

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?

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.

Sound effect: "CHUNG CHUNG." Black background with address
of New York City Police Department: 19th Precinct. 153 E
67th St, New York, NY 10065 9:58AM

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.