

"ED PAVELKA"  
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SCENE #1

INT. GOVERNMENT HEARING ROOM - DAY

KELLERMAN and FRANKLIN are seated across from a three-person Judicial board. ED PAVELKA, 50, white, does the talking. The other two sit back, chew on their pens and stare at Kellerman and Franklin. A stenographer types nearby and an aide stands at the door. No one else is in the room.

FRANKLIN

That is absolute hogwash.

PAVELKA

Please answer the question. How was it that you had no inkling that Lincoln Burrows was planning an escape.

(throws his hands up in disbelief)

The head man on this case?

After a beat.

FRANKLIN

I thought I had all the info. Obviously I was wrong.

PAVELKA

Obviously.

(shifting gears)

Kellerman, is it true that almost all the inmates who either escaped or tried to escape worked in the northeast corner of the prison?

KELLERMAN

That's right.

PAVELKA

Why did these inmates have so much time to dig a hole in the floor of the guards' break room while working there?

FRANKLIN

I'll answer that. With all due respect -- if any of you had ever worked a day in a prison you'd know that since inmates get seven cents an hour, some have been known to drag their feet.

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PAVELKA

Is it true the rights to run this area of Fox River was sold to the highest bidder?

KELLERMAN

What? No. Who the hell told you that?

FRANKLIN

This is unbelievable.

Pavelka nods and points at the aide, who opens the door and walks out into the hallway.

FRANKLIN (CONT'D)

Why are we in here when those eight escaped convicts are still out there on the run...

Franklin trails off when he sees the aide return with former AGENT JENKINS. Kellerman is not happy to see this guy walk in the door.

The aide guides Jenkins over to the table in front of the board.

PAVELKA

Were you employed as an undercover agent at Fox River, Mr. Jenkins?

JENKINS

Yep.

FRANKLIN

Yeah, until he was fired for shaking down inmates --

PAVELKA

-- I'm not going to ask you again.  
(to Jenkins)

Were you aware of any arrangement certain outside parties had with any inmate in the northern quadrant?

JENKINS

Yes. Lincoln Burrows was working with someone on the outside.

PAVELKA

Lincoln Burrows. Who is one of the escaped convicts.

JENKINS

Yep.

Pavelka turns to Kellerman.

PAVELKA

We'll get other C.O.s to substantiate this if we have to, Kellerman, so I'm giving you one chance to get in front of it. Did you know about all this?

Kellerman swallows the knot in his throat.

PAVELKA (CONT'D)

Yes or no.

KELLERMAN

(barely)

Yes.

Franklin looks down slightly. It's not a big move because he doesn't want to show up or sell out Kellerman, but this is clearly news to him and he's clearly disappointed.

KELLERMAN (CONT'D)

But at no point was I ever aware --

PAVELKA

-- that will be all --

KELLERMAN

-- of any talk of escape --

PAVELKA

-- that will be all.

Kellerman shuts up.

PAVELKA (CONT'D)

Franklin and Kellerman, step out in the hallway. We'll call for you when we've reached a decision.

Franklin stands up. Kellerman is staring daggers at Jenkins -  
- who's staring right back at him.

FRANKLIN

C'mon.

"ED PAVELKA" SCENE #2

INT. GOVERNMENT HEARING ROOM - DAY

Franklin and Kellerman stand across from the three-person Judicial Board.

PAVELKA

It is the finding of this panel that Franklin, you will be docked two weeks and placed on three months probation.

(beat)

Mr. Kellerman you are terminated -- effectively immediately. You can retrieve any belongings you may have at headquarters. That will be all.

KELLERMAN

(shell-shocked)

I've... I've given almost ten years of my life to this job.

PAVELKA

And we appreciate that.

Pavelka nods at the other board members and they prepare to leave. Franklin stands.

FRANKLIN

You know, we could have saved a lot of time if you would have just told us at the outset that this was going to be a railroad.

PAVELKA

That will be all.