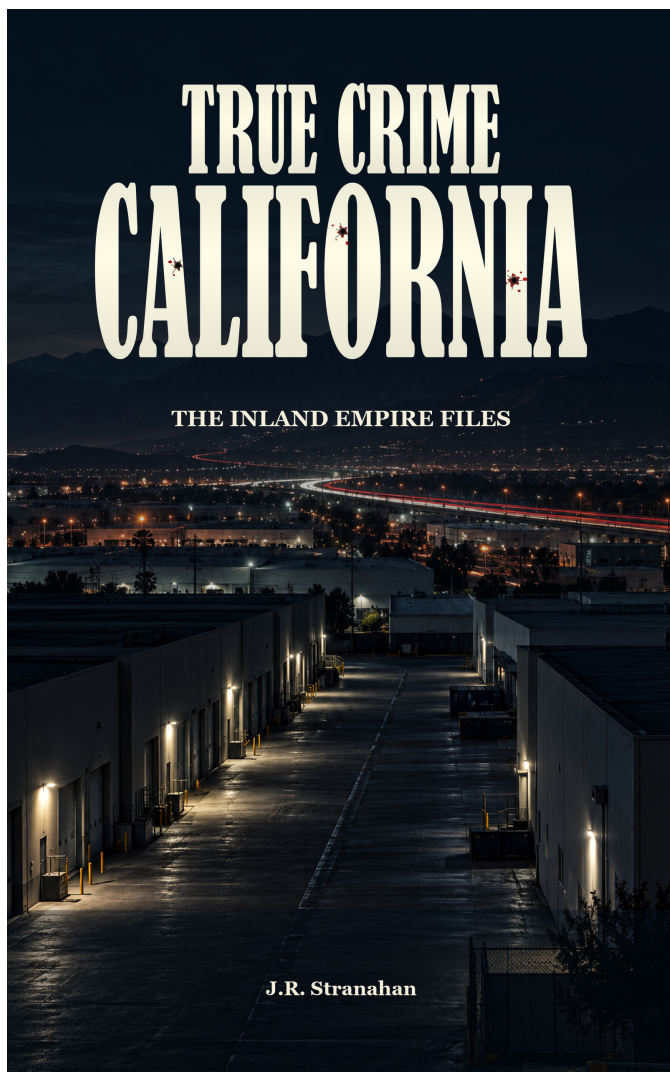


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Place and period: Chino Hills, 1983-present

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The human scale

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A headline can make this episode appear settled in a sentence. The underlying record is narrower. The account distinguishes documented evidence, attributed allegations, trial findings, appellate rulings, and unresolved questions. From there, the inquiry moves through source, timing, corroboration, and legal consequence. Police, prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, laboratories, journalists, and families occupy different roles in the record. None of those steps authorizes invented dialogue or a claim about what Doug and Peggy Ryen, Jessica Ryen, Christopher Hughes, surviving witness Joshua Ryen, their families, and the Chino Hills community privately thought.

Location matters in this file. Chino Hills determined which agencies, courts, and communities carried the case, while 1983-present marks the span over which the public learned it. Four people were killed and one child survived an attack at a Chino Hills home in June 1983. Police, prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, laboratories, journalists, and families occupy different roles in the record. The result is a chronology with identifiable custodians rather than a collection of free-floating claims.

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The controlling status for this account is: Kevin Cooper was convicted of four murders and attempted murder; the convictions remain in force amid extensive litigation and claims of innocence. That sentence is deliberately narrower than a television summary. It does not merge co-defendants, convert accusations into findings, or imply that an appeal erased a human death. Later proceedings may change the legal posture, but they should not be projected backward onto the record described here.

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