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The last 24 hours in the life of Nicole Brown Simpson is hardly a story that we haven't heard before. Anyone living in the US with a TV or a radio has heard almost every detail involved in what has proven to be one of the most infamous crimes of our generation.

We all remember the white Ford Bronco and the slow-moving car chase down the California freeway, the questions asked: "Where is he going?" "Is he going to kill himself?" We all remember those words echoed again and again: "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit." The dime store show of OJ trying to fit the glove on his hand.

Watching this film, *Nicole Brown Simpson: Her Final Hours*, the last of the four *Final 24* DVDs released in June by MVD Entertainment Group, had an unexpected effect on me. There were many details that I had forgotten: The fuss over the fast food OJ Simpson had gotten with Kato Kaelin. Did OJ eat his sandwich in the car or did he wait until he got home? What time did OJ call his girlfriend from his cell phone? The limo driver rang the bell, but no answer. He saw a figure that looked like OJ approach the back door, he called again and OJ answered. I was reminded of all of these details as I watched — but for the first time, with the perspective that years have allowed.



At the time of the murders it was easy enough to write our fascination off as merely another celebrity freak show. To convince ourselves that we were addicted to watching because it was a train wreck. But watching in hindsight, putting OJ Simpson's celebrity aside, the true horror of this tragedy hits full force, like a punch to the gut.

The brutality of the crime, and of the abuse that preceded it, is difficult to watch without the obscuring veil of Hollywood's nebulosity. Nicole, nearly decapitated, Ron Goldman slaughtered, both bodies left lying in the walkway in front of her home. The realization that, had it not been for Nicole's



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