

Positive ID

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INT.POLICE STATION.DAY

DS MARK MAGEE is a smartly dressed man in his thirties. He walks down a long corridor reading a sheet of paper and carrying a leather case. In various rooms we see policemen and women on telephones and in front of computers. DS Magee comes to the end of the corridor and stops outside a large room. WPC MARY JONES is waiting for him

DS MAGEE

Good morning Constable Jones. Is everything ready?

WPC JONES

Yes Sir. Sergeant Fraser has updated the investigation team. They're just waiting for your briefing

DS MAGEE

Thank you Constable

DS Magee looks through the office window. There are about a dozen officers in the room, men and women. A few are dressed in uniform and others are in civilian clothing. Some are chatting between themselves, some reading papers. A few are looking at their mobile phones

DS Magee opens the office door

DS MAGEE

After you Constable Jones

WPC JONES

Thank you sir

DS Magee follows WPC Jones into the office.

The officers already seated stop talking, put down their papers and put away their mobile phones

DS Magee motions WPC Jones to sit down and then unzips his leather case and puts some files on the table in front of him. He flicks through some note cards and then looks at the white board behind him. There is a large map with different coloured pins in various locations. There is also photos of clothing and a knife. There are dates and times written at various intervals. Finally we see the word VICTIMS under which the figure six has been written

DS Magee faces the officers

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DS MAGEE
Good Morning ladies and gentlemen.

The assembled officers murmur a collective greeting

DS MAGEE
Right. Let's get down to business.
As you are all aware, our rapist
struck again last night. That's six
attacks in less than three weeks.
Same area, same MO. The victim,
like all the others, was young,
blonde and under the influence of
alcohol. A knife was again held to
the victims throat throughout the
attack. Thankfully no injuries were
sustained. However, I'm under no
illusion that the next time we may
not be so lucky. There's no telling
what this monster will do if
someone puts up a struggle. The
next time it could be a murder
investigation

UNIFORMED PC
Where did this one take place Sir?

DS MAGEE
The location was less than five
hundred yards from the last attack.
A car park just South of Waterlow
Road. The profiling team believe
it's someone with local knowledge,
almost certainly someone who lives
or works in the Archway area

UNIFORMED PC
The Gazette certainly seem to think
so

DS MAGEE
Sorry?

UNIFORMED PC
Look

The PC holds up a copy of the Islington Gazette. The
headline reads ARCHWAY RIPPER STRIKES AGAIN

DS Magee takes the newspaper from the PC he starts to read
the story

DS MAGEE

Are these people for real? The Archway Ripper? I can't believe they want to give a name to this psychopath. It's just trivialising the whole thing. Surely they should have some respect for the families.

WPC JONES

Perhaps it might bring in a few leads Sir. We need all the help we can get at the moment.

DS Magee turns around and looks at WPC Jones with a scowl on his face

DS MAGEE

Thank you Constable

He turns back to the face the other policemen and throws the paper onto the desk.

DS MAGEE

This case won't be solved by some reporter looking for a cheap headline. It will only be solved by good, solid police work. Door to door enquiries, checking all witness statements, cross referencing the Sex Offenders Register. These are the things that will...

He is interrupted by a mobile telephone going BEEP BEEP. A plain clothes detective to the right of the group glances at his mobile phone

DS MAGEE

As I was saying, it's police work and legwork that will solve this case. I'm sure the clues that we're looking for are out there, we just need to...

DS Magee notices the same plainclothes detective show another plainclothes detective his phone. Both are smiling at the what they see. DS Magee walks over and stops just in front of the two officers. Both look up at him and stop smiling. The owner of the phone puts it back in his jacket pocket

DS MAGEE
(smiling)
Good joke was it lads?

DC MILES
Sir?

DS MAGEE
I was asking if it was a good joke.

DC MILES
What do you mean Sir?

DS MAGEE
Well I take it the text you
received was the reason you were
both grinning like Cheshire cats.
Or maybe I'm wrong. Maybe it was a
photo eh? was that it? a nude bird?
because it was obviously far more
entertaining than my briefing

DS SULLIVAN
It was nothing of the sort. Your
out of order Sergeant

DS MAGEE
Out of order? You accuse me of
being out of order.
(raising his voice)
I'm trying to solve one of the
biggest cases this force has had in
over 20 years. I've got the media
making us look like clowns and now
you two are acting like a couple of
schoolkids

DC MILES
It's not what you think Sir

DS MAGEE
No? well let me tell you what I
think Detective Constable. I think
you and your friend here are a
couple of throwbacks. A couple of
old school coppers. Reagan and
Carter circa 2012. Hell, you
probably think the victims deserved
it. Yea, they were drunk, dressed
up to the nines, they were asking
for it. Is that it? is that how
your warped minds work

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DS Sullivan lunges at DS Magee but he is restrained by other officers before he reaches him. DS Magee doesn't move an inch

DS SULLIVAN
(shouting)
You wanna see what's on my phone?

DS Sullivan pulls the mobile from his pocket

DS SULLIVAN
Here. Have a look. Go on, have a good look

He holds the phone in the face of DS Magee

DS SULLIVAN
There. That's what I was looking at. That's what me and Jim were grinning at

DS Magee looks at the phone. there is a picture of a young boy with the message HI DADDY. WILL YOU BE HOME TO TUCK ME IN TONIGHT? I MISS YOU. JOSH XXX

DS MAGEE
Your son?

DS SULLIVAN
(snatching the phone)
Yes, it's my son. And Jim's Godson. The kid's seen so little of me during this investigation I'm surprised he remembers me at all. He's asleep when I get in at night and he's asleep when I leave in the morning. I've been working hundred hour weeks since this investigation started. I've done three straight shifts in the last two days. For what? so that you can take the piss out of me just cos I forgot to turn my phone off. I've worked harder than any other officer on this case so don't you dare stand there and accuse me of not caring.

DS MAGEE
(quietly)
I'm... I'm sorry. Please accept my apologies.... both of you. I got a bit carried away. I know you're good officers. We've all been under
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DS MAGEE (cont'd)
a lot of pressure, but it's unfair
to take it out on you. Please, will
you accept my apologies?

DS Magee holds his hand out. DS Sullivan pauses for a moment and looks DS Magee in the eye. His face then mellows and he shakes his hands. DC Miles also shakes hands and everyone returns to their seats.

DS MAGEE
I would like to apologise to
everyone for my behaviour. I can
assure you it will not happen
again. However, can everyone just
take a moment to make sure that all
phones are now switched off. We
don't want any more interruptions.

Everyone in the room checks their phones.

DS MAGEE
Thank you. Now back to the case.

Before DS Magee can go any further a phone starts RINGING. Everyone in the room looks around for where the noise is coming from. After a few moments everyone's eyes settle on DS Magee

DS MAGEE
(whispers to himself)
Shit

He gingerly takes the phone from his pocket and half heartedly smiles at the other officers. They all glare back at him. He blushes

DS MAGEE
It's my work phone. Emergencies
only.

UNIFORMED PC
Of course it is Sir

DS MAGEE
No I mean it. It's work related.
Look I'll put it on loudspeaker if
you don't believe me.

He lays the phone on the desk and presses SPEAKER

DS MAGEE
(into phone)
Hello. DS Magee here

DESK SERGEANT
Hello Mark, it's Sergeant Keane
from the custody suite

DS MAGEE
Hi Sean. I'm with the Investigation
Team at the moment. I've got you on
loudspeaker so mind your language
mate

DESK SERGEANT
No problem
(in loud voice)
Morning all

The gathered officers respond with a muffled greeting

DS MAGEE
Have you got some news on the case?

DESK SERGEANT
You could say that

DS MAGEE
Go on

DESK SERGEANT
At six am this morning there was a
minor road traffic accident on
Tufnell Park Road. A tow truck and
a number nineteen bus had a slight
collision. Minimal damage to both
vehicles. But instead of swapping
insurance details, the drivers
decided to start swapping insults.
According to the bus passengers
this went on for about five
minutes. The tow truck driver then
jumped from the cab and ran onto
the bus waving a big knife at the
bus driver.

DS MAGEE
Sorry Sergeant, but what does this
have to do with the investigation?

DESK SERGEANT
I'm coming to that. You see it just
so happened that an area car was
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DESK SERGEANT (cont'd)
passing the scene and stopped to
see what was going on. They managed
to disarm the tow truck driver who
was arrested, brought to the
station and charged. A DNA swab was
taken and guess what?

DS MAGEE
Go on

DESK SERGEANT
It matches the sample taken from
the third rape.

DS MAGEE
You're kidding

DESK SERGEANT
No I'm not. And it gets better, The
knife is an exact match for the one
described as being used by the
rapist. Forensics are checking it
as we speak, but they're pretty
confident it's the one we've been
looking for

DS MAGEE
Has the tow truck driver been ID'd
yet?

DESK SERGEANT
Yea, a mechanic by the name of
Reilly

DS MAGEE
Home address?

DESK SERGEANT
Newtown Estate, Archway

DS MAGEE
Work address?

DESK SERGEANT
Junction Road Garage, Archway

DS MAGEE
Just like the profiling team said.
Lives and works in Archway.

DS Magee starts getting his paperwork together

DS MAGEE
Where's Reilly now?

DESK SERGEANT
In the cells with the duty
solicitor. Although by now they're
both probably in the ID suite

DS MAGEE
The ID suite? They've agreed to an
ID parade?

DESK SERGEANT
Yea. The brief informed me that his
client had no objections, so it's
all been set up. ID Room seven

DS MAGEE
But hang on. We need to get some of
the victims in.

DESK SERGEANT
Another stroke of luck. One of them
was already in the building

DS MAGEE
What?

DESK SERGEANT
Last nights victim Holly was giving
a statement to two of your guys
upstairs.

DS MAGEE
What time is the ID set for?

DESK SERGEANT
It's happening as we speak. If you
run you might just make it.

DS MAGEE
I'm on my way. Thanks Sean, let's
hope we get a result

DESK SERGEANT
Good luck

DS Magee turns off his phone, quickly packs up all his
papers and starts heading for the door. As he opens the door
he turns to all the officers

DS MAGEE

I want to thank you each and everyone of you for all the hard work you have put in. It's not over yet, but maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel. I'll update you all as soon as possible.

DS Magee leaves the office and heads down the corridor. First he walks, then speeds up into a trot and then into a full sprint. He flies down the stairs and is seen out of breath leaning up against a room with a sign saying INDENTIFICATION SUITE 7. He gets his breath back and knocks on the door. An officer opens the door and DS Magee enters

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The room is dimly lit, with a one way window running down one side. We see a detective standing in front of Holly, a long haired blonde

DC PHILLIPS

I know this is hard for you, but please can you repeat what you have just told me for DS Magee

Holly raises a hand and points at the one way window. Holly turns around and we see that it is a man

HOLLY

Number five. That's her. That's the woman that raped me. I am absolutely certain... I'll never forget that face

DC PHILLIPS

Thank you Mister Holly. I know that must have been difficult, but you did just fine

We see the back of DS Magee as he leaves the suite. Through the one way glass we then see him enter the other room. The line-up is made up of six women. DS Magee approaches number five. She is an attractive women dressed in garage overalls.

DS MAGEE

Kathy Reilly, I'm arresting you for the rape of Jason Holly.

He starts handcuffing her

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DS MAGEE

You do not have to say anything,
but it may harm your defence, if
you do not mention when questioned,
something which you later rely on
in court