

EXT. COURTHOUSE - DAY

McConnell is walking outside and returns a call on his cell phone.

MCCONNELL
McConnell here. What is it?
(pause)
What? When?

INT. CORCORAN'S OFFICE - LATER

McConnell is standing before Corcoran and two Internal Affairs investigators, JAMES CANNING AND SUSAN HENDERSON. Along with them are two other suited FBI Agents, SPECIAL AGENT STIMSON AND RANDOLPH.

CORCORAN
McConnell, have a seat.

McConnell sits. Corcoran walks over to the door and shuts it.

HENDERSON
Detective McConnell, we're from Internal Affairs. We've been investigating potential civil rights violations with some of the immigrants that work at the Bodega Association, and reports of financial kickbacks.

CANNING
We found evidence of wrongdoing and have asked Special Agents Stimson and Randolph to ask you some questions.

McConnell seethes.

MCCONNELL
Fine. Ask away. I'm clean.

The two FBI Agents lean forward.

INT. NYPD 81ST PRECINCT - ROBBERY SQUAD - LATER

The door to Corcoran's office opens and McConnell is being led out in handcuffs by the FBI agents.

MCCONNELL
Goddamn it! While I was fighting in Iraq, all of you were pushing paper behind a desk!

The IA investigators speak to Corcoran.

HENDERSON
Our affidavits from the victims we
obtained from Mr. Cartwright will
corroborate our claims.

CANNING
It's quite a paper trail.

CORCORAN
I don't doubt it. I know he's walked
a fine line in the past, but this is
unacceptable.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. MURRAY KLEIN LAW OFFICES - KLEIN'S OFFICE - DAY

Klein, Dominic and Dennis are conferring in the office.

KLEIN
You did well on the stand yesterday,
Dennis. The jury should see your
side, especially since Ray was so
much bigger and stronger than you.

DENNIS
How long before the jury gives their
verdict?

KLEIN
This one might take some time. It
doesn't help that Detective McConnell
made sure to shore up the
prosecution's case.

DOMINIC
In case you haven't heard, the FBI
just arrested McConnell. Corruption,
bribery, civil rights violations,
police brutality... he's gonna have
a rap sheet as long as some of the
perps he's brought in.

KLEIN
What's the saying? Karma's a bitch?

DOMINIC
I'm not celebrating the downfall of
a war veteran, even if he brought it
on himself. I only pray that we can
get through this with Dennis.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. FEDERAL COURT - DAY

McConnell is in Federal Court for his arraignment. Assistant United States Attorney BRYCE PHILPOT speaks before the Federal judge.

PHILPOT

Detective McConnell's conduct is a betrayal of the trust given to police officers and the worst kind of abuse of authority. Especially as he has targeted minority immigrant groups and violated their civil rights.

We focus on McConnell's seething expression as his whole life is crumbling around him.

PHILPOT (CONT'D)

People immigrate to our country for a better life, to escape oppression. Not to be threatened and terrorized by the police.

McConnell steps toward Philpot, but court officers restrain him. The FEDERAL JUDGE speaks.

FEDERAL JUDGE

Bail is set at \$50,000. Until then, Mr. McConnell will be held at the Federal Detention Facility.

He bangs his gavel. McConnell is led off.

INT. COURTROOM - DAY

Dennis is standing, listening to the verdict being read by the JURY FOREWOMAN. Klein stands next to him. Dominic is in the gallery sitting next to Kathy.

JURY FOREWOMAN

On the count of murder in the second degree, We the jury find the defendant Dennis Carbonaro not guilty.

(beat)

On the count of manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide and assault, we the jury find the defendant Dennis Carbonaro not guilty.

Dennis heaves a sigh of relief. Klein pats his shoulders. Dominic hugs Kathy and says a silent prayer. The courtroom stirs and the judge bangs his gavel.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. KILKENNY LAW OFFICES - DAY

McConnell sits in the office of JAMES KILKENNY, who listens to his ranting.

KILKENNY
I've reviewed the details of your case, Detective.

MCCONNELL
This whole thing is a frame-up.

KILKENNY
How so?

MCCONNELL
None of these pencil pushers are out in the field seeing what I see. These bodega owners are all fronts for unlawful gambling, lotteries, and drugs. They hire illegals and pay off the politicians to get the vote of minorities, pressure the D.A. to target cops and throw them under the bus.

KILKENNY
Why do you think they targeted you?

McConnell leans forward, fire in his eyes.

MCCONNELL
You ever hear of the Spaniard? Arturo Gonsalves. Runs the whole organization. I was getting too close to him, so he called up the politicians in his back pocket to shut me up.

Kilkenny just listens.

MCCONNELL (CONT'D)
He sent his flunkies, Aldo and Gino, to make up these lies about me. Someone should put a bullet in their heads.

KILKENNY
I'll have to look into your case a bit before I can agree to take it.

McConnell snaps, spit flying from his mouth.

MCCONNELL

Didn't you hear me? These crooks are making this shit up! Goddamn it, I'm a veteran! These dirtbags are ruining our country and you need to think about it before taking them down? Thanks for nothing!

He gets up and storms out.