do so. However, Jameson reportedly was given access to the transcript and on 10-24-08 put up a partial version on Websleuths, characterizing it as follows: "[Lou Smit's deposition - partial](#)" Going to share the highlights, leave out the small talk and personal stuff." This version was subsequently copied to Forums for Justice [here](#) by Koldkase with the caveat: "I won't swear in a court of law that it's anything but alleged excerpts from an alleged copy of a deposition given under oath by Lou Smit in the Wolf v. Ramsey lawsuit--allegedly--which I found on the internet at Websleuths website."
- **Carey Weinheimer** deposition. According to Internet poster [Jameson](#), this deposition also is under seal.
- **Fleet White** deposition. According to Internet poster [Jameson](#), this deposition also is under seal.
- **Chris Wolf** deposition. According to Internet poster According to Internet poster [Jameson](#), this deposition also is under seal.
- **Plaintiff's Response to City of Boulder's Motion for a Protective Order**. Filed February 18, 2003 by Evan Altman; full text at [acandyrose.com](#) ([pdf](#)). Exhibits B and C contain detailed handwriting comparisons of Patsy Ramsey's that plaintiff claims was ignored by BPD and BDA.
- U.S. District Court Judge **Julie Carnes** Opinion, March 31, 2003; full transcript at Websleuths forum chat ([web page](#)) and [acandyrose.com](#) ([html](#)) available as single file or 9 sections). Full copy ([pdf](#)).
- U.S. District Court Judge **Julie Carnes** order, to release redacted version of Steve Thomas deposition, May 8, 2003.
- Boulder DA **Mary Keenan** Response to Summary Judgment, April 7, 2003; full transcript at [Starting Over-JonBenet](#) ([html](#)).

### John Ramsey and Patsy Ramsey v. Steve Thomas (2001)

- Complaint for libel, slander and intentional infliction of emotional distress [here](#).

### John, Patsy, Burke Ramsey v. Fox News Network, LLC (2003-2004)

- A large compilation of legal documents in this case is maintained by [ACandyRose](#) ([html](#)) and [Websleuths](#) ([html](#)).
- **Case Dismissed**. United States District Judge Phillip S. Figa issued an [opinion](#) dismissing the case on 1-6-05.

### R.W. v. John Doe aka undrtheradar (2006)

- **Complaint**. A copy has been posted at [The Smoking Gun](#).
- **Other Materials**. Further documents and discussion about this case are [here](#).

### Burke Ramsey vs. Werner Spitz (2016)

- **Complaint**. Copy [here](#).

## Burke Ramsey vs. CBS News, Current Content and Seven "Experts" (2016)

- **Complaint.** Copy [here](#) and here ([pdf](#)). A version that includes all attachments is [here](#).
- **On-line Discussion.** See [Lawsuit](#) at DocG's Solving the JonBenet Ramsey Case.

## Documents Related to JBR-Related Non-Libel Cases

### Autopsy Photo Leak (1997)

- **Background.** In January 1997, police arrested Lawrence Shawn Smith, 36, a printer at a Boulder photography company and Brett Allen Sawyer, a former Boulder County sheriff's deputy and charged them with theft of autopsy photos leaked to [The Globe](#).
- **News Coverage.** See the *Daily Camera's* index of 12 headlines/stories related to [stolen photos](#).

### "Pasta Jay" Elowsky Menacing Case (1997)

- **Background.** In February 1997, police arrested restaurant owner and Ramsey friend Jay Elowsky on charges he threatened three men with a baseball bat and pulled a gun on one of them.
- **News Coverage.** See the *Daily Camera's* index of 5 headlines/stories related to [Pasta Jay incident](#).

### James Michael Thompson (J.T. Colfax) Arson Case (1997)

- **Background.** In June 1997, police arrested a Denver man after he confessed to trying to burn down the house at 755 15th St. in Boulder.
- **News Coverage.** See the *Daily Camera's* index of 3 headlines/stories related to [attempted arson of Ramsey home](#).

### Hoffman v. Alex Hunter (1997)

- **Background.** [Darnay Hoffman, a New York victims' rights lawyer, filed a lawsuit against Boulder County DA Alex Hunter to force the prosecution of Patsy Ramsey in connection with JBR's death.](#)
- **News Coverage.** See the *Daily Camera's* index of 6 headlines/stories related to [lawyer's attempt to force D.A. to act on evidence](#).

### Hunter v. Smit (1999)

- **Background.** This case was a contract dispute involving whether Lou Smit could retain investigative case materials once his employment with BPD was terminated.
- **Lou Smit's Employment Contract,** March 17, 1997.
- **Complaint for Injunctive Relief (FILED UNDER SEAL),** February 1, 1999.
- **STIPULATED COURT ORDER,** March 30, 1999.

### Linda Arndt v. Koby/Beckner/City of Boulder (2000-2001)

- [Linda Arndt](#) deposition in Linda Arndt v. Thomas Koby and Mark Beckner and the City of Boulder, March 8, 2000 (transcript)
- ACandyRose maintains a compilation of stories and documents related to the Linda Arndt civil trial (May 29-June 7, 2001) [here](#).
- J.T. Colfax maintains a day-by-day report of the Linda Arndt civil trial [here](#).

### State of Colorado v. Thomas C. Miller (2000-2001)

- Thomas Miller was accused and ultimately acquitted on June 14, 2001 of commercial bribery in connection with the alleged attempt to buy a copy of the ransom note for \$30,000 from the handwriting expert for the *Globe* tabloid. Related bribery and extortion charges against Craig Lewis, news editor for the *Globe*, were dropped after the paper agreed to make a \$100,000 donation to the UC school of journalism. A large compilation of legal documents in this case is maintained by ACandyRose [here](#).
- [John Fernie](#) testimony in State of Colorado v. Thomas C. Miller, June 13, 2001 (scanned transcript)
- The full trial transcript (700 pages) is available on CD ROM. A discussion of this transcript is at [Forums for Justice](#) and [Webbsleuths](#).

### Fleet and Priscilla White, vs. The City of Boulder and Mark Beckner (2002)

- **Ruling and Order** by Boulder County District Court, Judge Lael Montgomery, [Ruling and Order](#), September 28, 2002.

### People of the State of Colorado vs. The Boulder Daily Camera (2003)

- This case involved potentially libelous claims by Nancy Krebs related to child abuse allegations against Fleet White, Jr.
- [Report of Special Prosecutor Declining to Pursue Criminal Charges](#), Jeanne Smith, District Attorney, 4th Judicial District, February 5, 2003.

### Documents Re: Linda Hoffman-Pugh v. Mary T. Keenan (2003-2004)

- This case focused on Grand Jury secrecy rules.
- [Ruling](#) by Judge Seymour, U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit in Linda Hoffman-Pugh v. Mary T. Keenan (regarding grand jury secrecy), August 6, 2003.
- [Certiorari denied](#) by U.S. Supreme Court, January 12, 2004.