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Based on the research of Lakoff and Turner, combined with studies in Burkean theory, and the representation of rape, this work presents the problematic use of metaphoric language in US Court rape trials. These are the cause of a growing trend in the public perception of a division between legality and justice in topic of sexual assault. Illustrating this claim is a case study of a rape trial.