

LAW AND SEQUENTIAL ORDER

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INTRO-FADE FROM BLACK WHILE "LAW AND SEQUENTIAL ORDER" FADES IN.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

In the criminal justice system, the people are represented by two separate yet equally important groups. The police who try to solve the crime and the district attorneys who question the police. These are their stories."

Sound effect: "CHUNG CHUNG." Black background with address: Alley adjacent to 854 7th Avenue at 55th Street, New York City. 8:42AM

EXT. NEW YORK CITY STREET - DAY

Two NYPD detectives, BARNES and JONES, are standing over a dead body.

DETECTIVE BARNES

Well, that's a shame. Looks like this waitress served her last meal.

DETECTIVE JONES

Yeah, we'd better go find out who placed the final order.

Sound effect: "CHUNG CHUNG." Black background with address of 854 7th Avenue at 55th Street, New York City. 8:43AM

DELI MANAGER

When she missed her shift this morning, I knew something wasn't right.

DETECTIVE BARNES

We're going to find the sunnufabitch who did this to your waitress & we'll give him his just dessert.

Sound effect: "CHUNG CHUNG." Black background with address of New York City Police Department: 19th Precinct. 153 E 67th St, New York, NY 10065 8:59AM

INT. NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PROSECUTOR MILLER

Wow, you guys got here fast. Even in rush hour traffic. Got any leads, yet?

The detectives are both holding Starbucks coffee cups.

DETECTIVE JONES

We're pretty sure it's an angry ex-boyfriend or an upset deli patron.

PROSECUTOR MILLER

But, seriously, that was really quick. I mean, you just called me to tell me you were coming at 8:49 and you're here, just 10 minutes later? With rush hour traffic? Did you use your sirens?

DETECTIVE BARNES

No, we drove without our lights.

PROSECUTOR MILLER

When did you get the coffee?

DETECTIVE JONES

On the way.

PROSECUTOR MILLER

But, to get from Carnegie Deli to here takes at least 7 minutes, without traffic. With morning rush hour traffic, it could take 15-20 minutes, maybe longer. I just don't see how that's possible. AND you stopped for coffee on the way?

DETECTIVE BARNES

That's right.

PROSECUTOR MILLER

I mean, I could see it being possible if you got coffee at the deli, but you clearly stopped at a Starbucks on the way. Even if that's your regular Starbucks and all the regular people are working today, no newbies who have no idea what they're doing, it would still take at least 4 minutes for you to stop, run in, have them prepare your coffee, pay for it, then run back out.

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DETECTIVE JONES  
Well, that's what happened.

PROSECUTOR MILLER  
It just doesn't seem plausible,  
though. How do you get 17 blocks in  
10 minutes, without your lights and  
with a coffee stop?

DETECTIVE BARNES  
Look, we gotta go interview the ex  
boyfriend, downtown.

Sound effect: "CHUNG CHUNG." Black background with address  
of 46 Grand Street, New York, NY 10013 9:29AM

INT. APARTMENT OF JOE FARINO

JOE  
Look, man. I don't even remember  
the last time I saw Trish. She  
broke up with ME.

DETECTIVE BARNES  
You don't seem too broken up about  
it.

JOE  
I am. Well, I was. I mean, I am. So  
you just found her outside the deli  
this morning?

DETECTIVE JONES  
Yes, her body was discovered this  
morning and we were there  
collecting evidence at a quarter to  
9.

JOE  
And you're already down here,  
questioning me at 9:30am? Man, you  
cops just drive as fast as you want  
to, don't you?

DETECTIVE BARNES  
Actually, we didn't drive that fast  
at all. And we had to pick up my  
dry cleaning along the way. I  
spilled coffee on my shirt.

JOE  
Which precinct did you say you were  
from?

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DETECTIVE BARNES

The 19th.

JOE

But, that's like 30 minutes away, without traffic. AND you picked up your dry cleaning? There's no way. Anyway, I was with my new girlfriend, Teri, last night. You can call her.

DETECTIVE JONES

We'll do that.

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INT. NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROSECUTOR MILLER

You guys are back already? Was the ex not home? And are those donuts?

DETECTIVE BARNES

Yes, these are donuts and yes, we questioned the ex.

PROSECUTOR MILLER

But, it's not even 10 o'clock and you're already back. AND you got donuts on the way? How is that even possible?

DETECTIVE JONES

We're just doing our jobs.

PROSECUTOR MILLER

Well, while you were gone for that extremely short amount of time, the deli manager came in and made a full confession, so the case is closed. I guess Trish will be taking angels' orders from now on.

DETECTIVE BARNES

Prosecutor, leave the puns to us.

Blackout.