Subject: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Blazer on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 13:36:49 GMT

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Okay, granted that he hasn't been found guilty "yet", this is still seemingly bizzare treatment for someone who is under arrest. Most people don't enjoy this sort of treatment on vacations.

"Before takeoff, Karr took a glass of champagne from a flight attendant and clinked glasses with Spray, who sipped orange juice.

Dinner on board, served on a starched white tablecloth with silverware, was one many passengers would envy. Karr started with a pate, then had a green salad with walnut dressing. The main course was fried king prawn with steamed rice and broccoli, followed by a slice of Valrhona chocolate cake for dessertKarr drank a beer, crushing the can with his hands when it was empty, then moved on to a glass of French chardonnay with his main course.

He later dined on roast duck with soy sauce and yellow noodles, and for his third meal quickly ate a piece of pizza served with chocolates and a bottle of Evian....

Also during the flight, Karr flipped through the movie channels and watched "The Last Samurai" starring Tom Cruise. He also dozed on and off..."

I just have to think, if people were treated a bit more harshly - (not inhumane, but at least in such a way so that they know they are in deep shit) maybe, just maybe people would think twice before committing crimes.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by cheesesoda on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 13:43:44 GMT

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He's a big, profile murderer. He's an instant celebrity, and instant celebrities are automatically given special treatment. I love our system, don't you?

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Goztow on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 14:01:50 GMT

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As for big criminals: what Blazer said...

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by warranto on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 14:33:19 GMT

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Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by cheesesoda on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 16:24:19 GMT

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That's incredibly stupid, though. "Hey, we'll suck your dick and coddle your balls if you promise to cooperate." He's not guaranteed to help out and be cooperative, so why would they do something like that? It's just another bullshit fallacy in our system.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Blazer on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 19:01:35 GMT

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Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by warranto on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 19:01:37 GMT

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Of course it's stupid. I'm just pointing out a possible reason as to why.

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Quote: I'd rather string him up by his nuts and say "confess and maybe you can keep one of them"

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by cheesesoda on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 19:12:36 GMT

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APDENVER - Authorities probably had a very good reason for allowing JonBenet Ramsey murder suspect John Mark Karr to live it up on the 15-hour flight to the United States, legal experts say — they wanted him to talk.

Denver attorney Larry Pozner, past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said the royal treatment during Sunday's journey — king prawns, champagne, French wine — was "a brilliant move."

Not that I'm surprised, but I don't see how this is going to get him to talk. I'd allow myself to be pampered, and then I wouldn't talk.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Blazer on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 20:10:59 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

warranto wrote on Mon, 21 August 2006 15:01Of course it's stupid. I'm just pointing out a possible reason as to why.

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Quote: I'd rather string him up by his nuts and say "confess and maybe you can keep one of them"

Assuming he actually did it.

Ah so you are one of those who still think the parents did it

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by warranto on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 20:18:05 GMT

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Nope, but there has been no judgment, so no reason to say that he did, in fact, commit the crime.

Sure, you could say that he has admitted to it, but his account of things is so full of holes that it causes even those involved to doubt if he actually did it. But that does make it a great reason for "reasonable doubt" to come into play... interestingly enough.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Hydra on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 21:02:52 GMT

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The system works well for cases against first-time offenders who maintain their innocence. What outrages me is the treatment it often gives for repeat offenders and those who openly confess their crimes.

You older folks might remember a guy named Ray Donovan, the Secretary of Labor for the Reagan administration. He is famous for asking the question, "Where do I go to get my reputation back?" to a swarm of news reporters outside the courthouse where he was acquitted of all charges of racketeering, bribery, and perjury, (if I remember correctly).

Even before the judge could hand him his official acquittal, even before the trial ever took place, he was already found guilty in the eyes of the media. Even without any evidence whatsoever, the media destroyed his public image and reputation.

In his case, he maintained his innocence and had been convicted of no previous high crimes; though he was considered "innocent until proven guilty" by the law, the media felt differently.

(/me wonders if I explained all that clearly enough.... I guess I'll find out....)

I feel it should be somehow different for repeat offenders and "first-time confessers." For someone who had already been tried, convicted, and released (after serving their sentence) for a violent felony like assault or armed robbery, they should not receive the same benefit of the doubt from the law since they already have a violent past (note: I do not know that much about law in general, but something tells me that something like this might already exist; it's only logical that it would, anyway).

Same should go for people who openly confess to crimes, like this guy right here. Why should he receive any special treatment when he's already confessed to murdering a child? This should be an open-and-shut case. Cage him up on the flight over, Then sit him in a prison cell with someone who will "love" him the way he, apparently, WANTS to be "loved." I can understand why they would treat people who openly confess to crimes a little differently--to encourage other criminals to save the cops the hassle of tracking them down and turn themselves in--but frickin' champagne? That's just going overboard right there.

Warranto: Why do you think he would confess to it if he didn't actually DO it? Cover someone else's ass, or could it just be insanity?

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by JoeyB on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 21:04:33 GMT

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Its more like they're trying to get him loose and trusting. That way he'll talk.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by warranto on Mon, 21 Aug 2006 21:22:26 GMT

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Hydra wrote on Mon, 21 August 2006 15:02Warranto: Why do you think he would confess to it if he didn't actually DO it? Cover someone else's ass, or could it just be insanity?

Who knows. Perhaps something wasn't going as planned, and he needed an out? Or, perhaps he did do it, but thinks he can beat the system? Or, perhaps he is covering for someone else, and was paid off? Or, perhaps he is just crazy?

Too many possibilities, huh? All of it is possible until a judgment is reached.

Of course, whether or not he did it, his story is so full of holes right now, it's quite likely that in the case's current state, he'd get off on the factor of reasonable doubt.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Crimson on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 01:35:00 GMT

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The more I read about the case, the more I wonder if perhaps Karr was paid by the Ramseys to kill their daughter. As repayment for his cooperation, they did their best to thoroughly fuck up the crime scene evidence. I haven't completely worked this theory out, though.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by msgtpain on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 02:00:46 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Karr benifited, sure.. Hopefully we can just consider it his "last meal".

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by mision08 on Thu, 24 Aug 2006 04:15:30 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Because of the tossed-salad man from the HBO jail special.

He was not under arrest. He was not being extradited. He was a passenger on a plane with much media coverage til he landed in the US. While I hope and believe he will get his due. I can understand the law enforcement having their jurisdictions, or lack there of.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by cheesesoda on Thu, 24 Aug 2006 14:01:29 GMT

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So sitting in first class means he's entitled to a meal that's better than what most Americans eat on a daily basis?

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by msgtpain on Thu, 24 Aug 2006 14:14:39 GMT

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Where does "entitled" fit in to any of this? It's what the airline was serving in first class.. were you under the impression that they brought it on special for him?

If I go to a party and they are serving filet mignon, then just by being there, I am "entitled" to eat it.. if that's the way you want to look at it.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Blazer on Thu, 24 Aug 2006 17:55:57 GMT

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msgtpain is right. The solution to this is that criminals, people under arrest, people being extradited,etc..should not be relocated using public transportation. I honestly wouldn't want some guy (just speaking in general) that was essentially being brought to his place of death sitting anywhere near me or people that I care about...who knows what someone like that would do in whatever their state of mind is.

It's a bit ironic that airports are currently racially profiling people - if you even look muslim you get singled out because you "might" have some evil agenda...yet we transport known murderers etc

mixed right in with everyone else. Sure they have armed guards, but really this just means you have a dangerous person that has potential to arm himself by attacking his guard.

They should just transport these folks in a military or federal/state owned planes...not sure if that is cheaper or not, but if they aren't eating lobster and toasting champagne during the flight maybe it evens out

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by YSLMuffins on Fri, 25 Aug 2006 11:08:11 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

MSNBC had an interesting fact file outlining the discrepancies in this guy's confession; personally, I think the guy is just a psycho looking for infamy.

Still, I've looked up info about this case, but I still don't understand why this girl is such a big deal with the media. Was it because it happened 10 years ago? Was it because she was a beauty pageant girl? Was it because her mother died recently? Was it because the parents were the prime suspects for a long time? Facts, facts, facts, but what I don't find is why there are so many facts readily available so easily in the first place.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Blazer on Fri, 25 Aug 2006 12:07:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I think it's because the parents were the prime suspects, and since she was such a "sweet girl" nobody can fathom why her parents would want to kill her.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by mision08 on Sat, 26 Aug 2006 02:59:01 GMT

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Well, he has accurately described parts of her body that he should not be able to. Police can link a letter they have to his high school year book, and he confessed. His attorney has his work cut out for him.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by Berkut on Sat, 26 Aug 2006 05:59:20 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hard to believe some Americans commit crimes for the luxuries.

Food

Board Gym TV (In some) High-powered PC's A friendly room-mate

I am, of course, joking.

Mostly.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by YSLMuffins on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 02:54:49 GMT

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He's cleared.

Subject: Re: This is how we treat child-killing criminals Posted by GoArmy44 on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 04:52:04 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

YSLMuffins wrote on Mon, 28 August 2006 22:54He's cleared.

Wow, now I wanna know how much money we wasted getting him here for a trial that never took place.