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**BODY:**

-- Sept. 11, 1984: A 17-year-old from Forrest City, Ark., tells police a man kidnapped her at gunpoint from her home, took her to a secluded area and raped her.

-- Oct. 29, 1984: The teenager sees a man driving a pickup through Forrest City and identifies him as the rapist.

-- Nov. 1, 1984: Wayne Dumond is arrested in Forrest City and charged with kidnapping and rape. The teenager identifies Dumond as her attacker. He posts bond and gets out of jail.

-- March 7, 1985: Two masked men armed with a pistol enter Dumond's home, bind his hands and feet with fishing line and castrate him.

-- March 1985: A man visiting the office of St. Francis County Sheriff Coolidge Conlee says the sheriff displayed Dumond's testicles in a jar on his desk.

-- May 22, 1985: Dumond's home is destroyed by arson.

-- Aug. 26, 1985: Dumond is found guilty of rape and kidnapping, and sentenced to life in prison plus 20 years.

-- Nov. 1, 1987: Dumond's attorney, John Wesley Hall Jr. of Little Rock, begins appeals process by requesting a new trial because of new genetic evidence.

-- Jan. 21, 1988: Dumond files a civil lawsuit against Conlee for displaying Dumond's severed testicles.

-- Jan. 25, 1988: Arkansas Supreme Court rules genetic evidence is insufficient to warrant a new trial.

-- Aug. 16, 1988: A federal jury awards Dumond \$ 150,000 in civil lawsuit against Conlee.

-- Jan. 5, 1989: In his first federal court appearance, Dumond and attorneys present genetic evidence they say proves his innocence.

-- Jan. 31, 1989: Dumond's bid for a new trial is rejected by federal district court.

-- Sept. 1, 1989: Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals orders a new hearing.

-- Dec. 13, 1989: Dumond's alleged victim testifies in federal court she is certain Dumond was her attacker.

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- Dec. 14, 1989: Federal magistrate rejects Dumond's bid for a new trial.
- Sept. 25, 1990: Arkansas parole board votes to recommend commutation of Dumond's sentence.
- April 5, 1991: A federal magistrate rejects Dumond's bid for a new trial, based on claims that the length of his prison term was cruel and unusual punishment.
- April 15, 1992: Lt. Gov. Jim Guy Tucker commutes Dumond's sentence to 39 years 6 months.
- Aug. 31, 1995: The parole board votes to deny parole.
- December 1995: Dumond sends Christmas card to victim.
- August 1996: The parole board votes 4-1 to deny parole.
- Sept. 20, 1996: Gov. Mike Huckabee announces he will commute Dumond's sentence.
- Sept. 23, 1996: The rape victim, Ashley Stevens, now 29, allows herself to be identified by the media, and asks Huckabee to reverse his decision.
- Sept. 24, 1996: Huckabee says the decision is not final, but his staff indicates he will need new information in the case to change his mind and deny clemency.
- Jan. 8, 1997: The parole board holds a hearing to reconsider its August 1996 decision. Stevens tells the board she will fear for her life if Dumond is set free.
- Jan. 9, 1997: Dumond tells the parole board he is innocent and that he would live and work in Texas if paroled.
- Jan. 16, 1997: The board votes 4-1 to grant parole if Dumond leaves the state for a job awaiting him in Texas, sparing Huckabee from following through on his politically explosive offer of clemency.
- Jan. 22, 1998: Texas authorities refuse to accept Dumond.
- Jan. 13, 1998: Dumond withdraws request to be released on parole to Florida after Jacksonville halfway house rejects his application. He blames adverse media attention.
- Dec. 24, 1998: Dusty Dumond, vocal advocate for her husband's release, is critically injured in traffic accident in Ohio. She dies Jan. 9, 1999.
- Sept. 16, 1999: Parole board hears from victim's family arguing against latest parole request.
- Sept. 20, 1999: Board votes 5-0, with two abstentions, to grant supervised parole.

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