

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2 - 1 (GL)

HE

Am I going home today?

SHE

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...

HE

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

SHE

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?

HE

No, man. She's probably some crackhead.

SHE

Why do you say that?

HE

Because I know 229 Kingman.

SHE

It's a crack house?

HE

Oh yeah. No question.

SHE

You go up there?

HE

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

SHE

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

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HE

I was home all night.

SHE

Who else was there with you?

HE

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

SHE

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

HE

We had Chinese food and sat around watching TV.

SHE

What did you watch?

HE

Some Charles Bronson movie.

SHE

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

HE

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

SHE

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

HE

Drug rehab, up-state.

SHE

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

HE

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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SHE

Did they say that you were under arrest?

HE

No, they didn't. Then they ask me if I want to be in a line-up. Like I've got a fucking 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.

SHE

Then what did you say?

HE

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

SHE

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

HE

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 whore 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 fucking clients. So if there's anything you know about this, now's a good time to tell me.

HE

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

SHE

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

HE

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