Soon after the King incident took place in 1991, a video of the beating began showing up on local TV and eventually the whole nation knew about it. It turns out that someone had video taped the whole beating and sold it to a local news station, causing outrage around the country, and people started questioning various law enforcement agencies.

This incident was not Rodney King’s first run-in with the law. Rod was born on April 2nd, 1965 to Ronald and Odessa King. Throughout his childhood, parents were not around very much; both of his parents worked multiple jobs, and Ronald, an alcoholic, died at age 42. As a result of these circumstances, King had alcohol at a young age. In November 1989, Rodney King attempted to roll an iron bar and threatened to hit the storeowner. He was convicted and sent to prison for one year (“Los Angeles Police”). King served one year at the Califon Center, then was paroled. King was then hired as a part-time laborer at D King, who was 6’3, was referred to as the “Gentle Giant.” He married Crysta and had two children of her own. King already had two children of his own and was under pressure to take care of four kids (Gray).

The Los Angeles District Attorney charged LAPD officers Stacy Koc Powell, Timothy Wind, and Theodore Briseno with use of excessive force. The trial judge was changed due to contamination of the jury pool by the media, so the trial moved to another venue in the predominantly white town of Simi Valley (“Los Angeles Police”). The new jury was seen as very controversial because of the predominance of white people. There were ten white people, one Latino, and one Asian, and no African-Americans (“Los Angeles Police”). The trial’s prosecutor, Terry White, was African-American.
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