

The Central Park Five: Breaking the Barriers of Closed Interrogations

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Thesis

In April 1989, four Black and one Hispanic boy were arrested for assault in New York City. Law enforcement targeted them because of their race and their age. They were later interrogated and indicted with crimes such as rape, assault, and burglary. The Central Park Five broke barriers by advocating for entire interrogations to be recorded, allowing thousands of others to not have to go through what they had to.

Who are the Central Park Five?

When the raped and beaten body of 28-year-old Trisha Meili was found on the morning of April 20, 1989, the lives of five young and unsuspecting Black and Hispanic boys were forever changed. Before the attack on Meili, Antron McCray, 15, Kevin Richardson, 15, Korey Wise, 16, Raymond Santana, 14, and Yusef Salaam, 15, along with a group of approximately 30 young boys had been seen throwing rocks at cars, causing tension to arise between the boys, the community, and law enforcement. After the group of boys were arrested, they were expected to be released shortly with only a ticket to family court but that unfortunately never happened. This group became known as the Central Park Five.

Racism in New York, 1990

New York is a melting pot for different ethnicities. Even though it has been a place for people of different races and background, it has also been a major hot spot for racism among its residents. The Central Park Five was one of the first times that law enforcement racism was exposed to people living outside of New York. The attack of

Trisha Meili, and the mistreatment of the innocent young men accused of the crimes, happened 25 years after the Civil Rights Act.¹ One would think that the ending of these horrific acts of racism would help the overall views that people would hold towards people of color. Just because the visible discrimination of racism was technically ended by law, that law did nothing to stop the bias that was held against people of color. The Bureau of Justice Statistics states, "Black men are nearly six times more likely to be incarcerated than white men; Latino men are nearly three times as likely. Native Americans are incarcerated at more than twice the rate of white Americans."² Racism isn't exclusive. Racism attacks anyone that is seen as different from us. These statistics put people of color into fear of living their lives due to unfair treatment by law enforcement.

The Attack

Working as an investment banker at the time, Trisha Meili had just gotten done with a 12-hour workday with plans to meet up around 10 that night with a co-worker, giving her enough time to go run in Central Park before meeting him. As she was jogging, she was knocked down and dragged nearly 300 feet off the path, leading her to the place where she would be brutally assaulted and left there to die. At approximately 1:30 am she was found by police in a shallow ravine, naked, gagged, tied, and near death. She remained in a coma after suffering from severe hypothermia, brain damage, loss of 75 to 80

¹ "Racial Segregation in the United States." *Wikipedia.org*, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racial_segregation_in_the_United_States.

² "Racial Justice." *Eji.org*, eji.org/racial-justice/.

percent of her blood, along with facial fractures and more. She was a 4 out of 15 on the Glasgow Coma scale, with the lowest possible score being 3.³ Her body was beaten so badly, she was unrecognizable. She was just another Jane Doe until Pat Garrett, the co-worker that she had planned to meet up with that night called the police. He was told to call the hospital to possibly identify an unknown body. It was the ring on her finger that allowed Garrett to identify her as Trisha Meili.⁴ Meili was so close to death that law enforcement treated her case as a probable homicide.

Interrogations

The boys were interrogated for multiple hours following the arrests, with Antron McCray admitting to being interrogated for over 10 hours.⁵ While at his sister's house, Yusef Salaam was approached by detectives and was asked for his identification. Salaam presented a student transit card with a handwritten birthdate. This birthdate made Yusef Salaam 16 instead of his real age of 15. This is a major issue because at 16, a suspect can be interrogated without a parent present. Law enforcement, desperate for a confession, decided to play them off one another. For example, "They told 14-year-old Raymond Santana they had evidence against 15-year-old Kevin Richardson, and if he just helped them build a case against Richardson by placing himself at the crime scene,

³ "Central Park Jogger Case." *Wikipedia.org*, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Park_jogger_case.

⁴ Burns, Sarah. *The Central Park Five: A Chronicle of a City Wilding*. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 2011.

⁵ "The Central Park Five Speak." *Cbsnews.com*, www.cbsnews.com/news/the-central-park-five-netflix-miniseries-when-they-see-us/.

he'd get to go home." ⁶ Innocent people have been known to confess because they believe scientific evidence will soon exonerate them from their crimes. They told all boys similar stories, and thinking they were just mere witnesses, four out of the five boys falsely confessed to the rape and assault of Trisha Meili. The DNA found on the victim didn't match any of the boys, and even though their descriptions of the victim's clothing and injuries didn't match with what had actually happened or what she was wearing, all five boys were convicted of a crime they didn't do. This was done using an interrogation technique that has been universally discredited called, "The Reid Technique". It includes direct confrontation, shifting the blame away from the suspect onto another person, minimizing the amount of times that the suspect denies, and only documenting the confession of guilt. This is only a few aspects to a very controversial and harmful technique. ⁷

Opposers

President Donald Trump continues to be one of the most well-known opposers of the Central Park Five. Buying four full page newspaper ads on May 1, 1989, that read, "Bring back the death penalty and bring back our police!"⁸ He then stated in a

⁶ "When They See Us' Shows the Disturbing Truth about How False Confessions Happen." *Esquire.com*, www.esquire.com/entertainment/a27574472/when-they-see-us-central-park-5-false-confessions/.

⁷ "What Is the 'Reid Technique,' and Was It Used in the Interrogation of the Central Park 5?" *Oxygen.com*, www.oxygen.com/martinis-murder/what-is-reid-technique-interrogation-central-park-5-netflix-ava-duvernay.

⁸ "Trump Will Not Apologize for Calling for Death Penalty over Central Park Five." *Nytimes.com*, www.nytimes.com/2019/06/18/nyregion/central-park-five-trump.html.

2016 interview, "They admitted they were guilty. The police doing the original investigation say they were guilty. The fact that the case was settled with so much evidence against them is outrageous. And the woman, so badly injured, will never be the same." ⁹And in some way, he was correct, Trisha Meili would never be the same, but he forgot that neither would Kevin, Korey, Yusef, Antron, or Raymond. The five innocent boys involved were convicted of a crime that had no real evidence against them other than false confessions, and the fact that they were seen in the park on the night of the attack.

Linda Fairstein, who was the head of the Manhattan District Attorney's office sex crimes unit during the time of the case and Elizabeth Lederer who was the lead prosecutor for the case against the Central Park Five both had major roles in getting the five young men put in jail. According to a 2002 New York Magazine article, Lederer was someone who played a big role regarding the videotaped confessions of the five young men. She fed the boys details from the attack to get a story out of, even though they had no actual knowledge about what had just happened to Meili. ¹⁰ Although false, the confessions were the only thing the prosecution truly had to hold against the five boys. She chose to ignore the fact that there was no DNA evidence linking any of the boys to the victim, a

⁹"Trump Expresses Outrage over the Exoneration of the Central Park Five." *Nymag.com*, nymag.com/intelligencer/2016/10/trump-the-central-park-5-are-guilty-despite-dna-evidence.html.

¹⁰ "Where Is 'Central Park 5' Prosecutor Elizabeth Lederer Now?" *Oxygen.com*, www.oxygen.com/martinis-murder/where-is-central-park-5-prosecutor-elizabeth-lederer-now.

crucial part of the case. As head of the Manhattan District Attorney's office sex crimes unit, Linda Fairstein oversaw the progress of the case.¹¹

There was a media frenzy over the trials and arrests of the five boys. With terms such as, 'wilding', 'wolf packs', and 'super predators', being used to describe the people and the actions that were involved with the crimes of April 19, 1989. The term 'wilding' is defined as "the activity by a gang of youths of going on a protracted and violent rampage in a public place, attacking people at random".¹² This was a term frequently used by the media to describe the group of boys that carried out the crimes that night. Wolf packs are a slang term for unlawful assembly.¹³ The term 'wolf pack' was used in a New York newspaper shortly after the event with the headline, "Wolf Pack's Prey". While still First Lady of the United States, Hillary Clinton, said, "They are often the kinds of kids that are called 'super-predators'. No conscience, no empathy, we can talk about why they ended up that way, but first we have to bring them to heel."¹⁴

Trials

The five young men were divided into two separate trials. Antron McCray, Yusef Salaam, and Raymond Santana were a part of the first trial which took place from June 25 to August 18, 1990. Since DNA was still new in the courtroom, the jury was hesitant

¹¹ "Linda Fairstein Is Still Trying to Take Down the Central Park Five." *Thenation.com*, www.thenation.com/article/linda-fairstein-central-park-five/.

¹² "Lexico." *Lexico.com*, www.lexico.com/definition/wilding.

¹³ "The Central Park Five." *History.com*, www.history.com/topics/1980s/central-park-five.

¹⁴ "Clinton Regrets 1996 Remark on 'super-predators' after Encounter with Activist." *Washingtonpost.com*, www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/02/25/clinton-heckled-by-black-lives-matter-activist/.

and didn't see the value that it held. The jury deliberated for 10 days before delivering their verdict on August 18, 1990. All three boys were convicted of assault and rape of the jogger, but the attempted murder charge was dropped. Along with the charges from the jogger case, they were also charged with assault and robbery of John Loughlin, a biker that was attacked the same night as Trisha Meili in Central Park. Each boy was given the maximum sentence that could be given; 5-10 years in a youth correctional facility. The trials of Kevin Richardson and Korey Wise began on October 22, 1990 and ended December 11 of that same year. Prosecutor Elizabeth Lederer presented a lengthy opening statement to the court, causing Korey Wise to break down at the defense table, screaming and weeping to the point of having to be temporarily removed from the courtroom. The defense stated that each of the boys had limited intellectual abilities and that they would have been unable to prepare both their written statements and their videotaped questions. They stated that the confessions were coerced out of them due to their vulnerability. Trisha Meili gave testimony at both trials but remained anonymous. 14-year-old Kevin Richardson was charged with sodomy, assault, and attempted murder of Trisha Meili, along with the assault and robbery of John Loughlin. Richardson was also sentenced the maximum a juvenile can receive, 5-10 years in a youth correctional facility. Korey Wise, 16, was charged with sexual abuse, assault, and riot in the attacks of the jogger and the biker. Unlike the other four young men, Korey Wise was charged as an adult due to his age and the violent nature of the crimes he was charged for. He was sentenced to 5-15 years in an adult prison.³

Matias Reyes

Matias Reyes grew up in an abusive home, leading to him behaving extremely violent from a young age. At just 17 he began his crime spree. On April 19, 1989, Matias Reyes committed his notorious crimes on Trisha Meili. After raping and assaulting Meili, he left her naked, bound, and gagged, in a wooded area in the northern part of Central Park. The search for her attackers began quickly after her body was found, but unfortunately true justice wouldn't come to Trisha Meili until 13 years later. After prosecutors focused their attention on the five young men and got them convicted of crimes that they did not commit, Matias Reyes was able to walk free from his horrific actions. He continued to stay out of prison for his crimes for another 6 months after the attack on Trisha Meili, until he went on another spree of rape and assault, earning him the nickname, "East Side Slasher". On August 5, 1989, Reyes broke into a 24-year-old woman's apartment before raping her and ransacking her home. The woman was able to escape to the lobby of her apartment and alert some of the other residents of what had just happened. Reyes rushed down the stairs to catch the woman but was held down by one of the men in the lobby. Police arrested him and were able to connect him to a series of other crimes. Reyes confessed to one murder, five rapes, and two attempted rapes. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison. Through all his interrogations, he never once mentioned his connection to the Central Park Jogger case.¹⁵ It wasn't until 2001 when Reyes came across Korey Wise in the Auburn Correctional Facility and felt

¹⁵ Matias Reyes: The Truth about the Real Attacker in the Central Park Five Case." *Goodhousekeeping.com*, www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/a28038525/matias-reyes-central-park-five-jogger/.

guilty when seeing Wise pay for a crime that Reyes committed.¹⁶ Reyes ended up coming forward and confessed to the rape and assault of Trisha Meili. Surprisingly, when Reyes confessed to the crime, law enforcement and prosecutors didn't believe him, even though the DNA evidence was clearly pointing to him. Thankfully, the DNA that was found on Trisha Meili shortly after her attack was kept on file and law enforcement was able to match Matias Reyes' DNA to it. Since he was already serving a life sentence, he has remained in prison since.¹⁷

Aftermath

When they were exonerated in 2002, four out of the five had already served their sentence for a crime they didn't commit. They served between 7 and 13 years in prison before being released. Gaining freedom from prison didn't stop them from working to protect those from going through what they had to endure. As previously mentioned, the Central Park Five falsely confessed to the crime, mostly caused by the detectives' use of the "Reid Technique". Part of the Reid Technique is to record only the suspect's confession, making it so a viewer of the recording hears the suspect after they have been broken down to saying they committed a crime. The Innocence Project states, "Many of the nation's more than 360 wrongful convictions overturned by DNA evidence

¹⁶"Korey Wise Today: Where Is the Central Park Five Member Now?" *Heavy.com*, [heavy.com/news/2019/05/korey-wise-today-where-now/](https://www.heavy.com/news/2019/05/korey-wise-today-where-now/).

¹⁷"Is Matias Reyes Still in Jail? The 'When They See Us' Defendant Is Serving a Life Sentence for Other Crimes." *Bustle.com*, www.bustle.com/p/is-matias-reyes-still-in-jail-the-when-they-see-us-defendant-is-serving-a-life-sentence-for-other-crimes-17923642.

involved some form of a false confession." ¹⁸ Raymond, Yusef, and Kevin, were determined to change this and give justice to those who were affected by the country's interrogation practices. They created the #EndNYWrongfulConviction movement to spread awareness and make a change in New York's interrogation practices. They joined forces with the Innocence Project, a non-profit that is committed to helping exonerate those that are wrongfully convicted and working to "reform the criminal justice system to prevent future injustices."¹⁸ They pushed for "measures outlawing the use of deceptive interview tactics to induce confessions, provide counsel to young people being interrogated and make compensation available to the wrongfully convicted."¹⁹ "This legislation has not been passed, even though it has been introduced numerous times for nearly a decade."²⁰ After nearly ten years of working to change New York's interrogation laws, in 2017 as part of the Criminal Justice Reform Act, two bills were passed in New York that enforced mandatory recordings of interrogations and eyewitness identification reform. Not only does passing a law that changes interrogation practices break barriers for those who are innocent, it also breaks a barrier for law enforcement. One example of this includes preventing false claims regarding how officers conducted themselves in the interview. It can also help law enforcement catch subtle details that may have been lost if it wasn't recorded and since officers would not

¹⁸ "Innocence Project." *Innocenceproject.org*, www.innocenceproject.org.

¹⁹ "Members of Central Park 5 Advocating for Law Limiting Deceptive Interrogation Tactics and Other Sweeping Criminal Justice Reforms." *Nydailynews.com*, www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/ny-central-park-five-innocence-project-deceptive-interrogation-tactics-20191028-v4ldgigwknganjno7p6okng2oa-story.html.

²⁰ "Central Park 5 Members Launch #EndNYWrongfulConviction Campaign in Sarah Burns Produced Video." *Innocenceproject.org*, www.innocenceproject.org/central-park-5-members-launch-endnywrongfulconviction-campaign-sarah-burns-produced-video/.

have to worry about notetaking, it allows law enforcement to concentrate on their interview.¹⁸ The lives of the Central Park Five were turned upside down because of law enforcement's unjust interrogation guidelines. Kevin Richardson stated, "I was deprived of my rights and interrogated behind closed doors."²⁰ Over 10 years after their exonerations, they filed a \$250 million federal lawsuit against the city of New York. The case settled for \$41 million, roughly 1 million dollars for every year that each man was imprisoned: Korey for almost 13 years and Kevin, Antron, Yusef, and Raymond each for approximately 7 years. Raymond Santana stated, "If this bill would've been passed in '89, I wouldn't have lost 7 years of my life."²⁰ Although it may seem like justice was finally served to the five wrongfully convicted young men, they spent many years of their childhoods and early adult lives in prison for a crime they didn't commit. Yusef Salaam said in a 2019 interview, "No amount of money could have given us our time back."⁵ Three men decided to advocate for change to reduce the chances of others having to go through a similar experience. They broke through the barrier of concealed interrogations to uncover the actual truth behind a suspect's story.

Appendix A

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BRING BACK THE DEATH PENALTY. BRING BACK OUR POLICE!

What has happened to our City over the past ten years? What has happened to law and order, to the neighborhood cop we all trusted to safeguard our homes and families, the cop who had the power under the law to help us in times of danger, keep us safe from those who would prey on innocent lives to fulfill some distorted inner need. What has happened to the respect for authority, the fear of retribution by the courts, society and the police for those who break the law, who wantonly trespass on the rights of others? What has happened is the complete breakdown of life as we knew it.

Many New York families — White, Black, Hispanic and Asian — have had to give up the pleasure of a leisurely stroll in the Park at dusk, the Saturday visit to the playground with their families, the bike ride at dawn, or just sitting on their stoops — given them up as hostages to a world ruled by the law of the streets, as roving bands of wild criminals roam our neighborhoods, dispensing their own vicious brand of isolated hatred on whomever they encounter. At what point did we cross the line from the fine and noble pursuit of genuine civil liberties to the reckless and dangerously permissive atmosphere which allows criminals of every age to beat and rape a helpless woman and then laugh at her family's anguish? And why do they laugh? They laugh because they know that soon, very soon, they will be returned to the streets to rape and maim and kill once again — and yet face no great personal risk to themselves.

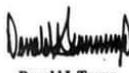
Mayor Koch has stated that hate and rancor should be removed from our hearts. I do not think so. I want to hate these muggers and murderers. They should be forced to suffer and, when they kill,

they should be executed for their crimes. They must serve as examples so that others will think long and hard before committing a crime or an act of violence. Yes, Mayor Koch, I want to hate these murderers and I always will. I am not looking to psychoanalyze or understand them, I am looking to punish them. If the punishment is strong, the attacks on innocent people will stop. I recently watched a newscast trying to explain the "anger in these young men". I no longer want to understand their anger. I want them to understand our anger. I want them to be afraid.

How can our great society tolerate the continued brutalization of its citizens by crazed mind? Criminals must be told that their CIVIL LIBERTIES END WHEN AN ATTACK ON OUR SAFETY BEGINS!

When I was young, I sat in a diner with my father and witnessed two young bullies cursing and threatening a very frightened waitress. Two cops rushed in, lifted up the thugs and threw them out the door, warning them never to cause trouble again. I miss the feeling of security New York's finest once gave to the citizens of this City.

Let our politicians give back our police department's power to keep us safe. Unshackle them from the constant chant of "police brutality" which every petty criminal hurts immediately at an officer who has just risked his or her life to save another's. We must cease our continuous pandering to the criminal population of this City. Give New York back to the citizens who have earned the right to be New Yorkers. Send a message loud and clear to those who would murder our citizens and terrorize New York — BRING BACK THE DEATH PENALTY AND BRING BACK OUR POLICE!


Donald J. Trump

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This is a picture of the ad that was put out to four major newspapers by Donald Trump in May of 1989.

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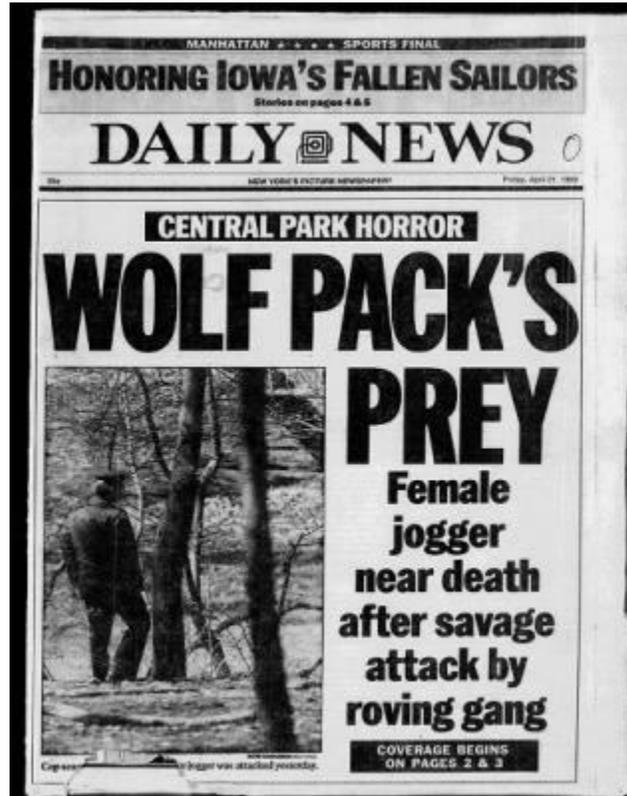
Appendix B



This is a collage of the mugshots of the Central Park Five. These are the original mugshots, taken shortly after their arrests.

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Appendix C



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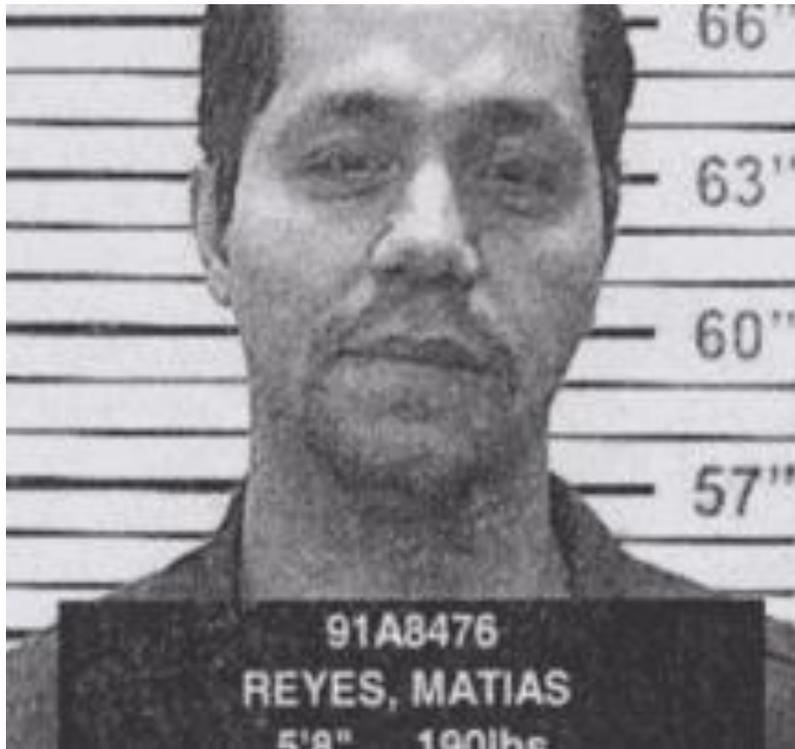


Image of Matias Reyes mugshot, taken shortly after his arrest in August of 1989.

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