

Country Walk, Florida— Francisco Fuster-Escalona, a Cuban immigrant, was accused in 1984 of molesting children in the home-based babysitting service he ran with his 17-year-old Honduran wife Ileana in Country Walk. The charges included drugging children for use in production of (nonexistent) porn, and forcing them to offer prayers to Satan. Lacking evidence, the politically ambitious prosecutor held Ileana naked in solitary confinement for nearly a year. Accompanied by a quack Miami psychologist named Michael Rappaport, the prosecutor visited her cell at least 34 times, holding Ileana's hand while they led her in guided imagery and visualization. The prosecutor and Rappaport finally wore her down. She confabulated sensational testimony against her husband in exchange for her freedom and permission to return to Honduras. Francisco remains in prison. The prosecutor, Janet Reno, is now US Attorney General.

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