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St. Louis
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INT. HOLDING CELL - AFTERNOON

DEREK is sitting in the cell alone. JESSE enters with a GUARD. Derek stands up.

DEREK

Finally, it took you long enough. I was beginning to think you wouldn't show. We going out?

The Guard exits leaving Derek and Jesse alone.

DEREK

What gives?

JESSE

This is the fourth time Derek. It's getting ridiculous.

DEREK

I know man, it's the last time I swear. I hurt someone Jess. I hurt him bad.

JESSE

You were drunk again, weren't you?

DEREK

It wasn't my fault. I only had a few drinks in me. He was asking for it.

JESSE

Was he?

DEREK

I'll be straight from now on Jess. I swear. I'll lay off the sauce. I promise it's the last time.

JESSE

That's what you said last time.

DEREK

What's that supposed to mean?

JESSE

It means I'm done.

DEREK

Done? What are you talking about?

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JESSE

I've been dealing with this crap for too long. I ditch school once a week to pick up your sorry ass from bad deals and fights. Every time it's the same speech. You never change. I'm sick of it.

Derek looks at Jesse.

DEREK

What are you saying?

JESSE

You need help Derek. You're out of control man. I wanna be somewhere next year, and you stopped caring last year.

DEREK

And you know why!

JESSE

You may have decided that your life was over, but I didn't.

Derek paces around.

DEREK

(under his breath)
Greedy son of a bitch.

JESSE

Are you kidding me? Don't forget that I was the one who covered your sorry ass when you were wasted, crying on the floor. I was the one who had your back when you got into the first fight with Mr. Hitching. I even came to get you at two in the morning when you first discovered liquor.

Derek stares at Jesse. He looks down.

DEREK

I'm sorry.

Jesse glares at him.

JESSE

Are you?

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DEREK

Yes! I told you, I'll go straight from now on.

JESSE

Whatever.

DEREK

What do you mean whatever?

JESSE

You say that every time! You need help man.

DEREK

Then help me! Get me out of here and I promise I'll go to meetings. I do all the AA stuff, just don't leave me here.

JESSE

They have people here that can help you. You don't need me.

DEREK

Jess, come on...

JESSE

I can't do this anymore man, I'm finished. Sorry.

Jesse starts to leave the room. Derek goes to the bars.

DEREK

That's it? You're just going to give up on me? After everything we've been through together you're not even going to try and help me?

Jesse continues to walk away.

DEREK

Answer me!

Jesse walks through the door as we...

FADE TO BLACK.