

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2 - 1 (GL)

JESSE

Am I going home today?

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Jesse, I'm going to do my damndest to get you out of here, but first I got to tell you what you're being charged with. All right? Now, they're saying on November 11 at 2 a.m., in the lobby of 229 Kingman, you displayed a knife to Denise Moore, and you took from her a sum of money and some jewellery, and that...

JESSE

Ah, that is bull man! I didn't do that!

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And that you slashed her across the face causing a cut that required 63 stitches. Now, they're charging you with assault in the first degree, robbery in the first degree. Both felonies. Now, do you know Denise Moore?

JESSE

No, man. She's probably some crackhead.

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Why do you say that?

JESSE

Because I know 229 Kingman.

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It's a crack house?

JESSE

Oh yeah. No question.

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You go up there?

JESSE

I live in the ~~Damn~~ neighbourhood! I don't do that stuff, all right!

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Okay. All right... Now, where were you on November 11 at 2 a.m.?

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Jesse

I was home all night.

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Who else was there with you?

Jesse

My mom. My kid. Are they outside waiting for me?

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I'll check when we're through. Now, what did you do that night?

Jesse

We had Chinese food and sat around watching TV.

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What did you watch?

Jesse

Some Charles Bronson movie.

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Now, did you go out at all during the evening?

Jesse

Just to pick up the Chinese - that was at 7:30. I was in the rest of the night.

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Okay. What about your son's mother - where is she?

Jesse

Drug rehab, up-state.

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All right, Jesse, you were arrested on Wednesday. Where were you?

Jesse

I was on my way home. Two cops show up telling me they want me to come down to the precinct to ask me some questions. I tell them I ain't done nothing.

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Did they say that you were under arrest?

JESSE

No, they didn't. Then they ask me if I want to be in a line-up. Like I've got a choice, right? They brought in four guys from the shelter who don't look nothing like me! It was totally bogus man! Bullshit! Next thing I know they're telling me I've been picked out, and I'm under arrest.

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Then what did you say?

JESSE

That I've got nothing more to say. Am I getting out of here...

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If it was up to me Jesse, you would be going home today. But I'm not the **DAMN** judge, all right!

JESSE

What are you looking at my sheet for?! What's that record got to do with anything? I didn't do nothing! Just because some **BITCH** says I did, don't mean I did...

SHE

Jesse! The judge and the D.A. are looking at your sheet, alright! Look Jesse, the only person I care about here is you. I don't give a damn about Denise Moore. I don't give a damn about the judge and the D.A. They're not my **DAMN** clients. So if there's anything you know about this, now's a good time to tell me.

JESSE

I can't tell you nothin'! I wasn't there.

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Okay. I believe you. Now, you got any questions?

JESSE

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Jesse, the D.A. is going to look at your sheet, see the fact that you've got a previous record, that the girl got 63 stitches across the face, that you were picked out in a line-up - and he's going to set a bail of ten grand.

Jesse

Ah man.

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I'm going to go in there, I'm going to do my spiel, all right? Say you went in voluntarily, there were no weapons recovered, I'm going to ask for ROR, the judge is probably going to set a bail of twenty-five hundred.

Jesse

Twenty five hundred bucks? *Ah*: man, I ain't rich.

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Any chance your people can make that?

Jesse

No way.

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All right. Just wait here. They'll call you.