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Subject: JonBenét Ramsey

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 13:59:30 GMT

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I know you guys all heard about the confession of John Mark Karr yesterday and today 'cause it's all over the news. But I felt I had to post a link to the story anyway, to put it in the archives here. It's just one of those creepy stories that we'll all remember for years to come. JonBenét Ramsey It is just heart-breaking that JonBenét's mom died two months ago, and didn't live to see this. I understand she knew that investigations were pointing to John Mark Karr at the time she died. But, man, what a decade the family had to endure. I must admit that when JonBenét was in the news every day when the story first broke ten years ago, I couldn't help but be a little bit suspicious of her parents. On one hand, you had to think there was no way parents could be involved. But on the other hand, watching a little girl paraded around on stage in those beauty contests kind of gave me the creeps. So I realized that there was no conclusion I should draw. Just a sad, weird story.

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Subject: Re: JonBenét Ramsey

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 16:53:27 GMT

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There is a lesson in there. Don't believe everything you hear; think for yourself.

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Subject: Re: JonBenét Ramsey

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 01:30:15 GMT

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I don't believe anything from the media. They'll rush right in, just to make a story (even if there is no story to tell). On the other hand, this case isn't over yet, but the killer may have been caught. Or he may be a nut case or a patsy, who knows. I don't make any conclusions. What do you think?

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Subject: Psychic's sketch

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 01:47:05 GMT

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Sketch from '98 sure looks like Karr. Spooky

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1685664/posts>

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Subject: Re: Psychic's sketch  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 02:24:28 GMT  
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What a trip! A psychic drew that? Looks just like him!

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Subject: I smell bullshit  
Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 04:35:58 GMT  
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I hit the wayback machine and did not find that page. Looks like this might be a snope page soon.  
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Subject: It's still bullshit but  
Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Fri, 18 Aug 2006 05:35:17 GMT  
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I did find a page that at least references the sketch before the arrest.  
On this page they say it looks like John Ramsey ;-)

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Subject: Yea, what's up with that?  
Posted by [Fortytwo](#) on Sat, 19 Aug 2006 02:35:41 GMT  
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Taking a 6 year old girl and making her up to be a sex symbol, is just plain wrong. She just a little girl. I too found it creepy, just imagine what it could do to a sex offender. Why not just put up a sign "Yo perverts, over here."...John

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Subject: Re: Yea, what's up with that?  
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sat, 19 Aug 2006 13:29:44 GMT  
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Who do you blame? The parents are sucked into the whole thing with promises of money that will

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be put in trust for the child that could conceivably pay for their entire education at a private college. Or lead to more work in the industry that as we all know pays rather well. If you are faced with an offer that you know would put your son or daughter through Yale can you in good conscience refuse. I mean they always tell you that you are expected to be present at every event and that you will have the final word regarding anything involving her welfare. So what would you do? My neighbor had a daughter who sang on Broadway. I saw that woman sleeping on the train at midnight sometimes five times a week or more. The sacrifices she made were enormous. But the kid now has a very sizable trust fund available to her at age 21. Yet she did lose many years of normal childhood life.

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Subject: Re: Yea, what's up with that?

Posted by [Forty2wo](#) on Sun, 20 Aug 2006 00:56:38 GMT

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They did not need the money...John

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Subject: Re: Yea, what's up with that?

Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Sun, 20 Aug 2006 12:58:48 GMT

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I think it's more complicated than pimping out your daughter. I have two girls. When they were 5 and 7 years old or so they loved to play dress-up. We lived across the street from a working actress and the girls would play at her house, getting made-up to beat the band, playing with her clothes and jewelry and the actress lady taking pictures of them vamping around. My girls loved it and remember it fondly to this day. It certainly gets a bit more complicated than playing at a neighbor's house when it gets to the JonBenet level, but I doubt it's substantially different from the kid's perspective. What looks just wicked creepy though an adult male's eyes is more a reflection of the man's demons than the parent's abuse of the girl's innocence.

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Subject: Re: Yea, what's up with that?

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 20 Aug 2006 13:14:47 GMT

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Another aspect. The beauty pageant thing is a little stranger than performance recognition. There they have a talent and that should be nurtured. As far as pimping out the daughter; how do you figure that? They never see any of that money, it goes into a trust fund for the kid. That's the point. Can you say twenty years later that hey; sweetie; you could have been going to Yale and had your house paid for but we didn't think it was right to let people take your picture? In the Ramsey

case it probably wasn't that they were looking out for the financial welfare of the girl; I am not a psychologist but it certainly looked like the wife had aspirations of her own. Still if the child has a chance at a nice bankroll to help them through life...

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Subject: Re: Yea, what's up with that?

Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Sun, 20 Aug 2006 15:42:15 GMT

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The reference to "pimping" was in response to John's comment about "Yo, perverts, over here". As far as the monetary aspect, that may be a benefit for the lucky but I can't accept that it's the motivation of the many. "Isn't my precious baby the most beautiful girl in the world" is most probably the single thought driving most of the beauty pageant circuit. I think this movie is much closer to the reality than the pursuit of monetary gain.

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Subject: Re: Yea, what's up with that?

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 20 Aug 2006 18:56:19 GMT

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I can't disagree there; I see how people behave around their kids and sports. That's all you need to see to know exactly how it is around those pageants. I'm sure there are plenty of kooks living life through their kids success. I actually am just wondering out loud here how I would handle such a situation if my kid had those opportunities? Tough call.

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