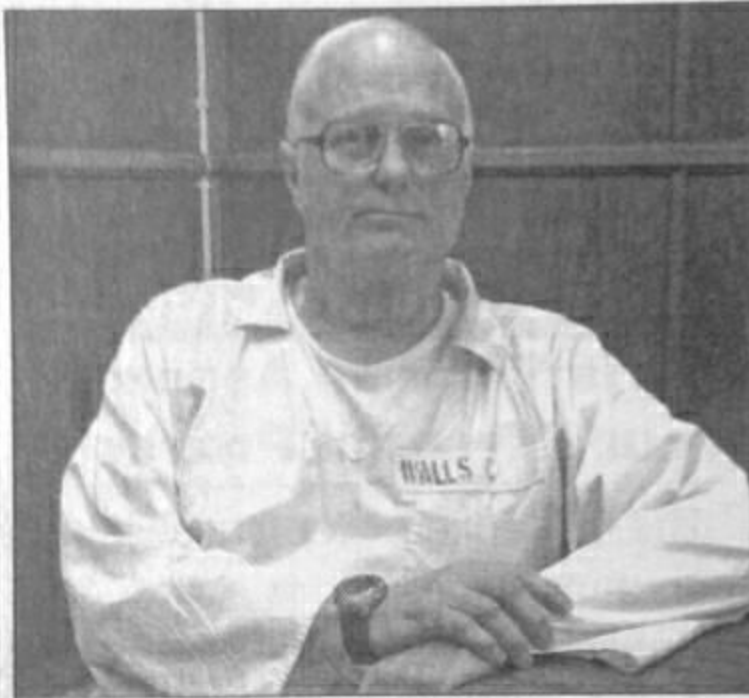


Breaks 18-year silence



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After maintaining silence about the 1997 events that ended with him in prison serving 40-year and life sentences for six rape convictions, Charles A. "Jack" Walls III granted an interview Thursday, May 15. Among the areas discussed, Walls said he had had no contacts with then-prosecuting attorney Larry Cook prior to "the blow-up." "I wouldn't know [Larry Cook] if he bit me on the ankle," he said. Cook, currently a candidate for Lonoke County Circuit Judge, has faced questions to his judgement for not immediately recusing from prosecuting Walls, the son of past Circuit Judge, the late Charles A. Walls Jr. Walls added that he believed Cook acted properly, and that Circuit Judge Lance Hanshaw should also have recused.