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MUNCH

Wow, like being carded at the liquor store. You're making me feel young again, Captain.

CRAGEN

I'll take that as a yes. While the Moss' and Sylvia Daniels play he said she said, I want you and Fin back up at the school to canvas the headmaster and Sylvia's colleagues. Benson and Stabler I want you to talk to the sister. She's the only other one that would know what really goes on at these tutor sessions. Find out exactly what did.

Benson and Stabler nod their heads. As do Munch and Fin. They all disperse in their respective directions to complete their next tasks.

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FYI

INT. PATRICK ACADEMY HALLWAY - DAY

Munch and Fin walk with DR. PHIL WATKINS, the headmaster of Patrick Academy through a corridor inside the school. It's a beautiful campus that definitely has some serious financial backing.

Students move about the hallway. In between classes.

DR. WATKINS

Patrick Academy is the premier and most prestigious academic institution in New York and quite possibly the country. None compare to our great faculty, award winning facilities, or our students' educational growth.

FIN

Must cost an arm and a leg to get in here.

MUNCH

Among other things. Tell me Dr. Watkins, do you require an autograph from the students' famous parents as a part of the application process?

Dr. Watkins smiles.

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DR. WATKINS

Very funny, Sergeant. It is true that most of our student body is comprised of children coming from high profile families, but I believe that is because these families know that an education from the Patrick Academy will give their children the best path in life.

Dr. Watkins points towards his office.

DR. WATKINS (cont'd)

Step in to my office, gentlemen.

Fin and Munch enter the office. Dr. Watkins follows.

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INT. DR. WATKINS' OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Fin and Munch take a seat in front of Dr. Watkins' desk.

DR. WATKINS

It's a tragedy what Sylvia Daniels has been accused of. I refuse to believe it is true. But I'm sure you two will prove that to everyone anyway.

FIN

Has Sylvia Daniels ever had any complaints from other students or their families?

Dr. Watkins takes a seat in his own chair.

DR. WATKINS

None. She is one of my best educators. Some parents felt that her age would be a distraction, especially for the male students, but she is the consummate professional, who takes her work very seriously.

MUNCH

We were told that she was hired by the Moss family to privately tutor their two children.

DR. WATKINS

Yes. Parker and Harper. Such bright young children.

MUNCH

Was Sylvia Daniels randomly selected or did the Moss' request her specifically?

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DR. WATKINS

Actually now that you mention it, the family did request Miss Daniels personally. At first we found that kind of odd since Sylvia was just hired a few months before and we offered them Talia Mallard, who is our most decorated educator. But even after all of that, the Moss' told us that Parker and Harper wanted Sylvia Daniels. So we met their request.

Munch and Fin share a look together.

FIN

We're going to have to ask you for Sylvia Daniels' file. It may prove helpful in our investigation.

DR. WATKINS

Do you have a warrant?

MUNCH

We can get one.

DR. WATKINS

Then do so. Once you have your warrant I will hand over anything you ask for. But until then, good day gentleman.

Dr. Watkins leans back in his chair. A smug smile on his face.

FIN

Do you really want it on public record that we are investigating one of your teachers for a sex crime, Dr. Watkins?

This piques Dr. Watkins interest.

MUNCH

All it takes is one determined paparazzo to leak that out to the public and your enrollment rate will plummet.

FIN

Now I'm not good at math, but at \$40,000 a head in tuition, that's mucho banko out of your paycheck. Doctor.

The smile is wiped right off Dr. Watkins' face. Fin and Munch just stare back at him. No jokes going on now.

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Dr. Watkins pushes a button on his speaker phone.

DR. WATKINS
(into phone)
Marianne?

MARIANNE (O.S.)
Yes, Dr. Watkins?

DR. WATKINS
(into phone)
Could you print out a copy of Sylvia Daniels' file for the two detectives?

MARIANNE (O.S.)
Right away, sir.

Dr. Watkins hangs up. Fin and Munch rise.

MUNCH
Thanks, Doc. **END**

CUT TO

INT. MOSS RESIDENCE, FRONT DOOR - DAY

Benson knocks on the front door of the Moss' penthouse. Stabler at her side.

BENSON
They're not going to let us talk to her. They've already been though enough today.

STABLER
Yeah, but you heard Cabot. If we don't get something, that teacher is going to walk.

After a few seconds, the door opens. Alan stands in the doorway.

BENSON
Good afternoon, Senator.

ALAN
Detectives. Are you here to tell me you've finally arrested that woman?

STABLER
We're still working on it, Senator. We actually came here to talk to--

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