

TRIPLE HOMICIDE

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Characters: Elizabeth, 25 - 30, Lawson, 35+

Synopsis: Detective Lawson interrogates Elizabeth and tries to get to the truth about the killing of a family. Elizabeth hides the truth.

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INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - EVENING

Detective LAWSON stares straight into the eyes of ELIZABETH. Both are quiet. Lawson looks down at a file and studies it. Lawson stands up and begins pacing around.

LAWSON

What I don't get is why you are trying to protect him.

Silence from Elizabeth.

LAWSON

You know damn well that if the roles were reversed he would give you up in a heartbeat.

Still nothing from Elizabeth.

LAWSON

Fine, you don't have to talk. But as it stands right now, you are going down for a triple homicide.

This gets Elizabeth's attention. She looks up yet remains silent.

LAWSON

That's right. One of which being an 8 year old boy. Do you know what they do to child murderers in prison?

(louder)

Do you!?

Elizabeth is starting to crack. She finally speaks.

ELIZABETH

(quietly)

He told me he didn't do it.

LAWSON

What's that? I didn't hear you.

ELIZABETH

(louder)

He told me he didn't do it.

LAWSON

Oh he did it alright. The techs are going through the video right now.

This surprises Elizabeth.

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ELIZABETH
There's a video?

LAWSON
Yep.

ELIZABETH
Then why do you need me?

LAWSON
Because you can tell us why. Why
would he kill that family in cold
blood?

Elizabeth looks down silent. Lawson paces around staring at her.

ELIZABETH
What was the boy's name?

LAWSON
That doesn't matter.

ELIZABETH
Yes it does. Just tell me his name.

Lawson looks behind her through the two way mirror. She shrugs her shoulders.

LAWSON
It was Ryan. Ryan Young.

Elizabeth is in denial. She shakes her head back and fourth. Lawson sees this and walks over towards her. She reaches out to comfort her and lowers her tone.

LAWSON
Will you please help us?

Elizabeth tries to contain herself.

ELIZABETH
I wish I could. I really do.

Lawson realizes something about Elizabeth's reaction.

LAWSON
Who is Ryan Young?

Elizabeth tightens up. She looks down.

LAWSON
Elizabeth please. What does Ryan
Young have to do with this?

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ELIZABETH

Stop saying his name! Please stop
it!

Lawson looks through the mirror again. She moves towards the door before looking back.

LAWSON

I'm going to find out the truth.
One way or another.

She exits the room. Elizabeth rocks back and fourth as we...

FADE TO BLACK.