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EXT. PARK - NIGHT

A small park with no one around, solitude. The trees stand as sentinels around a paved jogging path.

A WOMAN jogs solo down the path listening to her headphones. We cannot see the woman's face clearly. A blur of motion from the trees and the woman is tackled by a MAN, her headphones break as they hit the ground.

She struggles aggressively, but he pins her hands down above her head as he holds a knife to her belly.

He leans down and whispers.

    MAN
    This will all be over soon.

He licks the beads of sweat off her cheek. He works one-handed, while holding the knife to her throat, he pulls her jogging shorts free.

FADE OUT:

THE SOUND OF THE WOMAN SCREAMING.

TITLE CARD: SIX MONTHS LATER

INT. HOUSE - DAY

A small but quaint home with all the furnishings of suburbia.

WILLIAM KAINE, an imposing figure not so much in physique as in attitude. Kaine is in his late fifties.

He dresses in the uniform of a corrections officer. His many awards for service watch him from the walls.

INT. KITCHEN

The table is set for four people. Kaine's wife, SUSAN, fixes breakfast, ham and eggs, at the stove. His daughter EMILY, fifteen, is at the table. Kaine sits at the head of the table. Susan places breakfast on the table and sits. The family eyes the unoccupied place at the table.

Without a word Kaine gathers the plate and silverware from the vacant spot at the table and passes it to Susan. Susan places the plate in the cupboard. She starts to cry. Kaine gets up to comfort her.
KAINE
(softly)
You need to let it go.

Kaine and Susan make it back to the table. The family bows their heads.

KAINE
(continuing)
Emily, please.

EMILY
Dear God, thank you for this food.
Thank you for our home. Please comfort us in our time of need, and please punish the sinners.

Kaine smiles to himself.

EMILY
(continuing)
Amen.

EXT. PRISON - DAY

A crib of scum in all it's glory. A sign reads PENNSYLVANIA STATE PENITENTIARY The sky is as dark as the prison itself.

INT. PRISON - DAY

JEFF KELLEY, in his late twenties, decked out in a correction officer's uniform, walks the halls with a Jansport backpack in tow. He cuts left down a flight of stairs. He looks back and forth cautiously.

INT. STORAGE ROOM - DAY

The storage room holds cabinets of cleaning materials as well as forgotten supplies from over the years.

Jeff takes off the backpack and withdraws a JVC video camera from it. He checks the battery life and takes off the lens cap. He surveys the ceiling. He moves and stack of wooden boxes underneath an air duct.

Jeff climbs the pyramid of crates and dislodges the vent cover. He places the camera inside and replaces the vent cover. He moves the boxes to their original position. He leaves the storage room the way he found it, empty and dark.

INT. STORAGE ROOM - LATER
The door swings open. In comes Kaine, dragging a resisting inmate, DARYL WILCOX. Daryl is a skinny, wimp of a man. White trash through and through. His voice is silenced by a strip of duct tape.

Kaine handcuffs Daryl to an exposed pipe, arms over his head. Daryl struggles aggressively.

Kaine unbuttons his uniform shirt, exposing a "wife beater" tank-top. He pulls a nightstick from his belt.

KAINE
Let me tell you the reason I've brought you here, Daryl.

Kaine struts his stuff.

KAINE
(continuing)
I've been here for twenty-five years working my ass off. Day in and day out I see fuckers like you go free. While you're here you get free room and board, cable television and three square meals a day. Hell, I don't even have cable television, but I do eat better than you, thanks to my wife. You know if someone like you were in Russia and were convicted, you'd be shot on the spot.

Daryl watches with fear glazing in his eyes.

KAINE
(continuing)
So, when do you get out Daryl?

Daryl mumbles.

KAINE
(continuing)
This week isn't it?
(instantly angry)
You wife beating son of a bitch. She's dead and you're alive. What's wrong with this picture? No justice, no punishment. I say an eye for an eye. What do you think?

Kaine rips the duct tape from Daryl's mouth. Daryl screams.
DARYL
Fuck you!

KAINE
Fuck me!? That's it? That's all you have to say for yourself? I say, fuck you!

Kaine lashes out with his nightstick striking repeatedly across Daryl's ribs. Daryl struggles against the handcuffs making his wrists bleed. Kaine hits him against his thighs and knees.

THE SOUND OF BONES CRACKING as the nightstick makes contact.

Kaine takes a breather.

KAINE
(continuing)
Had enough?

Daryl struggles to breathe.

KAINE
(continuing)
What?

Kaine creeps next to Daryl almost placing his ear against Daryl's mouth, but just out of reach.

DARYL
(whispering labored)
Go fuck yourself.

Kaine steps back and brings the nightstick down with all his fury across Daryl's jaw. Daryl slumps.

Kaine paces back and forth admiring the damage. He hurriedly puts the nightstick back in his belt and grabs his uniform shirt.

Kaine opens the door and peeks out his head.

INT. BOTTOM OF STAIRS

A larger than-life black man, dressed in the garb of a corrections officer. This is ISAAC DANSK, he's one twitchy guy, always on edge.

Dansk is leaning against the wall with a halfway finished cigarette.
Kaine

Make sure no one's coming. I'll bring him out.

Dansk throws down the cigarette stomping it out.

INT. STORAGE ROOM

Kaine finishes buttoning his shirt and tucks it in. He uncuffs the limp form of Daryl and drags him out the door.

INT. HALLWAY

Dansk

Jesus Christ! I thought you were going to go easy on him.

Kaine

He pissed me off.

Dansk

He looks like he's dead.

Kaine

What are you? A fucking doctor or something?

Dansk

You know, he'll probably squeal.

Kaine

No he won't.

Dansk throws Daryl's limp form over his shoulder. Kaine inspects the area as they leave.

Kaine

(continuing)

Let's go.

INT. PRISON SHOWERS - DAY

An empty, white sanitized group shower.

Kaine and Dansk carry the naked body of Daryl, one holding his arms the other his legs.

Kaine

Put him down.

Dansk

I don't know about this.
Dansk wipes the sweat beaded on his forehead with a handkerchief.

DANSK
(continuing)
Sooner or later someone is going to find out. We're going to get caught. We're going to get caught.

Kaine gets in Dansk's face.

KAINE
Are you going pussy on me?

Dansk backs away from Kaine.

DANSK
No sir. I'm just saying I think you need to chill a little.

KAINE
Don't tell me what to do. This will all blow over. Just a routine work over from one of the gangs.

INT. SHOWERS - LATER

A group of THREE INMATES enter the shower wrapped in towels.

INMATE#1
Holy, sweet Jesus!

Daryl's body remains in the same place, horribly disfigured. Blood stains the once white walls a deep crimson. Blood covers everything. On Daryl's chest is carved one word, EZEKIEL. Underneath the word is carved the reference 7:3.

INMATE#2
Mother fucker!

Inmate#1 runs from the shower with apparent fear.

INMATE#3
We better get someone, man.

The inmates leave the shower and Daryl's body behind. Blood, fresh and glistening, covers the tile floor.

EXT. PRISON COURTYARD- DAY

Behind chain link fences topped with razor wire is a 1998 white Ford Econoline coroner's van.
CORRECTIONS OFFICERS mill about watching TWO CORONER'S ASSISTANTS load the covered body of Daryl Wilcox into the back of the van. Dansk and Kaine are part of the crowd. Behind the fences INMATES rubberneck the scene.

The warden, THOMAS MILLER, in his late sixties, is a pure bureaucrat, quick to look good in the public eye. He and the CORONER are at the steps to the entrance of the prison spectating and chatting.

WARDEN MILLER
Now, let's keep this hush-hush. With all that's happened over the past months we don't need the extra exposure.

The Warden shakes the Coroner's hand slipping him a fifty dollar bill in the process.

CORONER
Mum's the word, but this is the forth one. If this keeps up and the word gets out, which it will sooner or later.

WARDEN MILLER
Yeah, yeah, I know. Any idea as to what this Ezekiel thing means?

CORONER
Looks like some kind of bible reference to me, but then again I'm agnostic, so what do I know?

The coroner turns and goes to the van. The warden scans the gathered crowd and spots Kaine talking to Dansk.

DANSK
Do you think the Warden knows anything?

Dansk wipes sweat from his head, tossing his cigarette butt on the ground. He lights another one.

KAINEN
He doesn't know anything. He couldn't tell his ass from a hole in the ground unless I point it out for him. He's too caught up in his politics and worried about the upcoming election.
The Warden comes up from behind Kaine.

DANSK
Coming up on your six.

Kaine turns around to greet the Warden.

Kaine
Hello, sir...

WARDEN MILLER
Spare me the bullshit Kaine. I want to see you in my office in five minutes.

The Warden leaves.

Kaine
Asshole.

DANSK
I'm telling you, he knows.

Kaine shakes his head and smirks.

Kaine
Dansk, if that smoking doesn't kill you, an ulcer will.

Kaine leaves Dansk alone to finish his cigarette.

INT. WARDEN'S OFFICE - DAY

Golf memorabilia is strung throughout the warden's office. Pictures of golf celebrities shaking hands with the Warden especially stand out. A few campaign posters and signs stand out with his slogan THOMAS MILLER "HE KEEPS OUR COMMUNITY SAFE".

Warden Miller sits behind his desk with bible in hand.

WARDEN MILLER
Let's see...

He flips pages.
Ezekiel 7:3. Here we are

"Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations."

THE SOUND OF A KNOCK ON THE DOOR.

Warden Miller sets the bible back on his desk.

Come in.

Kaine strides in, sure of himself.

Take a seat, Kaine.

Kaine sits.

What the fuck is going on in here? Four murders in the past six months? Do you know how this will make me look?

I'm sorry sir. I'm working on it.

Do you have any idea who this Ezekiel killer is?

No, not yet.

Well there's a surprise. If you were doing your job and didn't treat this place like it's your own personal playground, maybe you would know something by now.
KAINE
What do you want me to do? I can't be everywhere at once.

WARDEN MILLER
Well, you better figure out how. I'm sick of this bullshit. It makes me look bad. Sometime the media's going to get a hold of this and then the governor will withdraw his support because of public opinion. You're getting weak Kaine. If I don't see some improvement, you may be looking for a new job soon. Got it?

KAINE
Yes sir.

WARDEN MILLER
Get the hell out of here.

Kaine rises with contained fury and turns to leave.

WARDEN MILLER (continuing)
I mean it Kaine. I want results. You find out who's doing this, or you'll be the one to hang.

Kaine shakes his head in disgust and exits.

Warden Miller gets up from his desk and goes to a coffee maker nearby. He pours himself a steaming cup. He picks up the phone from his desk.

WARDEN MILLER (continuing)
Fran, get the governor on the phone. I'll wait.

The Warden takes a drink and promptly misses his mouth and spills on his cheap silk shirt.

WARDEN MILLER (continuing)
Shit!

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Dansk waits in the hall, wiping sweat from his forehead.
Kaine casually approaches.

DANSK
How'd it go?

KAINENome old shit. He's just concerned about his audience.

DANSK
So, what do we do now?

KAINENe crack a few heads and pin it on someone.

DANSK
Anyone in particular?

KAINENo one yet, but someone's bound to piss me off today.

INT. PRISON STORAGE ROOM - DAY

Jeff closes the door and sets down the backpack. He moves some of the storage crates underneath the duct and climbs up on the crate and retrieves the camera from its hiding place.

He checks the camcorder and climbs down from the crates and stuffs it into the backpack. He puts the vent cover back in place and moves the storage crates back to their original position. He leaves the storage room.

INT. JEFF'S HOUSE - NIGHT

In the kitchen Jeff and his wife ANDREA eat homemade meatloaf. Andrea is the same age as Jeff and very petite. It's obvious that she is eight months pregnant.

Jeff heartily scarfs the meatloaf.

JEFF
This is great, honey.

He holds his plate out for seconds. Andrea cuts a piece and puts it on Jeff’s plate.

ANDREA
(melancholy)
Thanks.
JEFF
(concerned)
What's wrong, honey?

Andrea plays with her food while she speaks.

ANDREA
I don't know.

JEFF
Sure ya do. You can tell me.

She hesitates. Jeff reaches for her hand and squeezes it gently.

ANDREA
I just don't feel good.

JEFF
What, is the baby giving you problems?

ANDREA
No, it's not that.

A beat.

ANDREA
(continuing)
Well yeah, it is.

She stands up and backs away from the table.

ANDREA
(continuing)
I feel so...so...

JEFF
I know how you feel.

Andrea breaks in sharply.

ANDREA
No. You don't know how I feel.
This has never happened to you.

Jeff stands up and goes to Andrea. She reaches out and stops him. Jeff reaches out for her and she collapses in his arms a mass of anger and frustration. He caresses her hair.

JEFF
Everything will be alright.
INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Jeff sits hunched close to the television in the living room, remote in hand. The sound is low on the television. ON THE TV, we see played before us, Kaine beating Daryl Wilcox. Jeff stops the tape and rewinds it, starting it from the beginning.

A half-asleep Andrea enters in a silk nightgown. She startles Jeff.

ANDREA
Jeff, when are you coming to bed?

Jeff quickly pushes stop on the remote and the TV screen goes blue.

JEFF
I just finished up honey, I'll be in soon. Why don't you go back to bed?

ANDREA
I can't sleep.

JEFF
Did you remember to take your vitamin?

ANDREA
No, I forgot.

JEFF
Go back to bed and I'll bring it to you when I come in.

Andrea starts to head back to bed. Jeff ejects the tape from the VCR and stuffs the tape back in the backpack.

ANDREA
What's that for?

JEFF
Just a little something I've been working on.

Jeff zips up the backpack and ushers Andrea towards the bedroom. Worried, he watches her go.

INT. PRISON BREAK ROOM - DAY

A small kitchen like area. A coffee maker sits on the counter next to the sink.
Jeff mixes a fresh pot of coffee alone. Kaine and Dansk enter talking.

KAINENo one thought to tell him about the coffee maker.
(to Jeff)
Hey pour me one while your at it.

JEFF
I was just going to ask if you wanted some. Can I get some for you too, Dansk?

DANSK
No thanks. Don't have time, I gotta go check on something.
(to Kaine)
See you later.

KAINENo one thought to tell him about the coffee maker.
Yep.

Dansk leaves the break room. Jeff brings over two cups of steaming coffee. He hands one to Kaine.

KAINENo one thought to tell him about the coffee maker.
(continuing)
So, how are you liking it here?

JEFF
It's taken some time but I think I'm getting used to it.

KAINENo one thought to tell him about the coffee maker.
You never really do get used to it. The prisoners stay here and we get to go home at night and bang our wives.

JEFF
Does it ever get to you?

KAINENo one thought to tell him about the coffee maker.
At one point or another it gets to all of us. Thank God for retirement.

JEFF
Any pointers on how to deal with it?

KAINENo one thought to tell him about the coffee maker.
With what?
JEFF
The pressure.

Kaine
You'll find a way. We all do. You've only been here a little while, you're barely skimming the surface. After twenty-five years, I'm sure you'll find something.

JEFF
Does it ever get to you, to know that hardened convicts are walking the streets? They come in here and then they leave, right back out in the open. No sense of being punished, no guilt, no justice.

Kaine takes a long sip from his coffee.

Kaine
Stop pissing on my leg and spit it out.

Jeff looks hard into Kaine's eyes.

JEFF
Daryl Wilcox was no accident was it? The inmates didn't kill him, did they? How long did you think you'd get away with it?

Kaine throws down his cup of coffee and reaches over the table and grabs Jeff by his collar hauling him over the table, turning it over. He stands up and throws Jeff against the wall. Kaine holds him there one-handed over the throat.

Kaine
Listen to me you little fuck! I was running this place before your dad shot his wad into your mom! I run it how I see fit! If you still want your job you better keep your mouth shut and mind your own fucking business! Got it?!

Kaine stares hard into Jeff waiting for an answer, but Jeff is mute. Kaine releases him and exits the break room. Jeff straightens his shirt and tie.

He reaches in his pants pocket and withdraws a Sony mini-cassette recorder. He pushes a button and the recorder stops.
EXT. PRISON EXERCISE YARD - DAY

SEVERAL INMATES are out and about. Some lift weights, others play basketball, and some talk like old ladies in sewing circles.

Dansk hovers on the outskirts watching and waiting.

DANSK
(to himself)
This is fucked up, fucked up.
We're gonna get caught. Fuck!
 Fucking Kaine!

He wipes sweat from his forehead with a hanky and lights up a smoke. Kaine approaches Dansk from behind.

KAINE
We got a problem.

DANSK
Fuck! Fuck, I knew it.

KAINE
Calm down, don't get your panties in a wad. I took care of it.

DANSK
Jesus Christ, I knew this was going to happen. Who's on to us?

KAINE
Kelley, but keep your cool, he doesn't have any proof. Nobody would believe him over me, right.

Dansk looks hard at Kaine. A tense moment passes between them. Kaine grabs Dansk by the front of the shirt.

KAINE
(continuing)
Right?

DANSK
(softly)
Yeah. Yeah, you're right.

Dansk again wipes his forehead.
Kaine
Everything is under control, just keep you're mouth shut. Why don't you go get a drink?

Dansk
I'll do that.

Dansk walks off like he has a stick up his ass, nervous as ever.

Kaine turns around and crosses his arms, a symbol of power, as he surveys the yard. TWO INMATES playing basketball start arguing and shoving one another. It soon turns into an all out fight. A circle of inmates form to cheer on the brawlers. Kaine rushes over.

Kaine reaches down and grabs one inmate by the neck hauling him off the other.

Kaine
Knock this shit off!

The inmate on the ground accidentally kicks Kaine. Kaine throws the inmate he has collared down.

Kaine's baton appears in his hand as if by magic. He lowers it down onto the inmate on the ground. Beating him repeatedly. The inmate struggles at first against Kaine's blows but then goes unconscious. Kaine stops, breathing heavily, he sheaths his baton. The inmates in the circle have grown silent.

Kaine
(continuing)
What the fuck are you all looking at? Get out of here before I put you all on lock down.

Kaine pushes through the mass of inmates and disappears from the yard.

INT. WARDEN'S OFFICE - DAY

Warden Miller is practicing putting on one of those putting greens, the kind that spits back your ball. He shoots and misses the putt.

Warden Miller
Damn it!

THE SOUND OF A KNOCK AT THE DOOR.
WARDEN MILLER
(continuing)
Come in.

Jeff enters with his backpack in tow.

WARDEN MILLER
(continuing)
Hello Mr....Kelley, isn't it?

JEFF
That's right. Just call me Jeff, sir.

The warden continues putting.

WARDEN MILLER
Okay, Jeff, what can I help you with?

Jeff looks around the office at all the golf memorabilia. He goes to a picture of Chi Chi Rodriguez.

JEFF
Is this Chi Chi Rodriguez?

Warden Miller looks up from aligning a putt.

WARDEN MILLER
Yes it is. You a golf fan?

JEFF
No, not really. I played once and got something like fifty-five over par. I'm pretty good at miniature golf though.

Warden Miller chuckles. He puts down the putter and sits behind his desk.

WARDEN MILLER
Take a seat.

Jeff sits and places the backpack on the floor.

WARDEN MILLER
(continuing)
So, what can I help you with?

JEFF
Well sir, I have some information you might be interested in.
WARDEN MILLER  
Really? What kind of information?

JEFF  
Some that might be damaging to your campaign.

The warden shows mild concern.

WARDEN MILLER  
Go on.

JEFF  
The murders that are happening around here aren't being committed by inmates. They're being done by one of us.

WARDEN MILLER  
What do you mean? Who?

JEFF  
Captain Kaine, sir.

WARDEN MILLER  
Kaine? That's impossible! I know that he has a short temper, but he's been here for twenty-five years. He'd never jeopardize his career by going as far as murder.

JEFF  
He puts on a good act sir, but he has some extracurricular activities that you are probably not aware of. I have proof.

WARDEN MILLER  
(surprised)  
By all means, show me what proof you have.

Jeff opens his backpack and retrieves the mini-cassette recorder. He pushes play.

JEFF (V.O.)  
Daryl Wilcox was no accident was it? The inmates didn't kill him, did they? How long did you think you'd get away with it?
KAINÉ (V.O.)
Listen to me you little fuck! I was running this place before your dad shot a wad into your mom! I run it how I see fit! If you still want your job you better keep your mouth shut and mind your own fucking business! Got it?!

Jeff pushes stop on the recorder.

WARDEN MILLER
That doesn't prove anything Mr. Kelley. And it certainly wouldn't hold up in court. More over, it doesn't damage my reputation at all.

JEFF
Maybe not, but this will.

Jeff retrieves a video tape from the back pack. Jeff indicates a Zenith TV/VCR combo in the office.

JEFF
(Continuing)
May I?

WARDEN MILLER
Please.

Jeff gets up and goes to the TV/VCR. Warden Miller gets up and goes to the coffee maker. He pours himself a cup.

WARDEN MILLER
(Continuing)
Would you like any?

JEFF
No thanks.

The warden sits down again behind his desk with his cup of coffee. Jeff pushes the power button and pops the tape in. He pushes play.

ON THE TV we see Kaine beating Daryl Wilcox.

The warden takes a sip of coffee, upon seeing Kaine on the screen he gags on the coffee spilling it down his front.
WARDEN MILLER
Shit! I've seen enough, turn it off.

Jeff pushes the stop button. The warden dabs a napkin down his front. Jeff takes the tape and stuffs it back in the back pack.

WARDEN MILLER
(continuing)
Fuck! If the media gets a hold of this my campaign will be over. The governor is not going to be happy. How did you get a hold of this?

JEFF
I guess you could say that I have some extracurricular activities of my own.

WARDEN MILLER
What do you want?

Jeff gets up and heads towards the door.

JEFF
Warden I'm not doing this for money or for favors. I just want to see Kaine behind bars.

Jeff exits the office.

Warden Miller picks up the phone and pushes a button. He waits patiently.

WARDEN MILLER
This is Warden Miller down at the prison. Can you send a unit over?

He hangs up the phone.

WARDEN MILLER
(continuing)
Son of a bitch!

INT. PRISON CAFETERIA - DAY

Rows and rows of fold-down bench tables occupied with inmates chowing down on what could pass as food.

Kaine keeps a vigil on the inmates.
Two uniformed, POLICE OFFICERS enter.

POLICE OFFICER #1
Captain William Kaine?

KAINE
Yes.

POLICE OFFICER #1
Would you please come with us, sir?

KAINE
What the hell is this about?

The inmates are at full attention while Kaine converses with the policemen.

POLICE OFFICER #2
Please sir, just come with us.

Police officer #2 grabs Kaine by the arm. Kaine shakes off his grasp.

KAINE
Let go of me! What's the meaning of this?

THE SOUND OF MUFFLED QUESTIONS FROM THE INMATES.

Both police officers grab Kaine. One on each side of him.

KAINE
(continuing)
Get the fuck off of me!

Kaine struggles to break free. The police officers slam Kaine hard on the floor and slap on a pair of handcuffs.

THE SOUND OF THE INMATES CHEERING.

POLICE OFFICER #1
Stop resisting sir.

KAINE
Fuck you!

The officers lift Kaine up. A glob of what looks like mash potatoes flies through the air and hits Kaine on the side of the face.

ANGRY INMATE (O.S.)
Take that, mother fucker!
More food starts soaring through the atmosphere and the police officers quickly haul Kaine out of the cafeteria.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Dansk and Jeff stand in the hall surrounded by other CORRECTIONS OFFICERS.

The police officers hold Kaine firmly while they parade him through the halls. Kaine flashes Jeff a cold stare as he walks by.

KAINE
You mother fucker! Don't think you've done anything. You can't prove anything.

POLICE OFFICER #2
C'mon, let's go.

Kaine looks at Dansk. Dansk has a worried expression, he cannot meet Kaine's gaze. Dansk wipes his forehead and loosens his collar. He walks away from the scene.

INT. WARDEN'S OFFICE - DAY

Warden Miller parts his blinds and peeks out into the courtyard as he sees the police officers shove Kaine into the backseat of their waiting 1999 Crown Victoria.

WARDEN MILLER
God damn it, Kaine.

EXT. PRISON COURTYARD - DAY

Jeff watches as Kaine is put into the back of the police car. Once the door is shut he heads back inside.

INT. PRISON BREAK ROOM - DAY

Dansk is smoking and trying to pour a cup of coffee all at once. He is visibly rattled; collar loose, tie hanging askew. Jeff enters.

JEFF
Hey Dansk, how's it going?

DANSK
What are you trying to do Jeff?
JEFF
Me? I'm not doing anything. You on the other hand...

DANSK
But I didn't do anything! It was all Kaine.

JEFF
But you helped him, right?

Dansk looks at Jeff sharply.

JEFF
(continuing)
Sounds like accessory to me.

Dansk paces back and forth frantic.

DANSK
But it wasn't my idea.

JEFF
Either way you're screwed.

Jeff leaves. Dansk contemplates his options, taking a deep drag off his smoke.

INT. HOLDING ROOM - DAY

Kaine sits straight-faced at a plain table. There's not much in the room. A Sony TV/VCR combo sits in the corner.

A man enters the room. This is WALTER STRAUSS Kaine's lawyer. In his late fifties with a little bit of a weight problem, always with a donut nearby.

Walter has difficulty closing the door due to files and a large box of BUNGLE DONUTS under his arm. He closes the door and sets the objects on the table. He sits across from Kaine.

WALTER
Hello, Will.

KAINE
Hi, Walter.

Walter opens up the box of donuts and holds a glazed one out to Kaine.

WALTER
Want one?
Walter takes a bite.

Kaine

No.

Walter opens some of the files spread in front of him with sticky fingers. He reads for a moment.

Walter (continuing)

Okay, it says here that you're being charged with the murder of Daryl Wilcox. You are also suspected of committing three other murders.

Kaine

Three! I thought I was only being charged with one?

Walter

Well William, even one is too many, but it says right here that you're being charged with the murders of

(reading)

Daniel Shapiro, death by suffocation on January 13, 2000; Jimmy Russell—death by broken neck on March 6, 2000; Elliot Price—death by inflicted knife wounds on April 27, 2000; and finally Daryl Wilcox, death by inflicted wounds to the head on June 7, 2000. Quite a mess.

Kaine

Wait a minute. How are the other ones, besides Wilcox, related to me?

Walter scans the file once more.
WALTER
It looks like Daryl Wilcox was found with the inscription of Ezekiel 7:3 carved into his chest, just like all the other victims. In effect, they think you're the Ezekiel killer.

Kaine thinks for a moment.

WALTER
(continuing)
I have to ask Will, are you?

Kaine looks hard into Walter's eyes.

EXT. PRISON COURTYARD - DAY

The Warden exits the front doors of the prison. Nearby is parked a 1991 Chevy Astro news van. Upon the warden exiting, a beautiful female news reporter AMY STROSENBURG and CAMERA CREW exit the van and rush towards the Warden. The Warden quickly turns around to re-enter the prison.

AMY
Sir! Sir, can we have a moment of your time?

WARDEN MILLER
(to himself)
Shit!

The Warden turns around with a fake smile anyone could spot a mile away.

WARDEN MILLER
(continuing)
Sure. How can I help you?

AMY
Sir, we've recently been informed about a series of killings that have taken place here at the prison. Do you have any comments on that?

WARDEN MILLER
Well, right now there's a full investigation going on. We want to make it clear that we're going to get to the bottom of this. Thank you.
The Warden turns to leave again.

**AMY**
Sir, what about the report of one of your own officers being arrested for the killings?

**WARDEN MILLER**
As I said before there's a full investigation going on. I'm sure all of the facts will come out.

Thanks.

**AMY**
Do you think that this supposed investigation will hurt your chances in the election?

**WARDEN MILLER**
No, I don't think so.

The Warden goes back inside the prison.

Amy turns towards the camera.

**AMY**
We'll keep you updated throughout our own investigation of "Murder Behind Bars".

INT. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - DAY

A small corner office, a desk takes up the bulk of space in the room. Jeff sits across from a smart-looking man in his mid-thirties, this is District Attorney GREG PRESLY.

Greg reaches across the desk and shakes Jeff's hand.

**GREG**
Nice to meet you, Mr. Kelley. I'm District Attorney, Greg Presly.

**JEFF**
Just call me Jeff. Presly? Any relation to Elvis?

Greg smiles.

**GREG**
No. I spell "Presly" without an "E" at the end.
JEFF
Oh. Sorry, I was just curious.

GREG
It's alright, I'm used to it. Well Jeff, I've got quite a case here. You already supplied a great deal of information with the video tape you took. Any other information you have about these killings, as well as who may be involved, would greatly help.

JEFF
Kaine had a partner.

GREG
Really? Who?

JEFF
Isaac Dansk, Kaine's right hand man.

GREG
I didn't see him on the video.

JEFF
He's not on the video, but I saw him with Kaine as he committed the murders.

GREG
In court it will be your word against his.

JEFF
Oh, I don't think you'll have a problem getting Dansk to confess to his involvement.

INT. DANSK'S APARTMENT. - NIGHT

A small shit hole of a place, obviously Dansk is a bachelor.

Dansk is crouched on the couch, a coffee table sits in front of him. He smokes, the ash a mile long. It isn't his first, the nearby ashtray is close to overflowing. A bottle of JACK DANIEL'S is within reach. Our attention is drawn to a shiny, black GLOCK 9 millimeter centered on the table, along side a full magazine.

Dansk wipes sweat from his forehead.
DANSK
(to himself)
What am I going to do? Fucking Kaine.

He snuffs out the cigarette, and takes a swig of the alcohol. He picks up the 9 millimeter and checks the chamber. He inserts the magazine and wraps his lips around the barrel.

THE SOUND OF A KNOCK AT THE DOOR.
Dansk's finger tenses on the trigger, he closes his eyes.

THE SOUND OF A KNOCK AT THE DOOR.
Dansk takes the gun from his mouth slowly, and places it back on the table. He answers the door.

Two uniformed POLICE OFFICERS stand in the doorway.

POLICE OFFICER #1
Isaac Dansk?

DANSK
Yeah.

POLICE OFFICER #1
Turn around and place your hands on your head.

Dansk reluctantly complies.

DANSK
What did I do?

Police officer #2 takes one of Dansk's hands from the top of his head and brings it behind his back. He cuffs Dansk.

POLICE OFFICER #1
You're under arrest for accessory to murder.

The police officers finish handcuffing Dansk and take him away.

DANSK
Can one of you guys grab my smokes?

EXT. PRISON EXERCISE YARD - DAY
A group of INMATES are leaning against a wall like slackers that have nothing to do.
INMATE#1
So, who's this Ezekiel mother-fucker?

INMATE#2
You didn't hear, man?

INMATE#1
Hear what?

INMATE#3
Ezekiel is Kaine, man.

INMATE#1
Kaine?

INMATE#2
Yeah man, he did them all.

INMATE#1
I always knew he was one twisted son of a bitch.

INMATE#3
I hear he did it because of his daughter.

INMATE#1
I didn't know he had a daughter. Never figured on Kaine to be a guy that got action. What happened to her?

INMATE#2
She was raped and murdered.

INMATE#1
(reacting)
Shit.

INT. CHURCH - DAY
Jeff and Andrea sing a hymn, pillars of righteousness in a packed church. Jeff looks over at Andrea and smiles. He leans over and gives her a kiss.

INT. JAIL CELL - DAY
Kaine sits on his bed engrossed in studying the bible.
INT. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - NIGHT

One lamp is lit on the corner of the desk. An endless amount of folders are spread upon his desk. Greg studies.

INT. HOLDING ROOM - DAY

Dansk is seated at a plain table. His lawyer, CARL DENNING, slightly round and balding, sits across from him.

    CARL
    Mr. Dansk, I'm Carl Denning. I've been appointed to be your public defender. You're accused of being an accessory to murder. So what's the story?

    DANSK
    I didn't do anything. It was all Kaine.

    CARL
    Yes, but you were with William Kaine when the murder was committed, right?

    DANSK
    Well, yes and no.

    CARL
    What do you mean?

    DANSK
    Yes, I was with him, but Kaine didn't kill him.

    CARL
    It's shaping up to look like the evidence is pretty irrefutable, he'll be found guilty of murder, and you'll be guilty as an accessory.

    DANSK
    What can I do?

    CARL
    Here's what I suggest. The DA is looking for witnesses. Maybe we can make a deal with him.

    (more)
CARL (cont'd)
If you testify against Kaine, that will put him away for a very long time, probably a life sentence. If you plead guilty of the charge and testify that Kaine forced you to help him then maybe you'll get ten years and only serve five.

Dansk is taken aback he wipes sweat from his forehead. He lights a smoke and thinks.

DANSK
I can't do five years.

CARL
I'm sorry, but that's your best bet.

INT. GOVERNOR'S HOUSE - DAY

A mini-mansion, well-decorated. Everything is fashioned in leather.

Warden Miller sits on a couch drinking a cup of coffee. A slight drizzle of coffee falls from his mouth onto his shirt.

WARDEN MILLER
(whispering)
Goddamn it!

Warden Miller looks around as he quickly wipes away the mess.

GOVERNOR SWENSON makes his entrance. The governor is your typical good-old-boy, stern and stiff. When the governor arrives the Warden stands and the men shake hands.

GOVERNOR SWENSON
Hey Tom, good to see ya. Please take a seat.

WARDEN MILLER
Good to see you too, sir. What is it you wanted to speak with me about?

GOVERNOR SWENSON
Well Tom, I am concerned about your present situation at the prison.

(more)
GOVERNOR SWENSON (cont'd)
I've put in my two cents with everyone concerning this election and this trial could really turn around and bite me in the ass.

WARDEN MILLER
I can assure you, that the situation is under control. There's nothing to worry about.

GOVERNOR SWENSON
The media is saying that you've been too concerned with the election rather than what's going on at the prison. The people don't want someone who shirks responsibility.

WARDEN MILLER
The media will always be just that, the "media". They blow everything out of proportion.

The Governor interjects.

GOVERNOR SWENSON
But the people listen to the media Tom. If this trial turns out bad for you, so will your chances of becoming mayor.

INT. CHANNEL 7 NEWS ROOM - NIGHT
A man, SAGE CROMWELL and a woman, DOROTHY CUMMINGS, sit at the desk. Lights shine down from the set illuminating their made-up faces.

SAGE CROMWELL
Good evening, I'm Sage Cromwell.

DORTHY CUMMINGS
And I'm Dorothy Cummings, thank you for joining us tonight. Our top story focusses on "Murder Behind Bars" and the impending trial of William Kaine, who some believe is the prison killer known as Ezekiel.
SAGE CROMWELL
Tonight we have a special interview with District Attorney Greg Presly who will be prosecuting Kaine at the upcoming trial. Amy Strosenburg has the story.

Switch to television.

Amy has the microphone, she holds it for Greg.

AMY
Mr. Presly, how do you believe your case stands at this point?

GREG
Well, I believe we have strong evidence and testimony against Kaine. I think the outcome of this case will be without question and justice will be served.

AMY
What kind of evidence do you have?

GREG
Right now I'm not at liberty to say, but be guaranteed at the trial it will be irrefutable.

AMY
What about your witness? Can you tell us anything?

GREG
Again, I'm sorry, but rest assured all will come out during the trial.

AMY
Thank you for your time Mr. Presly.

GREG
My pleasure.

AMY
By the way, are you related to Elvis?

GREG
Ah..no.
AMY
Back to you Sage, and Dorothy.

INT. CHANNEL 7 NEWS ROOM - DAY

DORTHY CUMMINGS
Thanks, Amy.
(to camera)
We'll keep you posted on the story as it progresses.

INT. HOLDING ROOM - DAY

Kaine and Walter are the only two present in the room.

WALTER
It's not looking good for us, Will.

KAINĘ
What do you mean?

WALTER
Well, the DA has a video of you beating Daryl Wilcox, as well as a witness that will testify that you committed the other murders.

Kaine is silent.

WALTER
(continuing)
If you're thinking of still pleading not guilty, then I strongly suggest that you think about an insanity plea. It's an easy way out.

Kaine bursts.

KAINĘ
But I'm not fucking insane!

WALTER
Calm down, I'm not saying that you are, but an insane verdict would keep you out of prison and only give you minimal time in a psychiatric hospital.

KAINĘ
I'd rather go to prison than be in a rubber room.
Walter sports a concerned look.

WALTER
What about your family, Will? You have to think about them. In fact, that would be another thing to bring up in court that would help on an insanity plea.

KAINE
I won't do it.

WALTER
I'm just asking you to think about it. Look, we say the environment of the prison got to you after twenty-five years, that combined with your daughter's rape and subsequent murder, we'll have the jury eating out of our hands. There's no way that they'd convict you.

Walter looks to Kaine for an answer. Kaine is silent.

WALTER
(continuing)
Just a thought.

INT. JAIL CELL - DAY

Dansk sits in his cell on the bed, back against the wall smoking. He seems to be fiddling with the bed's sheets.

He takes a long drag on the cigarette then throws the butt in the toilet. He stands from the bed and measures the length of the sheet with the top level of the bars in his cell.

Dansk climbs to the top level of the bars on the front of his cell. He precariously balances and wraps the sheet around one of the bars and then pulls it over his head and around his neck. He looks down for a long moment and then steps off.

He hangs for a moment, looking as if he's struggling. Short of breath, he let's himself down and sinks to the floor sobbing.

EXT COURTHOUSE - DAY

A Channel 7 new's van and crew are on scene.
AMY
Today, William Kaine, the alleged
Ezekiel killer, is brought here
(motions to
courthouse)
for his arraignment. It's
predicted that Kaine will plead
not guilty to the murders, but who
knows what we'll find out. Stay
tuned for more of "Murder Behind
Bars."

INT. JEFF'S HOUSE - DAY

In his bedroom, Jeff has pants on and a "wife beater" shirt. A crucifix hangs from his neck. He kisses it and puts it inside the shirt against his skin. Andrea comes up from behind and wraps her arms around him.

ANDREA
Are you nervous?

JEFF
Not yet.

ANDREA
So, what's going to happen?

JEFF
I'll tell you what's going to happen. Kaine is going down for what he did and so is Dansk for helping him.

They face one another.

ANDREA
Well, I guess I'm nervous enough for both of us.

JEFF
What do you have to be nervous about?

ANDREA
What if he's found not guilty, when all's said and done? You'll be screwed.

JEFF
There's no way that he's going to walk.
INT. JAIL CELL - DAY

Kaine in best dress. He picks up a bible laying on his neatly made bed. He sits on the edge of the bed and opens the bible. He opens to Ezekiel 7:3 which is highlighted.

Kaine
(low and to himself)
"Now is the end come upon thee,
and I will send mine anger upon thee,
and will judge thee according to thy ways,
and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations."

Kaine closes the bible and looks up at the ceiling.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

A large courtroom, rosewood decor everywhere you look. Walter sits on the defendants side along with Carl. Greg Presly sits as the prosecuting attorney. A COURT RECORDER prepares. Among the audience sits Jeff and Andrea. On the opposite side sits Kaine's wife Susan, and daughter Emily.

INT. HOLDING ROOM - DAY

Kaine sits at a plain table, handcuffed and in Sunday dress. TWO ARMED BAILIFFS stand watch over him.

Bailiff
Okay Mr. Kaine, stand up, it's time.

Kaine stands obediently and is led away out of the room.

INT. COURTROOM - DAY

Kaine is led into the courtroom to sit next to Walter. After Kaine is seated Dansk is also led in to sit beside Carl. Judge ALEC KNOX enters in swirling black garb from behind the stand.

Bailiff
(continuing)
All rise! The honorable Alec Knox presiding.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Amy Strotenburg stands with Warden Miller in the middle of an interview.
AMY
So Warden Miller, do you think William Kaine is guilty?

WARDEN MILLER
Well, we'll see here today, but I've known William Kaine for twenty-five years. He's a good man. I am fully confident in the system and I am sure the truth will come out. If you'll excuse me, I think it's getting underway.

Warden Miller enters the courtroom.

INT. COURTROOM – DAY

The court recorder stands.

COURT RECORDER
This is case number 1543789 the state of Pennsylvania versus William Kaine and Isaac Dansk.

The court recorder hands a file to the Judge.

JUDGE KNOX
Thank you. Mr. Strauss how does your client plea to the charge of murder in the first degree?

Walter stands.

WALTER
Your honor, my client William Kaine pleads not guilty.

Walter sits.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Denning, how does your client plea to the charge of accessory to murder?

Carl stands.

CARL
Your honor, my client, Isaac Dansk, also pleads not guilty. Thank You.

Carl sits.
JUDGE KNOX
Due to the nature of these crimes I have opted to have the suspects held without bail for the duration of the proceedings. Counsellors do you have any objections?

CARL
Your honor, my client is not being tried for murder, therefore I request that bail be set at this time.

GREG
Your honor, I strongly object to Mr. Denning's request. His client has pertinent information to these proceedings.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Denning, I am going to have to agree with Mr. Presly. Therefore, I am denying your request for bail. Let's set the preliminary hearing for next Friday at 9:30 a.m. That is all.

The Judge slams down the gavel.

BALIFF
All rise!

Dansk has a white hankie in hand and is dabbing his forehead. The Bailiffs walk over to the defense's table where they grab Kaine and Dansk and lead them away. As Kaine stands, he sees Susan. Their eyes lock.

INT. JAIL - DAY

A glass divider separates Kaine and Susan. They both hold a phone.

SUSAN
Why is this happening William? Did you kill those people?

KAINENJSUSAN
Jesus, of course not Susan.

SUSAN
What am I going to do if you are found guilty?
Susan starts to cry.

**SUSAN**  
(continuing)  
Damn it William, what are we going to do?  

**KAINÉ**  
This will all be over soon, I'll be home soon.  

**SUSAN**  
Does this have anything to do with Teri's death?  

Kaine averts his eyes from Susan's gaze.  

**INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY**  

The court room is packed. A TV/ VCR sits off to the side of the courtroom an area where all can see it. Greg Presly is standing next to the TV.  

**GREG**  
Your honor, I present this tape as evidence of Mr. Kaine's crimes.  

**WALTER**  
I object, your honor! Although this tape shows Mr. Kaine beating Daryl Wilcox, it does not show my client killing him.  

**GREG**  
Your honor, I am merely presenting this evidence to show what Mr. Kaine is capable of.  

**JUDGE KNOX**  
Overruled Mr. Strauss. I'll accept this video as witness to Mr. Kaine's disposition.  

**GREG**  
Thank you, your honor.  

Greg pushes play. The video shows Kaine beating Daryl Wilcox.  

**INT. COURTHOUSE - LATER**  

Jeff sits on the stand. Greg is up and about.
GREG
(continuing)
So, Mr. Kelley, you did in fact
see the defendants commit these
heinous acts?

WALTER
Objection your honor, Mr. Presly
is leading the witness.

JUDGE KNOX
Sustained. Mr. Presly, please
rephrase your question.

GREG
I'm sorry your honor. Mr. Kelley
who did you see commit these
murders?

JEFF
Captain Kaine, sir.

GREG
Will you please point him out for
the court?

Jeff points right at Kaine.

GREG
(continuing)
What about Mr. Dansk?

JEFF
He was also there with Kaine.

CARL
Objection! My client was not
present on the video; there is no
hard evidence proving that Isaac
Dansk had any involvement
whatsoever in the beating of Daryl
Wilcox.

JUDGE KNOX
Sustained. The court will note
that Isaac Dansk is not present on
the video. Please continue Mr.
Presly.

GREG
Thank you. No more questions your
honor.
JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Denning, do you have any questions?

CARL
Yes sir I do have one question for Mr. Kelley.

JUDGE KNOX
Very well, proceed Mr. Denning.

Carl rises from his position behind his table.

CARL
Mr. Kelley, the court has noted that Isaac Dansk is not present on the video tape. What evidence can you present that would prove that Isaac Dansk had any involvement with the beating and subsequent murder of Daryl Wilcox?

JEFF
I saw Dansk help Kaine move Daryl's body to the shower where it was discovered.

CARL
Is that it?

JEFF
Yes.

CARL
So basically what you're saying is that it's going to come down to your word against his, is this correct?

JEFF
But they are always together. Kaine doesn't go anywhere without Dansk.

CARL
No further questions.

JUDGE KNOX
Very well, Mr. Strauss, do you have any questions?
WALTER
Yes sir, I do?

JUDGE KNOX
Proceed.

WALTER
Mr. Kelley, do you hate Mr. Kaine?

JEFF
I can't say that he's...

WALTER
Just a simple yes or no Mr. Kelley.

JEFF
Well then, yes.

WALTER
Do you have it out for Mr. Kaine?

JEFF
Of course not. That's ridiculous.

WALTER
The reason I ask, Mr. Kelley, is that I find it hard to believe that you witnessed Mr. Kaine commit each of these murders.

GREG
Objection your honor, irrelevant.

JUDGE KNOX
Where are you going with this counselor?

WALTER
My point, is your honor, that Mr. Kelley hates Mr. Kaine. He possibly hates Mr. Kaine so strongly that he is in fact, trying to set up Mr. Kaine.

JUDGE KNOX
Overruled Mr. Presly, but Mr. Strauss keep in mind that this is only a preliminary trial.

WALTER
Yes, your honor. No further questions.
JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Kelley, you may step down. Mr. Presly, do you have anything further to present?

GREG
No, sir.

JUDGE KNOX
Well then, I find sufficient evidence and reasonable suspicion against William Kaine and Isaac Dansk to have this case go to trial. Let's set the date for next Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Let's adjourn until then.

The judge slams his gavel down.

INT. HOLDING ROOM - DAY

Dansk paces back and forth smoking like a chimney. A nearby ashtray is halfway full.

Carl Denning enters.

DANSK
Where the fuck have you been?

CARL
Settle down, I've been finishing up some paperwork for the trial.

DANSK
What the hell went on today? Why didn't you get the case against me thrown out?

CARL
I couldn't.

DANSK
What do you mean, "you couldn't"? You didn't say a whole hell of a lot out there today.

CARL
Look, don't blow a gasket. Everything will be fine. Just stick to the plan and it will all work out.
INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

The room is full to capacity. The jury box is filled, tension shows on their faces. A baliff steps to the front of the room.

BALIFF
All rise! The honorable Judge Alec Knox presiding.

Judge Knox enters from his chambers.

JUDGE KNOX
Thank you. You may be seated.

The court recorder stands.

COURT RECORDER
This is case number 1543789 the state of Pennsylvania versus William Kaine and Isaac Dansk.

The court recorder passes a file to the judge.

JUDGE KNOX
Good morning everyone, we have a long day ahead of us, so let's get started. We'll start with opening statements from Mr. Presly.

Greg gets up from his table and steps to the front of the room.

GREG
Thank you, your honor.

He turns to the jury.

GREG
(continuing)
Ladies and gentlemen, I'm here today to prove to you without a shadow of doubt that the defendants William Kaine and Isaac Dansk are guilty of the crimes they've been charged with. William Kaine for first degree murder and Isaac Dansk for accessory to murder. These men were put in a position of trust, as corrections officers.

(more)
GREG (cont'd)
Yes, their victims were convicted criminals, but that did not give these two men, (he points at the defendants)
The right to take their lives. It's your job as the jury to judge whether or not these men are guilty of the heinous crimes they've been charged with. I believe with the evidence in hand and the testimony available that the truth will come forth.

Greg takes a seat.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Denning, your opening statement please.

Carl Denning steps forward. He points towards the defendants.

CARL
My client Isaac Dansk stands accused of helping this man (he points to Kaine)
William Kaine in committing murder. Mr. Dansk is a gentle, indiscreet man who would never hurt a soul. Sure, he may look like he's a pro-wrestler, but don't let his looks fool you. I will prove that Isaac Dansk had nothing to do with these murders. Thank you.

Carl takes a seat. Kaine leans over to Walter and whispers in his ear.

KAINE
What the fuck is going on?

WALTER
I don't know, but don't worry.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Strauss, your opening statement please.

Walter stands up.
WALTER

Yes sir.

(he faces the jury)

My client, William Kaine is not a nice man.

Kaine spreads open his arms in an act of disgust.

KAINE

(whispering to himself)

What the fuck?

WALTER

He's been working within the prison system for twenty-five years. Twenty-five years! That's longer than some of you have been alive. He guards us from rapists, murderers, and thieves, so that we all can sleep better at night. It was inevitable that Mr. Kaine would vent his anger on those surrounding him. Though there is no excuse for his actions, he is not a murderer. While yes he did beat some of the inmates, he is not guilty of killing them. Decide for yourself, take your time, think long and hard about this man who has served the public for many generous years. Thank you.

Walter takes a seat.

JUDGE KNOX

Mr. Presly, you are free to call your first witness.

Greg rises.

GREG

Thank you, your honor. I call Jeff Kelley to the stand.

Out of the audience Jeff comes forward to the witness stand. The baliff meets him at the base of the stand with a bible. Jeff places his left hand on the bible.
BALIFF
Raise your right hand. Do you swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

JEFF
I do.

BALIFF
You may be seated.

GREG
Will you state your name and occupation for the record please?

JEFF
Jeff Kelley. I'm a corrections officer at Pennsylvania state penitentiary.

GREG
How long have you been working there, Mr. Kelley?

JEFF
About six months.

GREG
Would you say in that time you got to know Mr. Kaine and Mr. Dansk fairly well?

JEFF
Oh yes, from the first day I'd say that I knew them fairly well.

GREG
Please explain for the jury what you mean.

JEFF
From the day I started at the prison I knew something was wrong.

INT. PRISON LOCKER ROOM - DAY - FLASHBACK (SIX MONTHS AGO)

Long, steel, grey lockers stand throughout the room. Some benches are situated at various places.

Jeff is at a locker changing into uniform.
JEFF (V.O.)
I was changing in the locker room
when Mr. Kaine and Mr. Dansk first
made their introductions.

Kaine and Dansk approach Jeff from behind. Jeff is oblivious
of them.

GREG (V.O.)
What happened?

KAINE
Jeff Kelley, isn't it?

Jeff is startled and turns around.

JEFF
Yes.

Jeff extends his hand for a shake. Kaine ignores it.

KAINE
Are you sure you don't belong with
the boy scouts? You look like a
flamer to me.

Jeff drops his hand.

KAINE
(continuing)
I'm William Kaine, captain of the
officers here. This is Dansk. When
I'm not here, which is not very
often, he's in charge.

DANSK
(to Kaine)
I got something to do.

Dansk leaves. Kaine moves closer to Jeff.

KAINE
Listen, this is how it is. I make
the rules, this is my show, if you
see something you don't like or
don't agree with, you keep your
fucking mouth shut. I don't wanna
hear it. Got it?

Jeff is mute.
INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY (BACK TO PRESENT)

GREG
Mr. Kelley, did you ever see Mr. Kaine exhibiting any violent behavior?

JEFF
Sure.

GREG
Please, elaborate.

JEFF
It wasn't long after I started working, maybe a week, that I really got my first glimpse of the violence Kaine was capable of.

EXT. PRISON COURTYARD - DAY - (FLASHBACK)

A ring of inmates surround Kaine and another inmate, DANIEL SHAPIRO, engaged in fighting. Jeff is also in the middle of it pushing back the crowd. Dansk watches nearby.

JEFF (V.O.)
I was working in the courtyard and a fight broke out between Kaine and an inmate named Daniel Shapiro. I tried to break it up.

JEFF
Get back! Back off now!

The crowd moves back a little.

Behind Jeff, Kaine wails on Daniel. Jeff turns around and grabs the fighting inmate, throwing him to the ground and quickly handcuffing him. Jeff finishes and turns on Kaine holding a hand to his chest.

KAINE
What the fuck do you think you're doing?

JEFF
I'm stopping this.
KAINE
I say when it's finished.

JEFF
It's finished, now.

Kaine gets in Jeff's face.

KAINE
This is far from over.

Kaine pushes past Jeff towards Dansk. Jeff hauls up the handcuffed inmate and moves towards the interior of the prison.

JEFF (V.O.)
As I was escorting Daniel into the prison, I saw Kaine exchange words with Dansk, I could only imagine what they were saying, but I'd soon find out.

GREG (V.O.)
So, what did end up happening?

Kaine whispers in Dansk's ear.

JEFF (V.O.)
Later on I found out that Dansk was ordered to teach me a lesson, so to speak.

INT. PRISON LOCKER ROOM - DAY - (FLASHBACK)

Jeff gathers his things from his locker. Dansk approaches.

JEFF
How ya doing, Dansk?

DANSK
A word to the wise, don't interfere.

Dansk sucker punches him in the gut. Jeff drops to his knees, coughing. Dansk eyeballs him as he leaves.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY (BACK TO PRESENT)

GREG
Daniel Shapiro? That was the first murder victim.
Greg goes over to his desk and grabs a file. He opens it up as if reading from it.

GREG
(continuing)
It says here that Daniel Shapiro died on January 13, of 2000. He was suffocated. Do you know anything about this Mr. Kelley?

JEFF
I saw it happen.

There is a murmur from the audience. The Judge strikes his gavel.

JUDGE KNOX
Quiet! Settle down! You may continue, Mr. Kelley.

JEFF
I witnessed it all.

GREG
And who did you see commit this act?

JEFF
William Kaine.

Kaine stands up and lunges forward.

Kaine
You're a fucking liar!

Walter grabs Kaine and pulls him back to his seat.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Kaine, you will restrain yourself or I'm going to have you restrained. Do you understand?

WALTER
I'm sorry your honor. It won't happen again.

JUDGE KNOX
It had better not Mr. Strauss. Mr. Presly please continue.
GREG
Could you please explain to the
court, in detail, what you
witnessed?

JEFF
Later that night, I was going to
the infirmary to check up on
Daniel.

GREG
What were the extent of Mr.
Shapiro's injuries that would make
him have to stay in the infirmary?

JEFF
Daniel, in his fight with captain
Kaine, had received a broken rib
and a slight concussion.

GREG
Please go on.

INT. PRISON INFIRMARY - NIGHT - (FLASHBACK)
A semi-darkened room filled with vacant beds, except for one.
Kaine hovers over Daniel who is lying in a bed asleep.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT - (FLASHBACK)
Jeff approaches a metal door with a small glass window. He
looks inside.

JEFF (V.O.)
As I got to the infirmary, I
looked through the window and saw
Captain Kaine. To avoid a
confrontation with Kaine, I waited
outside.

INT. INFIRMARY
Kaine quietly grabs a pillow and holds it tightly in his
hands.

JEFF (V.O.)
Kaine grabbed a pillow and held it
down over Daniel's face.
Kaine pushes the pillow over Daniels face. Daniel starts to thrash about. Gasping under the pillow for a few moments, he goes limp.

INT. HALLWAY

Jeff tries to open the door, but it is locked.

GREG (V.O.)
Didn't you try to stop Kaine?

JEFF (V.O.)
Yes, but the door was locked.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY (BACK TO PRESENT)

GREG
So, what did you do?

JEFF
I went to go get help, but by the time we came back Kaine was gone and Daniel was dead.

GREG
Didn't you tell anyone that Captain Kaine had done this?

JEFF
Yes, but no one would believe me. I even went and talked with the warden.

GREG
And what did the warden say?

WALTER
Objection! This is hearsay!

JUDGE KNOX
Sustained Mr. Strauss. Mr Presly, please ask a different question.

GREG
Sorry, your honor. Jeff, was there anything odd about Mr. Shapiro's body when it was discovered?

JEFF
Yes. On his chest was carved Ezekiel 7:3.
INT. INFIRMARY - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Daniel Shapiro's body lying on the bed. His gown is ripped open and bloody. On his chest is carved in horribly formed, but legible writing EZEKIEL 7:3.

INT. COURTROOM - DAY (PRESENT)

Greg walks over to his table and grabs a bible. He opens it reading.

GREG
Ezekiel 7:3. "Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations."

Greg hesitates.

GREG (continuing)
Very interesting. Daniel Shapiro was in prison serving a life sentence for murdering a woman by suffocating her; The same fashion that he was killed in.

He returns the bible to the table.

GREG (continuing)
Jeff, what do you know about the Ezekiel killer?

JEFF
Two things. One, that he has gained myth-like status within the prison among the inmates. And two, that every victim had that same scripture carved into his chest.

INT. HOLDING ROOM - NIGHT

Kaine sits impatiently waiting. Walter comes through the door.

KAINENe
What the hell happened out there today?
WALTER
I don't know.

KAINE
What do you mean you don't know? I thought Dansk and I were in this together.

WALTER
Calm down, I'll talk to him and find out what's going on.

KAINE
If that chicken shit thinks he's going to let me take the fall for this whole thing...

WALTER
Just settle down Will. I'll go talk to him now. Get some rest and I'll see you tomorrow.

Walter pats Kaine on the shoulder and leaves the room.

KAINE
Fuck!

EXT. COURTHOUSE - NIGHT

Carl opens the door to a 1997 Ford Tempo Taxi. Walter runs up.

WALTER
Wait!

Carl turns toward Walter.

CARL
Walter! What's the problem?

WALTER
What happened today?

CARL
My client told me everything that happened. As far as he is concerned, he's not guilty of the crime he's been charged with.

WALTER
But he helped Kaine.
CARL
Only because he was forced to.

WALTER
Forced? Have you taken a look at your client recently? There's no way anyone could force him to do anything! If that's your strategy there's no way the jury's going to fall for it.

CARL
Maybe so, but it's better than burning with your client.

Carl gets in the taxi and shuts the door. The taxi drives away. Walter stands watching on the curb.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

Jeff is on the stand. Greg is pacing in front of the jury.

GREG
So, tell the court about Jimmy Russell.

JEFF
Well, a couple months after the Daniel Shapiro murder an inmate, named Jimmy Russell, was murdered.

GREG
Did you know Jimmy Russell?

JEFF
Yes, I had become acquainted with him.

GREG
Tell us what you know, from the beginning please.

JEFF
I had been working in the cafeteria about that time.

GREG
Do you remember the date?

JEFF
Not exactly, I know it was in the beginning of March.
GREG

Go on.

INT. PRISON KITCHEN  - DAY - (FLASHBACK)

Jeff is walking back and forth in the back section of the kitchen where all the food is prepared. Inmates work on different projects.

JEFF (V.O.)
I watched over the inmates while they were preparing food. The main reason I was there was to make sure that none of the inmates took any knives or anything that could be used as a weapon of sorts. Everyday I worked, Jimmy Russell would always go back and forth between Captain Kaine's office and the kitchen.

JIMMY RUSSELL, a homely looking, skinny black guy, walks through the kitchen and through swinging metal doors.

GREG (V.O.)
Where was Kaine's office located?

JEFF (V.O.)
It was located to the rear of the kitchen. If you open up some metal doors you would see his office.

The doors swing open and Kaine's office door is visible.

GREG (V.O.)
Continue.

JEFF (V.O.)
I always wondered what he and Kaine were doing back there?


INT. PRISON CAFETERIA - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Jeff mills about. From behind him, Jimmy approaches, tapping Jeff on the shoulder.
JEFF (V.O.)
One day Jimmy came up to me, he seemed extremely agitated about something.

JEFF
Hey Jimmy, what's wrong?

JIMMY
What I'm about to tell you, you have to promise you won't tell another fucking soul. I'm really fucking scared.

JEFF
It's okay, you can trust me.

Jimmy looks back and forth on edge.

JIMMY
Well, you see, Kaine is making me do things that I don't want to do.

JEFF
Like what?

JIMMY
Well..., fuck..., how do I say this? He's making me do fellatio.

JEFF
What?

JIMMY
Blowing... you know fucking umm... sucking his dick! I don't want to do it anymore. You've got to help me.

JEFF
I don't know how I can. Even if I told somebody they wouldn't believe me over captain Kaine.

JIMMY
What if I got you some evidence or something?

JEFF
How?
JIMMY
I'll save it.

INT. PRISON COURTYARD - DAY - (FLASHBACK)

Jeff is lolling about watching the rings of inmates and trying to stay awake. Jimmy approaches.

JEFF (V.O.)
A few days later Jimmy found me.

JIMMY
Hey man, I got it.

JEFF
Got what?

JIMMY
Evidence man.

JEFF
What do you have?

JIMMY
Captain Kaine's sperm.

JEFF
What? How?

JIMMY
Follow me.

Jeff and Jimmy rush off.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY (FLASHBACK)

No one is around. The lights are off.

Jeff and Jimmy stand in front of an industrial size freezer.

JIMMY
I know the shit would go bad if I left it out somewhere, so I hid it in the freezer.

JEFF
(slightly disgusted)
You did put it in something, right?

JIMMY
Oh yeah, it's in a plastic baggy.
Jimmy opens the door not finding his baggy.

JIMMY
(continuing)
Where is it? I know it's here somewhere.

Jimmy moves a bunch of frozen products about in anger. Frustrated he starts tossing the stuff on the floor.

JIMMY
(continuing)
Where the fuck is it?

JEFF
You can't find it?

Jimmy turns to Jeff.

JIMMY
I know I fucking put it in there. You've got to believe me.

JEFF
I do believe you, but nobody else will.

Jimmy hits the freezer door several times.

JIMMY
Goddamn it! Shit!

JEFF (V.O.)
That was the last time I talked to Jimmy.

Jimmy slides to the floor sobbing.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY (BACK TO PRESENT)

GREG
So, you never saw him again after that?

JEFF
Well, yes and no.

GREG
What happened to him?

JEFF
He was killed.
How?

INT. CAFETERIA KITCHEN - NIGHT - (FLASHBACK)

The lights are out and the place is empty. Jeff is walking slowly through the kitchen.

JEFF (V.O.)
I was there making sure the doors were locked and everything was secure.

Jeff pulls on a few doors and drawers finding them locked.

JEFF (V.O.)
(continuing)
I noticed some light coming from the base of the swinging doors in front of Captain Kaine's office. I just thought someone left a light on, so I went back to check it out.

Jeff sees a light and goes back to investigate.

JEFF (V.O.)
(continuing)
As I got closer, I could here sounds coming from the office.

He goes through the swinging doors and peeks into Kaine's office.

INT. KAINE'S OFFICE - DAY (FLASHBACK)

GREG (V.O.)
What did you see?

JEFF (V.O.)
It's pretty graphic.

Kaine has Jimmy bent over with his pants down.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY (BACK TO PRESENT)

THE SOUND OF THE AUDIENCE CRINGING

WALTER
Objection! Mr. Kaine's sexuality has no bearing on this case! I strongly object.
Kaine jumps to his feet.

Kaine
I'm not a fucking homo! You're the homo, you fucking liar!

The judge hammers the gavel several times.

JUDGE KNOX
Order! Baliff restrain Mr. Kaine now!

The Baliff rushes over to Kaine and puts him in shackles.

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing)
Everyone calm down, or I'll throw the entire lot of you out!

GREG
Your honor, Mr. Kelley is leading up to how Mr. Kaine's sexuality has bearing on this case.

The audience settles down and only a few sounds of mumbling remain.

JUDGE KNOX
Okay Mr. Presly I'll overrule it this time, but I better see some relevancy very quickly.

Walter throws his hands in the air and sits down.

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing)
Continue Mr. Kelley.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT - (FLASHBACK)

Jeff stands in the dark empty kitchen listening.

THE SOUND OF MOANING.

Jeff (V.O.)
I was in disbelief of what I saw, but what happened next was even worse.
KAIN (O.S.)
C'mon you little bitch, this is how you like it, isn't it? Want some more?

INT. KAIN'S OFFICE - NIGHT - (FLASHBACK)

Kaine reaches down in front of him and takes Jimmy by the head and twists it violently.

THE SOUND OF A LOUD CRACK

Jimmy's body slumps to the floor.

JEFF (V.O.)
I left immediately.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY (BACK TO PRESENT)

Greg snags another file off his table.

GREG
So, what did you do next?

JEFF
I got some other officer's and went back to Kaine's office.

GREG
Was Kaine there?

JEFF
No.

GREG
Was Jimmy's body there?

JEFF
No.

GREG
Where was Jimmy Russell's body found?

JEFF
He wasn't found until the next day; in the freezer.
INT. PRISON KITCHEN - DAY (FLASHBACK)

The freezer door opens and inside is Jimmy Russel's frozen corpse. Ezekiel 7:3 carved into his chest.

INT. COURTROOM - DAY  (PRESENT)

GREG
Is there anything else that should be noted?

JEFF
He also had Ezekiel 7:3 carved into his chest.

Greg turns to the jury and opens the file.

GREG
Jimmy Russell was found dead on March 6 of 2000. He was serving time for raping and sodomizing teenage boys. It was suspected he killed one young man by snapping his neck, but there was a lack of evidence to prove it.

The jury looks back and forth at one another.

GREG
(continuing)
Jeff, did you tell anyone about what you saw? I mean the police, anyone?

JEFF
I just told the other correction officers.

GREG
Anyone else?

JEFF
No, I couldn't prove a thing.

GREG
Then what was Jimmy Russell's death attributed to?

JEFF
I believe it was attributed to gang violence.
GREG
To your knowledge was Kaine ever a suspect in Jimmy Russell's death?

JEFF
Not to my knowledge.

GREG
So, you're saying that Kaine basically got away with murder by using gang violence as a scapegoat?

Walter bolts out of his chair.

WALTER
Objection! It's obvious that Mr. Presly is leading the witness. Also, I object due to the fact that Mr. Kaine was never a suspect in Jimmy Russell's death.

JUDGE KNOX
Hold on there Walter, your getting a little ahead of yourself. I'll sustain your first objection. (to Jeff)
Mr. Kelley, do not answer that last question. (to court recorder)
I want Mr. Presly's last question to be stricken from the record. At this time I'm going to call for a recess. We'll reconvene in two hours.

Judge Knox slams down his gavel.

INT. JUDGE'S CHAMBER - DAY
Judge Knox sitting behind his desk enjoying a nice BLT sandwich.

A KNOCK AT THE DOOR

JUDGE KNOX
Come in.

Greg and Walter barge into the room.
JUDGE KNOX
(continuing)
Jesus, I can't even enjoy lunch anymore. What do you guys want?

WALTER
I'm sorry to bother you but, I have some concerns about the way this trial is proceeding.

JUDGE KNOX
Walter, can't we just keep this in the courtroom? Whatever it is I'm sure it can wait.

WALTER
No, it can't.

JUDGE KNOX
Well, while you talk I'm going to finish my lunch, so why don't both of you take a seat.

Walter and Greg pull up a chair.

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing; in between bites)
So, what are these concerns of yours Walter?

WALTER
I don't appreciate Mr. Presly's comments about my client.

JUDGE KNOX
Presly?
(a beat between swallows)
I've been meaning to ask. Are you related to Elvis?

GREG
No sir, no relation.

JUDGE KNOX
Go on Walter.

WALTER
As I was saying, I believe Greg's comments are out of line and degrading to my client.
JUDGE KNOX
Walter, this is to be expected. Your client is on trial for murder. When a problem like this presents itself, it can be taken care of. Like today, in court.

WALTER
I just don't want the facts of the case twisted. Mr. Presly didn't have any proof that my client had anything to do with the murder of Jimmy Russell or that he is a homosexual.

JUDGE KNOX
What do you want me to do Walter?

WALTER
I don't know, you're the Judge.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Presly, I would appreciate it if in the future you would keep your comments addressed to the case at hand. Do you understand?

GREG
Yes sir. I was simply trying to elaborate on the character of Mr. Kaine. As you pointed out, he is on trial.

JUDGE KNOX
Great, I'm glad we understand one another. You happy now Walter?

WALTER
Yes.

JUDGE KNOX
Okay, now get the hell out of my chambers so I can finish my lunch.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

Jeff is back on the stand. Greg wanders around in the spotlight.

GREG
Jeff, can you tell the court about Elliot Price?
JEFF
Yes, Elliot Price was serving time for murdering his wife.

GREG
What fashion did he commit the murder?

JEFF
With a Bowie knife.

Greg moves towards a table set to the side of the courtroom. He grabs a plastic bag that contains a Bowie knife. He holds it up high.

GREG
(cynical)
Look at this, a Bowie knife. In fact this is the same Bowie knife that Elliot Price used to murder his wife. DNA testing showed that there was two blood types on this knife. One was Elliot's wife and one was his own. This was the evidence that was used to put Elliot Price in prison.
(to Jeff)
Do you recall how Elliot Price was murdered?

JEFF
As I recall, the coroner's report stated multiple lacerations across the torso and abdomen, and multiple stab wounds.

Walter jumps out of his chair.

WALTER
This is a very nice story your honor, but what exactly does this have to do with my client?

GREG
I was just getting to that your honor.

JUDGE KNOX
(to Greg)
Please, continue.
GREG
Jeff, did you witness the murder of Elliot Price?

JEFF
Yes, I did.

GREG
Please tell the court what you saw?

JEFF
I was performing my normal duties. You know, watching some of the inmates clean. One of them mentioned that he needed some more cleaning solution, so I went down to the boiler room, where we keep all the supplies.

INT. PRISON STORAGE ROOM - DAY - (FLASHBACK)

Jeff quickly opens a door that leads down some stairs.

THE SOUND OF MUFFLED VOICES

Jeff stops for a moment then slowly proceeds down. As he gets closer to the storage room the voices get louder.

KAIN (O.S.)
I think you have it too easy. It's my job to see to it that you don't just have a free ride. After all, here I'm your judge, jury, and executioner.

THE SOUND OF SCREAMS

JEFF (V.O.)
I positioned myself to try and get a clear view of what was going on.

Jeff silently opens the storage room door a crack.

Kaine is standing with his back towards Elliot Price, who is handcuffed to an overhead, exposed pipe. Elliot is a bloody mess. Multiple small lacerations all over his naked body. Kaine holds a Bowie knife.

JEFF (V.O.)
(continuing)
I couldn't believe what I saw.
Kaine faces Elliot and slowly draws the knife down Elliott's arm from his wrist to his shoulder. Blood flows like a river.

ELLIO
Fuck...fuck...you sick fuck.

KAINE
Harsh words coming from someone who murdered his wife.

Kaine turns his back again towards Elliot and then suddenly, in one quick fluid motion, he takes the knife and slices Elliot from his crotch to his collar bone and back down from the collar bone to his stomach and then shoves the knife straight through Elliot's heart.

JEFF AUDIBLY GASPS.

Kaine quickly turns around and looks towards the door. Jeff quietly and quickly retreats back upstairs.

INT. COURTROOM - DAY (PRESENT)

Greg faces the jury box file in hand.

GREG
Ezekiel 7:3 was also carved into Elliot Price's chest. Just like all the other victims.

(a beat)
Very interesting. All these victims, all different people from different backgrounds, with different crimes. Yet, these murders were blamed on other inmates. The only thing in common with all the victims is that they had Ezekiel 7:3 carved into their chests. Ladies and gentleman of the jury, these people are not victims of random violence. It is the act of one person.

Greg turns and goes to the evidence bench and grabs the video which is sealed in a plastic bag.

GREG
(continuing)
This video will show who that person is.

(more)
GREG (cont'd)
(to Jeff)
Jeff, how did you come by this tape?

JEFF
I taped it myself.

GREG
Why would you do that?

JEFF
Because I needed evidence against Captain Kaine.

GREG
Your honor, with your permission, may I show the court this video marked people's exhibit A?

JUDGE KNOX
Proceed counselor.

Greg hands the video to a baliff. The bailiff inserts the tape into a VCR/TV. The TV comes alive.

KAINE (V.O.)
Let me tell you the reason I've brought you here Daryl.

THE SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS WALKING FROM THE TV

KAINE (V.O.)
(continuing)
I've been here for twenty-five years working my ass off. Day in and day out I see fuckers like you go free. While you're here you get free room and board, cable television, and three square meals a day. Hell, I don't even have cable television, but I do eat better than you, thanks to my wife. You know if someone like you were in Russia and were convicted, you'd be shot on the spot.

The jury watches the tape intently.
Kaine (V.O.)
(continuing)
So, when do you get out Daryl?
This week isn't it?
(instantly angry)
You wife beating son of a bitch.
She's dead and you're alive.
What's wrong with this picture? No
justice, no punishment. I say an
eye for an eye. What do you think?

The sound or duct tape quickly ripped away

Daryl screams.

Kaine covers his eyes and shakes his head. Walter leans over
and whispers in Kaine's ear.

DARYL (V.O.)
Fuck you, man.

Kaine (V.O.)
Fuck me!? That's it? That's all
you have to say for yourself? I
say, fuck you!

The sound of Daryl being beaten by a nightstick.

The jury watches in horror. Some cover their mouths, others
avert their eyes.

Kaine (V.O.)
(continuing)
Had enough, asshole?

The sound of Daryl mumbling

Kaine (V.O.)
(continuing)
What did you say?

DARYL (V.O.)
(whispering labored)
Go fuck yourself.

The sound of one final hit of the nightstick

Judge Knox
(disgusted)
Baliff...

The Baliff quickly stops the VCR.
WALTER
Objection! The video does show my client beating Daryl Wilcox, but it did not show that he killed him.

GREG
Your honor, I would like to point out that the coroner's report clearly states that the victim died from being hit with a blunt instrument, repeatedly.

JUDGE KNOX
Overruled.

GREG
As Mr. Strauss pointed out the video does show Mr. Kaine beating Daryl Wilcox. In conjunction with the video, the coroner's report states the cause of death. If that isn't enough for you, the next piece of evidence should leave no doubt in your minds that Mr. Kaine is guilty.

Greg goes to the evidence table and grabs a plastic bag containing a mini casette player.

GREG
(continuing)
Your honor, peoples exhibit B.

JUDGE KNOX
Proceed.

Greg removes the recorder from the bag and brings it close to his own bench where he places it next to the microphone. He pushes play.

JEFF (V.O.)
Daryl Wilcox was no accident was it? The inmates didn't kill him, did they? How long did you think you'd get away with it? I know exactly what you're doing.
KAINE (V.O.)
Listen to me you little fuck! I was running this place before your dad shot a wad into your mom! I run it how I see fit! If you still want your job you better keep your mouth shut and mind your own fucking business! Got it?!

THE SOUND OF WHISPERING THROUGHOUT THE COURTROOM

GREG
Jeff, do you hold any animosity towards Mr. Kaine?

JEFF
Well, yes.

GREG
Why?

JEFF
The man hates everybody and everything. Not to mention the fact that he's a murderer.

WALTER
Objection! That is still in question and is only an opinion of the witness.

JUDGE KNOX
Sustained. The jury will consider Mr. Kelley's statement as such.

GREG
No further questions, your honor.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Strauss.

Walter quickly rises to his feet with a handful of documents.

WALTER
Mr. Kelley. You just stated that you hate Mr. Kaine, Is that correct?

JEFF
Yes, it is.
WALTER
On the video it shows my client
beating Daryl Wilcox, nothing more.

Walter turns to the jury.

WALTER
(continuing)
The murders of, Daniel Shapiro,
Jimmy Russel, and ...

Walter looks down at the documents in his hands.

WALTER
(continuing)
Elliot Price never involved
William Kaine, did they?

JEFF
No, that's not true.

WALTER
You put the blame on him because
you hate him, he makes your job
unbearable. So what better way of
getting rid of him than setting
him up for murder, right?

JEFF
No, that's not correct. Kaine is
a murderer. I watched him kill the
other inmates.

WALTER
Mr. Kelley, I find it hard to
believe that there was never an
investigation into your claims
against Kaine. Could it be that
you cried wolf so many times that
finally no one would believe you?
Or maybe it's just because you're
a liar.

GREG
Objection, your honor. Mr. Kelley
is not the one on trial, Mr Kaine
is.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Strauss, keep your questions
confined to the case at hand and
stop calling the witness names.
Alright, I apologize your honor.
Mr. Kelley, did you or did you not provoke Mr. Kaine into making those statements on the cassette?

What do you mean?

What I mean is, did you twist the circumstances around so that you could get him to confess to something that he didn't do?

Of course not. We were having a conversation and obviously, his temper got the best of him.

Your honor I have no further questions for the witness.

Walter walks back to his seat.

Very well. Mr. Denning, do you have any questions for the witness?

Yes, I do.

Walter sits and Carl stands. Kaine leans over to Walter.

What the fuck was that? You didn't do much in the way of defense for me.

Relax, I got it taken care of.

Mind telling me?

Carl approaches Jeff.
CARL
Can you tell me about the relationship between Isaac Dansk and William Kaine?

JEFF
Well, I've only been at the prison for a short while, but everyone knows that Dansk is Kaine's little puppet.

CARL
So, what you're saying is that Mr. Dansk would do anything Mr. Kaine asked, correct?

JEFF
Yes, that's correct.

CARL
So, Mr. Kelley, is it a safe assumption that Mr. Dansk helped move the unconscious form of Daryl Wilcox, not necessarily his dead body?

JEFF
But he was dead.

CARL
Are you sure that Daryl Wilcox had passed away, Mr. Kelley?

JEFF
Pretty sure.

CARL
Pretty sure? Pretty sure leaves room for doubt Mr. Kelley.

JEFF
Okay, then I'm one hundred percent sure that Daryl Wilcox was dead.

CARL
How do you know that Daryl didn't pass away at another location? Are you a doctor Mr. Kelley?

Greg looks up from some documents.
GREG
Objection. Counsellor knows that
Mr. Kelley is not a doctor, that's
totally uncalled for.

JUDGE KNOX
Sustained.

CARL
I have one last question Mr.
Kelly. Was Isaac Dansk at any of
the other murders you witnessed?

JEFF
No, he wasn't.

CARL
Thank you. I have no further
questions your honor.

JUDGE KNOX
Okay. We will adjourn for today
and pick back up tomorrow morning.

Judge Knox strikes the gavel.

INT. JEFF'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Jeff and Andrea on the couch watching the evening news.

Jeff rubs Andrea's pregnant stomach.

JEFF
How are you feeling?

ANDREA
Very uncomfortable. I can't wait
until this is over. You know, we
haven't even decided on a name.

JEFF
Well, that's easy, name him after
me.

ANDREA
Are you sure you feel comfortable
with that?

JEFF
Andrea, you know I'll love him as
if he were my own.
DORTHY CUMMINGS (V.O.)
Thanks for joining us tonight. I'm Dorothy Cummings.

SAGE CROMWELL (V.O.)
And I'm Sage Cromwell.

Jeff and Andrea's full attention focuses on the TV screen.

SAGE CROMWELL
Our top story tonight is an advance in the "Murder Behind Bars" case.

DORTHY CUMMINGS
Today the evidence was brought out on Captain William Kaine.

A sketch artist picture is flashed on the screen of Jeff.

DORTHY CUMMINGS
(continuing)
This man, Jeff Kelley, a co-worker of William Kaine, testified against him.

JEFF
That picture doesn't even look like me.

Andrea chuckles.

ANDREA
Sure it does.

DORTHY CUMMINGS
Mr. Kelley brought forth the possibility that William Kaine could have been involved in other murders within the prison.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

Dansk is on the stand, a nervous wreck. Greg is pacing in front of the jury.

GREG
Mr. Dansk, how long have you worked at the prison?

DANSK
Nine years.
GREG
Tell the court about your relationship with William Kaine.

DANSK
He's my supervisor at work.

GREG
No, no, no, start from the beginning. Did you and Kaine hit it right off so to speak?

DANSK
No, it took about a year of taking his shit...

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Dansk please refrain from using profanity in this courtroom.

DANSK
Sorry. It took about a year until he finally had a full conversation with me.

GREG
Mr. Denning asked the question of Mr. Kelley if he thought you would do anything for William Kaine. Would you?

DANSK
Yes.

GREG
Are you afraid of him?

DANSK
I'm not afraid of him, but I am afraid of what he will do.

Greg chuckles a bit.

Kaine shakes his head in disbelief.

GREG
I find that hard to believe. What are you? Three hundred pounds maybe more? Six foot three? Why would you be afraid of William Kaine's temper?
CARL
Objection your honor, please instruct Mr. Presly to let my client answer the questions that have been posed to him.

JUDGE KNOX
Sustained. Mr. Presly, please slow down and allow Mr. Dansk to answer each question.

GREG
I'm sorry your honor. Mr. Dansk, has Mr. Kaine ever abused you physically?

Dansk rubs his hands together nervously.

DANSK
Yes, sometimes.

Kaine shoots up.

KAIN
(yelling)
You fucking liar!

The Judge slams down his gavel.

Walter tries to restrain Kaine by pulling him down to his seat.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr Kaine, I'm warning you, another outburst like that and I'll have you removed from here.

WALTER
I'm sorry you honor.

JUDGE KNOX
Please, continue Mr. Presly.

GREG
Thank you your honor. So would you say that you're so afraid of him, that you would cover up a murder for him?

DANSK
Yes.
GREG
Isaac Dansk, did William Kaine murder Daryl Wilcox?

Dansk flashes a nervous glance at Kaine. Sweat instantly dots his forehead.

DANSK
Yes, he did.

THE SOUND OF WHISPERING THROUGHOUT THE COURTROOM

Kaine jumps the bench and dashes straight for Dansk.

KAINE
You fucking nigger!

The bailiffs tackle Kaine and put him in handcuffs. They raise Kaine to his feet.

KAINE
(continuing)
You're a fucking liar! What the fuck are you trying to do?

JUDGE KNOX
Bailiffs, remove Mr. Kaine from the courtroom.

The bailiffs comply. Kaine does not go willingly.

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing; to the court)
Everyone settle down.

The judge slams his gavel. Silence falls on the courtroom.

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing)
You may continue Mr. Presly.

GREG
Mr. Dansk, is William Kaine a religious man?

DANSK
I know he's always reading the bible. He occasionally quotes from it.
GREG
On these occasions, when he does quote from the bible, has he ever used a scripture from the book of Ezekiel?

DANSK
I think his favorite scripture comes from that book.

GREG
Would you recognize the scripture if you heard it.

DANSK
I think so.

Greg grabs the bible off the bench and rapidly flips the pages.

GREG
It's been a while and I don't have these things memorized so let me just find it here.

(he finds the proper passage with his finger)

Here we go, "Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations."

(he looks up at Dansk)

Does that sound familiar?

DANSK
Yes, that's the one he quotes to the prisoners all the time.

Greg turns to the jury box.

GREG
Ezekiel 7:3, the same scripture that the killer carves into his victim's chests. I have no more questions your honor.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Strauss, would you like to cross-exam?
WALTER
Yes, your honor.

JUDGE KNOX
Your witness then counselor.

WALTER
Mr. Dansk, what did you and Mr. Kaine do with Daryl Wilcox after the alleged beating?

DANSK
We moved him to the showers.

WALTER
Was he dead?

DANSK
I don't think so?

WALTER
You don't think so? I asked if Mr. Wilcox was dead, he either was or he wasn't, which is it?

DANSK
I'm no fucking doctor...

Judge Knox strikes the gavel fast and furious.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Dansk, if I have to ask you one more time concerning the use of profanity in my courtroom I will find you in contempt, do I make myself clear?

DANSK
Yes sir.

JUDGE KNOX
Now continue.

WALTER
Was Daryl Wilcox dead or alive when you and Mr. Kaine moved him to the showers?

DANSK
He was alive.

Walter turns to the jury victoriously.
WALTER
He was alive. (he turns back to Dansk)
Did you see William Kaine carve Ezekiel 7:3 into the victim's chest?

DANSK
No.

Walter turns to the jury mock-serious.

DANSK (continuing)
Well, he could have done it later...

WALTER
No further questions.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Denning your witness.

Carl makes his way to the witness stand.

CARL
Did you ever beat Daryl Wilcox?

DANSK
Never.

CARL
Did you ever participate in the course of Kaine beating Daryl Wilcox?

DANSK
I just helped move him to the shower.

CARL
You knew this was wrong, why did you do it?

DANSK
I was afraid if I didn't that I would lose my job.

CARL
Did Kaine ever threaten you with that?
DANSK
All the time.

CARL
So, you were forced by William Kaine to do this or he threatened to have you fired?

DANSK
Yes.

CARL
No further questions your honor.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

Warden Miller sits on the stand. Greg stands by his bench.

GREG
Warden Miller, how long have you known William Kaine?

WARDEN MILLER
For as long as he has worked at the prison, which is about twenty-five years.

GREG
Has Mr. Kaine always had a bad temper?

WARDEN MILLER
Not always, but working in the prison system for so long tends to change people.

GREG
How so?

WARDEN MILLER
Day in and day out you deal with the dregs of society, perhaps some of it starts to rub off on a person. What I mean is, that you see these people come in and out of the prison system quite often. It could make a person quite angry, make them feel like they weren't accomplishing anything.
GREG
You stated that Mr. Kaine did not always exhibit this angry behavior, so when did you start to notice it?

WARDEN MILLER
I think it all began soon after his daughter passed away.

GREG
So you think that the death of his daughter had some kind of effect on his behavior?

WARDEN MILLER
Yes, I believe so.

GREG
I have no further questions your honor.

EXT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

Warden Miller is mobbed by media moguls like a swarm of bees.

A black reporter sticks a microphone in the warden's face.

REPORTER
Warden Miller, there are rumors going around that you are dropping out of the election, is this true?

WARDEN MILLER
That's absolutely false. I think this trial will improve my chances because the people see how honest I am.

REPORTER
Yes Warden, but William Kaine was the captain of your prison, don't you think that people will question your judgement in the future?

The warden is a little befuddled.

WARDEN MILLER
I'm sorry, you'll have to excuse me.
He parts the crowd before him. The mob follows Warden Miller all the way to his 1998 Lincoln hurling questions.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

A full court room waits on every word. Kaine is on the stand and Greg is throwing him the questions.

    GREG
    Mr. Kaine, do you think that you have a bad temper?

    KAINEx
    A little bit, but everyone does.

    GREG
    Yes, that's true, but not everyone has as violent a temper as you, correct?

    KAINEx
    I don't have a violent temper.

    GREG
    Oh, really?

Greg picks up a stack of folders on his table and thrusts them into the air.

    GREG
    (continuing)
    Do you know what these are Mr. Kaine?

    KAINEx
    No.

    GREG
    Well, you should. These are complaints that have been filed by different inmates over the years that attest to you beating them. Shall we read one?

Greg randomly picks a file and opens it and reads.
GREG
(continuing)
This complaint was filed June 16, 1983. I won't read the inmate's name, but this is what the report reads. "Captain William Kaine beat me several times with his nightstick..."

Kaine breaks in.

KAINE
Alright, I'll take your fucking word for it. Yes, I have a temper, okay?

Judge Knox slams his gavel.

JUDGE KNOX
If another person says that goddamn word in my court room again there's going to be hell to pay.

Kaine breathes in heavily and shoots a dark glare towards Greg.

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing)
Continue counselor.

GREG
Thank you, your honor.
(to Kaine)
Are you still bitter about your daughter's death, Mr. Kaine?

KAINE
(darkly)
Fuck you.

GREG
I'll take that as a yes.

Judge Knox slams his gavel again.

JUDGE KNOX
That's it Mr. Kaine, I'm finding you in contempt. One more outburst like that and I'll triple the charge.
Judge Knox stares severely at Kaine.

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing)
Continue Mr. Presly.

GREG
So, you are still bitter.

Kaine
You never let something like that go. It stays with you forever and ever, it haunts your every waking thought.

GREG
That's very understandable Mr. Kaine, and I am sorry that that happened. I know this isn't nice to do, but will you tell the court how your daughter passed away?

Kaine
(with deep anger seeping)
She was raped and murdered.

GREG
How was she murdered?

Kaine
She was stabbed to death.

Murmurs throughout the courtroom.

GREG
Mr. Kaine, are you a religious man?

Kaine
Yes.

GREG
Are you familiar with Ezekiel 7:3?

Kaine
Yes.

GREG
What would you say your interpretation of that scripture is?
Kaine thinks for a moment.

Kaine

God-granted—revenge.

Greg

Revenge for the death of his daughter... No further questions.

The courtroom is all a flutter.

Judge Knox

Mr. Strauss, you may proceed.

Walter stands straightening out his suit.

Walter

Thank you, your honor.

Walter strides closer to Kaine.

Walter (continuing)

William, did you kill Daryl Wilcox or any of the other aforementioned inmates?

Kaine

Absolutely not.

Walter

What about Daryl Shapiro? Did you suffocate him.

Kaine

It's true that I beat him, but there is no way on God's green earth that you can get into the infirmary without signing the log. Even the warden has to sign the log to get in.

Walter goes to his table and grabs a few sheets of paper, and displays them to the jury.

Walter

On the day that Daniel Shapiro died, William Kaine's name never appeared on this log.

Walter lays the papers back on his table.
WALTER
(continuing)
William, this is a sensitive question, but are you a homosexual?

Some chuckles float through the audience.

Kaine squirms around in his seat a little uneasy.

Kaine
Definitely not.

WALTER
Can you please explain then why Jimmy Russell was going to your office on a regular basis?

Walter sits at his bench.

JUDGE KNOX
If there are no more witnesses, we'll take a short recess and then we'll have your closing statements.

Judge Knox slams the gavel.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY (LATER)

Greg addresses the jury.
Ladies and Gentleman of the jury. As you witnessed in this trial the video clearly shows William Kaine (he points to the accused) beating the life out of Daryl Wilcox. You also heard an audio tape that further confirms that action. You've heard testimony from Isaac Dansk, Kaine's right-hand-man, admitting to this crime, to which he is an accessory. You've heard straight from William Kaine's mouth that he "is" bitter about the rape and subsequent death of his daughter, hence the motive, revenge. Now, it is up to you, the jury, to decide if in fact that William Kaine is the Ezekiel killer. I know whatever you decide will be correct and justice will be served, thank you.

Greg sits.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Strauss, your closing statement please.

Walter casually stands and walks towards the jury.

WALTER
Ladies and gentlemen, the bottom line is that there is not enough evidence to argue that my client, William Kaine, committed these murders. Yes, we all saw the video tape and heard the audio tape, but neither one of these show that William Kaine killed Daryl Wilcox. May I also remind you that William Kaine's fingerprints were not found on the Bowie knife used to kill Elliot Price. All of this evidence is circumstantial. The only thing William Kaine is guilty of is the remorse he feels for his daughter's death and the violent temper which sprang from it. Keep all these things in mind when you make your decision, thank you.
Walter sits.

JUDGE KNOX
Mr. Denning, please conclude with your closing statement.

Carl readies himself and stands slowly.

CARL
Thank you, your honor.

Carl makes his way to the jury box.

CARL
(continuing)
My client Isaac Dansk was never once shown on the tape. Even Mr. Kelley testified that Isaac was never at the scene of any of the other murders. Although Mr. Dansk has admitted to helping William Kaine move Daryl Wilcox's body, he in no way contributed to Daryl Wilcox's harm. When you're deciding this man's fate be sure you make the right decision. Thank You.

Carl walks back to his bench and sits. Dansk leans over to Carl's ear.

DANSK
(whispering)
That was fucking brilliant?

CARL
Thanks.

Judge Knox sits upright.

JUDGE KNOX
We will take a recess for the jury to deliberate.

The judge taps with the gavel.

INT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

A filled court room. Everyone stands whispering and mumbling.

TWO BAILIFFS escort Kaine and Dansk into the room making their way toward Carl and Walter.
Greg looks over at Dansk and Kaine, with a wry smile.  
Kaine catches Greg's grin and he mouths the words FUCK YOU.  
Judge Knox enters the room.  

BALIFF
All rise, the honorable Judge Alec Knox presiding. 

The room is silent, and on their feet.  

JUDGE KNOX
Please sit.  Jury, have you reached a verdict? 

From the jury box a short middle-aged WOMAN stands.  

JURY WOMAN
Yes we have, your honor. 

JUDGE KNOX
Baliff, would you please. 

The baliff retrieves a piece of paper from the woman and hands it to the judge.  Judge Knox opens it momentarily and hands it back to the baliff.  He returns the note to the woman.  

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing) 
Will you please read the verdict. 

JURY WOMAN
We the jury, find the defendant, William Kaine, guilty of murder in the first degree on all counts... 

The room fills with sighs of relief, continued with whispering.  

KAIN
(to himself) 
Christ! 

Judge Knox repeatedly taps his gavel.  

JUDGE KNOX
Order, silence please. 

Only a slight noise can be heard.
JUDGE KNOX
(continuing; to jury
woman)
Please continue.

JURY WOMAN
We find the defendant Isaac Dansk
guilty of accessory to murder in
the first degree on one count.

Again the room fills with noise.

Dansk's eyes roll back as if he is going to faint.

DANSK
Oh shit!

Judge Knox slams the gavel.

JUDGE KNOX
Order! I will have order in the
court!

The room softens slightly.

Two bailiffs approach Kaine and Dansk ready to take them away.

JUDGE KNOX
(continuing)
William Kaine, you are hereby
sentenced to life imprisonment
without the possibility of parole
for the murder of Daryl Wilcox.
Isaac Dansk you are hereby
sentenced to five years
imprisonment with possibility of
parole after two.

Judge Knox slams the gavel.

One of the bailiffs handcuffs a crying Dansk while the other
attempts to handcuff Kaine.

KAINEx
Fuck you! I didn't do it! I didn't
do a goddamn thing!

Walter tries to calm Kaine down.
WALTER
William, please... we'll appeal
this... you're only making it
worse.

Kaine snarls at Walter and decks him square on the jaw. Walter crumples to the floor.

KAINE
You piece of shit! Some fucking
hot shit you are, you sonofabitch.

The two bailiffs tackle Kaine to the floor. Every tendon attempts to break out of Kaine's body. Kaine breaks free kicking one baliff in the gut on the floor. He hops the rail separating the audience from the court and runs right into a baliff levying a nightstick.

The baliff recovers and brings the nightstick down on Kaine's head. Kaine falls to the floor like a ton of bricks, unconscious.

EXT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

On the steps of the court house the media waits, like a pack of vultures smelling something dying.

The door swings open and Warden Miller exits.

WARDEN MILLER
Get out of my way.

Warden Miller pushes defiantly through the press.

REPORTER
Warden Miller, is it true that the governor has withdrawn his support for your election?

Warden Miller turns around and faces the reporter.

WARDEN MILLER
I wasn't aware of that.

Warden Miller slowly makes headway through the crowd and disappears.

Next, Jeff exits the courtroom. The media forms a circle around Jeff.
REPORTER
Mr. Kelley! Mr. Kelley, your
testimony brought down the Ezekiel
tester. How do you feel about that?

JEFF
How do you think I feel? It feels
great to know that justice was
served and a maniac like Kaine
will be put away for good. Even
though Kaine's victim's were
hardened criminals it doesn't give
him the right to be judge, jury,
and executioner.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

INT. PRISON CAFETERIA - DAY

TITLE CARD: ONE YEAR LATER

A filled cafeteria with inmates belly-up to all the tables.
Kaine, dressed in prison garb, sits alone trying to enjoy his
meal of mashed potatoes and corn. Several bruises cover his
face, a tribute to the prison system.

INT. PRISON SHOWERS - DAY

Kaine is solo, water running down his face, he tries to
smother himself in it.

From behind him enter THREE THUGS, all clothed in prison
orange. Kaine is unaware that he is not alone. One of the
thugs pulls a shiv from within his garb.

THUG
Hey, Kaine!

Surprised, Kaine turns around and gets the shiv in his inner
thigh. Kaine releases a horrific howl of pain. Blood cascades
down his leg and into the drain.

INT. PRISON CELL - DAY

A small non-decorated damp cell.

Dansk lies under the covers shivering and crying
 uncontrollably.
EXT. PRISON EXERCISE YARD - DAY

Several inmates doing their regular exercises trying their best to look buff, while many more play basketball in the background.

Jeff stands far away from it all but watching the activity with a grin on his face.

INT. PRISON CELL - DAY

Dansk marks with chalk on the floor, a circle around the foot of the bed post. He takes hold of the metal framed bed and tips it upright so it stands on end. He unlaces his shoes and takes the two shoelaces and ties them together. He then ties the homemade rope to the top of the bed frame.

Dansk lays on the floor on his back, checking and double-checking that his head is placed in the center of the chalk-drawn circle.

With the end of the rope in hand he breathes heavily. He gives the rope a quick tug and the bed falls a little offset. The foot of the bed falls squarely on his throat with a sickening crunch.

Dansk desperately gasps for air for a few seconds as his right leg spasms uncontrollably before the end comes.

INT. PRISON CELL - DAY

Pictures of Kaine's family plaster the wall, as well as many letters.

Kaine sits on his bed, face buried in the bible to cover all the bruises.

THE SOUND OF FOOT STEPS APPROACHING

Kaine looks up, unsmiling.

    KAINÉ
    What the fuck do you want?

Jeff stands outside of the bars.

    JEFF
    I just wanted to stop by and say thank you.

Jeff starts to pace, strutting his stuff.
Kaine, What are you talking about?

Jeff, Thanks for being my scapegoat.

Kaine slowly puts down the bible and gets up.

Kaine (suspiciously) What?

Jeff, You were the perfect scapegoat. I never thought it would work out as well as it did.

Kaine, You mother fucker! You framed me! It should be you in here!

Jeff, Temper, temper.

Kaine, Sonofabitch! You fucking cock sucker! You ruined my life!

Jeff straightens his tie.

Jeff, No, you ruined your life. The reputation you had, it was so easy to use you.

Kaine, So, you killed them all?

CUT TO:

INT. INFIRMARY - NIGHT - (FLASHBACK)

Jeff holding the pillow over Daniel Shapiro's face. Daniel's arms flapping madly. Jeff with a maniacal grin pushing harder and harder.

Jeff (V.O.) Yeah, I killed Daniel Shapiro.

CUT TO:
INT. KAINES OFFICE - DAY - (FLASHBACK)

Jeff behind a naked Jimmy Russell. Jeff reaches for Jimmy's head and quickly snaps it.

JEFF (V.O.)
And that faggot, Jimmy Russel.

CUT TO:

INT. PRISON STORAGE ROOM - DAY - (FLASHBACK)

Elliott Price strung up with duct tape over his mouth and hanging from the pipe in the ceiling. Jeff stands motionless in front of him with a wicked Bowie knife. With a swift gesture Jeff cuts him from stem to stern.

JEFF (V.O.)
Elliott Price was just a mercy kill.

BACK TO PRESENT:

INT. PRISON CELL - DAY

Kaine's hands shoot to his temples as he turns around slowly staggering to his bed where he sits, stooped over.

JEFF
And Daryl Wilcox was the icing on the cake, you practically did it all for me. All I had to do was finish him off and leave my mark.

Kaine struggles with it all.

KAINE
Why!? Why did you do this?

JEFF
I have a son. A son that is not mine. My wife was brutally raped by some knife-toting lowlife. So I thought "hmm" what better way to help out society and get my revenge by getting rid of some of these pieces of shit.

(a beat)
You were just there to clear the way for me.

(a beat)
Thanks.
Jeff walks off.

INT. PRISON CELL

Kaine's arm extends from his cell with bible in hand. The bible drops from his hand.

Jeff displays a victorious smile.

FADE OUT.

THE END