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FADE IN:

INT. TALBOT COUNTY RINK - NIGHT

Booth and Perotta sit in the stands with Ed Fralic (the Firedogs high scorer) and Firedawgs Captain DAVE SIMMS while the rest of the Firedawgs practice on the ice -

DAVE SIMMS

Pete Carlson was murdered?

ED FRALIC

Man. Pete. He's indestructible.

DAVE SIMMS

Not so indestructible.

(off Booth)

This guy took him down a few notches. Made him stay down, too.

BOOTH

Heat of the game, guys. Your boy transgressed.

ED FRALIC

He was our enforcer. Took the job real serious.

DAVE SIMMS

Whoever got him, the guy must have got the drop on him. Pete wouldn't go easy.

AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA

You mind me asking why nobody reported him missing?

ED FRALIC

Night after you flattened Pete, we go up against the State Police, Pete gets into a beef with a big State Police left winger.

DAVE SIMMS

Because you handed him his ass on a platter, Pete maybe had something to prove that night.

BOOTH

You got a name?

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DAVE SIMMS
(calling)
Hey! Alex!

Alex Pina approaches the boards -

ALEX PINA
What's up?

ED FRALIC
The Fuzz player who Pete got into
it with his last game. You
remember his name?

ALEX PINA
Herrin. Lou Herrin. Number Five.

ED FRALIC
Pete took Herrin down with a real
cheap shot, got tossed out for the
rest of the season.

AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA
What about his volunteer fireman
job?

ALEX PINA
Only reason Pete joined the fire
department was to play hockey.

DAVE SIMMS
Now we got no enforcer.

BOOTH
Fellas, the guy was a goon.

ED FRALIC
Hey, buddy, I wouldn't point. Pete
did for our team what you do for
yours.

Booth shakes his head and looks away. Out on the ice, a
BUZZER goes and the hockey players make way for a few figure
skaters -

AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA
Any chance the fight between Pete
and this guy, Herrin, continued off
the ice?

DAVE SIMMS
People threaten.

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ED FRALIC
Nobody actually carries through.

BOOTH
Keep it on the ice, right?

DAVE SIMMS
That's right.

ED FRALIC
I were you, I'd talk to Chloe.

He points to where CHLOE BRATTON, 21, a platinum blond princess, is doing ice-skating figures on the ice -

AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA
Who's that?

ED FRALIC
Chloe Bratton.

DAVE SIMMS
Chloe's a puck bunny. She and Pete
put in some quality mattress time
before he dumped her.

ALEX PINA
Mattress isn't really Chloe's
style.
(to Perotta)
No offense.

AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA
None taken. I favor backseats
myself.

The hockey players and Booth like Perotta.

CUT TO:

INT. FBI / INTERROGATION ROOM - DAY

Perotta is questioning Chloe Bratton, Booth standing in the background -

CHLOE BRATTON
I just... I can't believe Pete is
gone.

AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA
How long ago did you two break up?

CHLOE BRATTON
Break up? We didn't break up.

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BOOTH
Messier. Mark Messier. Look him
up.

BRENNAN
What's this?

BOOTH
It's a lace puller. Why?

Brennan pokes it forward -

BRENNAN
I think it might be the murder
weapon.

Booth looks at the team photo again. All these young, happy
guys, their whole lives ahead of them.

CUT TO:

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INT. TALBOT COUNTY RINK - NIGHT

Booth, Brennan and Agent Perotta face Dave Simms, Ed Fralic
and Alex Pina -

DAVE SIMMS
Carlson got killed with a lace
puller?

BRENNAN
It entered his eye and did a great
deal of brain damage.

ALEX PINA
Every hockey player has one of
those.

AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA
We want to discuss the jewelry
store fire.

ED FRALIC
Oh, God.

ALEX PINA
I want a lawyer.

DAVE SIMMS
What for, Alex? You didn't do
anything wrong. None of us did.

BOOTH
What about Pete?

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AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA
Maybe he broke the fireman code,
something like that?

ED FRALIC
Something like that.

ALEX PINA
I got nothing to say about any of
this.

BRENNAN
We know Carlson was killed with a
lace puller after being beaten with
a kevlar stick.

DAVE SIMMS
We all got kevlar sticks.

AGENT PAYTON PEROTTA
We have a warrant for your sticks
and lace pullers.

ED FRALIC
I guess we all want lawyers, now.

DAVE SIMMS
We say nothing.

Booth has been oddly distant through this. Then Booth
produces some newspaper clippings. He hands the first one to
Ed Fralic. The first one shows young Edward Fralic on the
ice and the headline: "Local Player Scouted by NHL" -

BOOTH
What happened to your dreams, Ed?
Gonna play in the NHL.

ED FRALIC
Didn't work out.

Booth hands Fralic another clipping. This one says, "Fralic
Injury Shortens Season" -

BOOTH
Because of this?

BRENNAN
The injury they describe here would
have ended any chance of a career
in professional hockey.

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ED FRALIC

I guess that's why I sell siding,
huh?

DAVE SIMMS

What's this got to do with
anything?

ED FRALIC

Tore up both shoulders in practice.
No more slapshot after that. Now,
I play hockey on the weekends.

ALEX PINA

Why you gotta rub his face in the
past?

BOOTH

How'd you get injured, Ed?

ALEX PINA

Don't answer, man.

DAVE SIMMS

It was my fault. A cheap shot
during practice. I ruined Ed's
career.

BOOTH

You're lying.

ED FRALIC

Naw, it was Pete Carlson who ruined
me. During practice. For no
reason. How'd you find out?

BOOTH

You just told me.

ED FRALIC

We all knew about the jewelry. But
we don't do that. We're the good
guys.

ALEX PINA

God, Ed, just shut up, man...

BOOTH

I believe that, Ed.

Fralic makes his decision -

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ED FRALIC

I asked to meet Pete on the ice
after everybody left. I told him
he had to give the stolen jewelry
back. He said to me... he said...

Fralic still can't believe what happened -

ED FRALIC (CONT'D)

He said to me that I was a pussy.
That I'd always been a pussy. That
I didn't do anything to him back in
the day when he ruined my life and
I wouldn't do anything to him now.

(then)

He was wrong.

And that's that.

CUT AHEAD TO:

TNT. TALBOT COUNTY PARK - NIGHT

Brennan stands on skates, a little wobbly. Suddenly, the
disco ball starts up, and a SONG plays.

Booth appears beside her -

BRENNAN

Are you sure this is a good idea?

BOOTH

I gotta stay up all night. Who
better to keep me company than you?

BRENNAN

You and me skating is saving you
from slipping into a coma?

They intertwine arms. Brennan is not a good skater -

BRENNAN (CONT'D)

I'm pretty good, right?

BOOTH

Oh, yeah, a natural.

BRENNAN

That Agent Perotta. She really
liked working with us.

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