

Dirty.

INT. ROOF TOP - EVENING

DETECTIVE MARINO stands waiting. He's alert to his surroundings when ARNIE exits from the roof access door.

MARINO

Arnie, where in the hell have you been?

ARNIE

Sorry, I had to circle around a few times to make sure I wasn't being followed.

MARINO

Followed? Why would you be followed?

ARNIE

What I know, could get me killed.

MARINO

(laughs)

I'll make sure that doesn't that happen. Now tell me what you know.

ARNIE

Okay, but you got know, I'm out of here tomorrow. I am taking a bus and getting the hell away from here.

MARINO

Okay. What's going on?

ARNIE

You know that drug bust that went bad over at the docks.

MARINO

Yeah, what about it?

ARNIE

I know what really happened.

MARINO

What are talking about? It was two drug families that had a feud and they all killed each other. Case closed.

ARNIE

That's not exactly what happened. I was there.

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MARINO

What the hell were *you* doing there?
How did you get involved with them?

ARNIE

I wasn't involved, I had some
business of my own to do, you know.

MARINO

Yeah, sure. Go on.

ARNIE

There was an argument, but nobody
drew guns on each other until some
one else started shooting.

MARINO

You mean, like a third party.

ARNIE

Exactly. I heard the gun shot, then
everyone opened fire on each other.
I kept my head down, but I could
hear shots coming from the rafters.

MARINO

Did you see who it was?

ARNIE

Yeah, I did. When everyone was
laying down in their own blood,
this white guy comes in and just
takes the money.

MARINO

You know this guy?

ARNIE

Not at the time, but I do now.

MARINO

Okay, let's have it.

ARNIE

You got to promise me you won't
tell anyone until I'm on that bus
and long gone.

MARINO

Who is this guy?

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ARNIE

He's a cop. Detective Conrad Hess.
I've heard he's messed up in the
head.

MARINO

A cop? Are you sure?

ARNIE

Oh, I'm positive. I saw him when I
went to spring my little brother
out of the 52nd precinct.

MARINO

That's pretty serious, what you're
saying here. You know that, right?

ARNIE

Yeah, I think he knows I know. I've
seen him snooping around in my
neighborhood.

MARINO

You think he knows you saw him?

ARNIE

I might have mentioned it a couple
times, you know, here or there.

MARINO

Okay. I'll look into it.
(beat)
So, where you moving to?

ARNIE

The west coast and that's all I'll
say. I'll catch you later, Marino.
It's been real.

Arnie begins to leave when Marino speaks.

MARINO

Hey Arnie.

Arnie turns back and sees Marino holding a gun on him.

MARINO

Hate to see you go.

His shoots Arnie. Arnie falls.

FADE OUT.