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REESE

Lots of guns...

CREWS

But no knives. Hannah was killed with a knife.

REESE

You think the money did this to him? Made him like this?

CREWS

No... there's something else... he was getting ready for something.

That reality show still plays on the TV... a UNIFORMED COP is about to turn it off but...

CREWS (CONT'D)

...wait... don't touch that...

ON THE TV, a family (FATHER, MOTHER, TWO KIDS) in their living room window, stare out at something in the street.

Crews looks at the image on the TV, then Crews goes to Tom Buckner's window. Crews looks across the street and sees...

In the house across the street, there is that family (FATHER, MOTHER, TWO KIDS) looking out their window. The image on Tom's TV is surveillance of that family across the street.

CREWS (CONT'D)

~~Look at this! This... is them.~~

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EXT. TOM BUCKNER'S HOUSE - STREET - DAY

Still a police scene. Lots of on-lookers.

In front of the house across the street, Crews and Reese stand with the father (RONALD) a chubby happy guy, looks kind of like Tom did before he won all that money.

RONALD

Spycam? Well, I didn't know that but it sure doesn't surprise me.

REESE

Why doesn't it surprise you?

RONALD

Tom and I worked together for nearly twenty years. Carpooled. In and out of each other's houses.

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REESE

(re: Tom's house)

You were in and out of that house?

RONALD

It didn't always look like that.
Just since he won the money.

(then...)

Tom and I used to split the cost of
lottery tickets. I'd give him a
dollar, he'd buy them at lunch. One
day I forgot to give him a dollar.

CREWS

And that was the day he won.

RONALD

Yeah. Haven't seen him since. He
quit work, put up those fences. He
doesn't talk to me. Doesn't talk to
anyone. We used to be best friends.

GO TO
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~~Crews and Reese look at Ronald and his family. They seem
happy and healthy. But now Crews sees something in the crowd.~~

~~CREWS~~

~~Reese...~~

~~She sees it. Dale, no longer in a sweat suit. Now he wears a
nice suit, like the suit Crews wears. Crews and Reese move to
him. As they approach they see he is questioning a neighbor.~~

~~DALE~~

~~And did you ever see him with a
woman named Hannah?~~

~~The neighbor nods no. Dale writes "NO" down on a pad.~~

~~CREWS~~

~~Dale? What are you doing here?~~

~~DALE~~

~~I got all this money but what am I
really doing with my life. Maybe I
can help find who killed Hannah.~~

~~CREWS~~

~~You just leave that to the police.~~

~~DALE~~

~~I saw you talking to those people
over there. Are they involved?~~

~~CREWS~~

~~Dale, what did I just say?~~

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TOM BUCKNER

Hannah loved me... for who I was.
Ronald couldn't get my money... so
he took Hannah instead.

REESE

Maybe you can tell us where you
were the night Hannah was killed.

TOM BUCKNER

Gun show in Covina. Picked up a
Bushmaster 223. You can ask my
dealer. He'll tell you.

~~Crews and Reese look at the stick thin shell of Tom Buckner.~~
22 INT. POLICE STATION - CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

Crews, Reese, Tidwell and Ronald. On the LIVE FEED from the
interrogation room, Tom Buckner all by himself.

HERE
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RONALD

The night that woman was killed? I
was bowling with my wife and kids.
Family league night.

REESE

We'll need to check that out.

Ronald nods yes, then looks at sickly Tom on the live feed.

RONALD

He thought I wanted his money. I
never did. All I really wanted was
to be his friend again.

CREWS

You want to say that to him?

Ronald looks at Crews and then... nods "yes". He does.

END

~~23 INT. POLICE STATION - CONFERENCE ROOM - SHORT TIME LATER~~

~~Crews, Reese and Tidwell watch the monitor. In interrogation
Tom sees the door open, his old friend Ronald enter. They
look at each other, then Ronald sits down across from Tom.~~

~~CREWS~~

~~The guy who doesn't win the lottery
goes bowling with his family...~~

~~REESE~~

~~The guy who wins spends his nights
all by himself at gun shows.~~

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