

THIEF BEAT SHEET 8.14.07

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1. Opening: Man gets into car on wet streets. Drives to alley. Another man in car listening to police scanner. Barry cutting wires. Frank drilling open a safe. A lot of detailed safe drilling. Five minutes worth.
2. Frank searches for something in envelope. Asks partners if it's clear. They say yes. He leaves, he and Belushi dump tools in car which partner drives off. They walk to other car and get in, drive off.
3. Long driving shots make way to garage. They park, exit car, Frank switches to new car. Belushi to his own. They drive off.
4. Morning. Frank, walking on pier, sees homeless black man line fishing. Makes small talk. Offers him Danish, has kind exchange. Hangs out looking at sea. Appreciates 'magic' of sky.
5. Frank in suit at car dealership lot telling people what to do to, handling biz. Asks secretary some biz. Asks her to get Barry on phone. Hangs in his office. Comes out more biz.
6. Meets Gags the fence at diner. Covertly hands him diamonds from job. Gags likes. Discuss tradecraft of quality. Frank is an expert wants 185k. Smiles at pretty blonde from afar. Gags computes, says deal on. Tells Frank 'people' want to meet him, Frank balks angrily, says he doesn't want to meet anyone. Gags asks if he wants money on the street. Frank says no, I put money in bank.
7. Frank approaches waitress and asks her out for dinner. They know each other it seems. He'll see her at eight.
8. Back in office, Frank reviews paperwork. Walks out to floor of shop looks at workers. Continues on to a bench to open a letter he has received. It's from a prison. Pal Okla says he has to see Frank, clear they're friends. Frank folds letter, then takes crazy collage out from his wallet that is of some importance to him.
9. Frank walks into bar. Bartender says Barry has been calling over and over. Frank calls Barry at payphone. Asks if he made pickup. Barry says he has not made pickup. There's a problem. Our man went through a window onto the sidewalk. Frank asks where is the merch? Finding out. Frank exits.

10. Barry in car with Frank says Gags was stealing from the mob, they went crazy and killed him. Frank's money was in Gag's pocket when he went out window, but it's missing. They arrive at plating company. Frank tells Barry to keep motor running.
11. Frank enters and asks to see Mr. Taglia about plating pretense. Business looks legit. Frank enters Taglia's office. Explains plating was a pretense, he wants his money that gags had. Taglia plays dumb, Frank insists on money reasonably. Taglia tells him to get out rudely, calls security. Frank pulls gun on Taglia as security enters. They're scared. Frank tells everyone to lay down, intimidates, insists on his money. Taglia relents a bit. Frank says meet me in 3 hours and pay. Backs out holding gun, freaks out everyone in main office.
12. Frank is visiting old man Okla in prison. They are clearly friends, Frank says he's doing great, real world is strange. Okla says prison's hard. Asks about Frank's wife, Frank says it's over, he pulled plug, he wasn't telling her truth about scores and she thought he was having affairs. Okla says what now? Frank says he met a new girl, will marry her. She doesn't know about thief stuff, asks for Okla's advice, should he tell her? Okla says lie to nobody. Frank asks what Okla needs, Okla says get me out, I have 10 months left to live, I won't last till my sentence is up, I don't want to die inside. Frank says he will get him out.
13. Car drives up. Three gangsters talking. Guy from plating says whack him out. Old man Leo asks if he is prowler. Frank walks up. Leo introduces himself says hello, gives Frank money. Surveillance from across street is shown watching. Leo tries to ingratiate himself to Frank. Frank wants to leave. Leo wants to get to know each other. Frank says not interested. Leo shows his knowledge, says he is the big fence, he knows all about Frank, likes him as a highline pro. Cops ask who is Frank from surveillance post. Leo makes Frank offer to work for him. Frank says no way I'm independent. Leo says it's a good deal, he'll lay out scores with all info, blueprints, tools. He'd be Frank's father, would give Frank a price, big scores. Frank concerned, what about the heat? He's got rules. Leo says they're okay. Frank says he'll consider it. But he wants to retire. Leo laughs, but says just do 2 or 3 moves, then you can split. Frank says okay, he'll call. Leaves. Cops think about picking up Frank, wait.
14. Frank drives to store, picks something up. Then drives off. Band playing for a while as Jessie (waitress) waits at bar looking half-asleep, grooving. Frank arrives at bar, enters. She's mad at him, he's 2 hours late. She says go away. He says I want to talk, I'll explain. Bartender hassles Frank for talking, He shows him gun and pushes him away. Frank and Jessie argue

and Frank grabs her and shoves her into his car. She gets out. He runs into people, pushes them on street. He grabs Jessie and puts her back in. Backs out aggressively. Almost hits people. Speeds away.

15. In car, they argue. Revealed he's been saying hi for 5 months. He yells, explains to Jessie that he is a rich thief, has been in prison. She says so what. He says he never told his wife that. He is earnest and sweet, says he wants a big romance, but says it in a comic way. She laughs and says who does he think he is. Frank reassures he is serious.

16. They arrive in diner. Get to know each other. Frank says she is marking time, why is she afraid? Frank is being kind again, intriguing. Asks her about her past relationship. She reveals she was with a drug dealer, ended up in Colombia. The relationship ended badly. Now her life is very regular and solid. Frank says she is hiding. She reveals boyfriend died. Frank says boyfriend was asshole, put her in danger. She says she was alone, bad things happened. Asks Frank about his prison days. He makes joke about cream on table. Tells story about prison, he was in for 11 years, got out 4 years ago. He went in for stealing \$40, but it spiraled out of control as he was almost raped and had to kill 2 guys for trying to turn him out. He talks about not counting days in prison so you can forget time and find a place where nothing means nothing. He tells story about captain and corrupt crew who raped people. They beat you to damage if your refuse. It was Frank's turn, he was scared, so he fights back with pipe and beats a bunch, brain damages captain. They beat him, he spends 6 months in hospital. He gets back to jail, worries about being killed, but nothing happens. He cares about nothing and that scares people. He realizes he survived. Then he decides he has an idealized life he wants to create that includes a woman, and old man his mentor/father in a picture. Jesse asks why people are dead in photo, he says inside you can't die right, here it's a cycle. Jesse worries that Frank might be killed or busted. Frank says he's out of time, he has to work fast, he has to get the dream, just a little more 'magic' till he's ready. She says she can't have children. He says they'll adopt. She's not ready. Frank says his life is a mess and hers must be too. Between the two of them something special can happen. He has a way out, it can happen really fast, take the chance. She holds his hand, conveying yes.

17. Frank at phone booth calls Leo, says you're on, they must be big scores, 1 or 2 tops.

18. Leo and goon, Frank, Barry, case the score. Discuss how to get in. It's tough, but can be done. Safe is impossible, custom made. Must drill it, be

- in there 18 hours. Leo says it's worth it, \$830k. Frank asks about 5th alarm, Leo says they can't break it. Frank says 4-8 weeks to do the job, need some supplies. Leo will get it. From afar, cops surveil, mention 5th alarm.
19. Frank and Jessie in new house Frank has gotten, asks if she likes it, it's terrific. Frank is looking at her in love.
 20. Frank visits garage and custom metalworker old Sam. Frank's happy. Sam asks about Okla, Frank's making moves to get him out, fixed up hearing. Small talk about idiocy of business oversight, white coat man at metal shop, son in law's idea. Sam and Frank in office look at schematic, Sam says it's very tough vault. Frank needs special equipment, it's real complicated, he wants to cut a door, only way in. Sam says it's hard, even if he can build it, it's hard to use. Is it worth it? Frank- it's worth it. Frank uses phone, calls about licenses Leo promised, says he will be there to pick them up. Sam says he might be able to do it, has to check it out, come back in a week.
 21. Lawyer in court asks judge to get Okla out of prison. Judge says no good. Frank is in court watching. Leo's man drops off licenses to Frank. Lawyer and judge have negotiation about bribe to get Okla out with fingers on face. Judge takes bribe and says Okla can get out. Leo's man asks Frank to steal a fur coat. Frank says he's a salesman.
 22. Frank and Lawyer in hall, Lawyer says Okla on street in a week, needs 6k. Frank gives him 10k as a tip. Excited about Okla coming out in a week.
 23. Barry and wife show up at Frank's new house to hang with Frank and wife. Barry is effusive, saying, a millionaire must live here, it's beautiful! Talk biz, Barry figured out 5th alarm. Complication to alarm, have to send code in 10 seconds, goes over radio. Frank says we bug it, get the code. Then says PS, after this it's over for me, home-free. Barry nods okay, asks Frank if he's happy. Frank nods. They go inside to eat.
 24. At adoption agency, Jessie and Frank. Woman says Frank misspelled male. Asks Frank since his employer was prison what was he doing? Frank says he was a convict. Woman is shocked. Jessie says let's leave. She says they have more applicants. Frank asks why there are kids there then? He wants a kid. Woman says ex-con no good. Frank says he'll take any kid, Black or Chink or Old. Jessie says let's leave. Frank offers woman a bribe. She freaks. Frank says she knows nothing, woman is denying kids opportunity. Jessie says let's go. Frank is emotional, says he was state raised, this is a dead place, you hate life because of nightmare.

- Did woman grow up in suburbs? She knows nothing. Guard comes to escort Frank out, he leaves angrily.
25. Frank and Jessie sit in chair at night holding each other.
 26. From the inside of a car, undercover cops chat. They pull over Frank whom they are tailing. Approach his window. Cop Yorizzi introduces himself, says they are his new partners, they're in for ten points. Frank plays dumb, defiantly, sarcastically. Cop mentions Leo, says what's your problem? Frank still sarcastic, says pinch me or fuck off. Drives off.
 27. Frank checks his phone, sees it is bugged. Jessie watches. He runs water to cover sound, Jessie asks meaning. Frank says heat is watching, hard to make moves. Jessie worried if they're in the walls. Frank says we move. Jessie says stay.
 28. Frank meets Leo at bar. Leo says I can put your money to work in shopping centers. Frank says no. Leo says let me know later. Frank says I'm bugged, what's up? He found car bugs. Yells at Leo. Leo says he'll fix, can Frank take vault. Frank says don't know, still working on alarm and vault. Leo asks if family troubles, what about kid? Frank freaks. Says he's Frank's friend. Frank says no mix biz and friends. Leo says family is life, sacred. Frank considers. Leo says he can get him sold kid. Frank asks for boy, Leo says done. Frank laughs, happy! Trusts Leo. Goes to bar, calls Jessie, says hi. Panics and leaves.
 29. Arrives at hospital with Jessie. Okla is in bad shape in bed. Frank reassures him, is kind. Intros wife Jessie. Leans over, Okla whispers in his ear. Monitor beeps and Okla crashes. Doctors rush.
 30. In hall, lawyer says he keeled over when he came out of jail steps. Jessie asks what Okla said, Frank says he whispered thanks, big thing was not to die in jail. Doctor comes out, says he died. Frank is stunned, hurt, played subtly.
 31. Jessie goes into apartment lobby, picks up kid wrapped in blanket from woman.
 32. Chinese waiter serves Frank and Jessie, says they have nice baby. Asks name. Jessie says none yet. Asks Frank if he's okay. Frank says Okla dies, our baby is born. She says let's name him after Okla, Frank says real name was David. She likes it. Frank calls waiter. Tells him the baby's name is David. Waiter says David is good name. Frank plays with David.

33. Frank uses blowtorch to cut metal in shop. Sam is there. Smiles. It works.
34. Barry uses scanners to bug the score in stairwell. Workers walk in and disarm, he records code. Workers continue to vault.
35. Frank gets payment envelope from bartender. Barry calls bartender, asks for Frank. Frank ushers bartender away. Barry says 'we're on.' Frank says okay.
36. Frank drives, cops chase him over median. Pull guns and arrest him for driving without a taillight. They break it corruptly.
37. In interrogation room, cops beat Frank savagely. Yorizzi comes over. Says remember me? Frank ridicules him. Leader cop says Frank's stand-up guy, great at job. Just make things easy instead of being a dick. Say they know major score going down soon. Why not pay? Frank says work for a living, fuck off. Yorizzi says I'm gonna be on your ass. Frank ridicules him again. They beat. Leader says cut Frank loose.
38. Cops trail Franks car again, two cars walkie they are on his tail, he's beeping in. Frank does something shady, scanner beeps, cops say he's stopped, pull over to avoid detection. Frank gets out, dumps scanner in baggage cart. They don't see. He returns to car. They're signal still scrambled, then moving. They drive to find, but follow the something we know is wrong but not what yet. They think they have him again. Say they're gonna take him down. Camera slowly shows us they are following a bus.
39. Frank is chain-sawing in building roof with Barry and Leo's guy at score. Gets into elevator shaft, hard. Intricately drills something. Shown to be conduit to expose wires. Barry patches in. Frank looks at meter says phone line. Next- phone. Next- got that. They hook in. Again- phone. Then- got it. Frank- one more and we're good.
40. Inside- Frank opens the door, alarm goes off. Says codeword into box, it goes away. Enters and turns on lights- in vault room. Radios Barry, asks if surges on line, Barry says all clear. Frank- we own it. He looks around, seems satisfied, relaxed.
41. Frank drilling ceiling. Barry there, Leo's guy throwing stuff out of way. Frank gets metal pipe lie when in Sam's store, Barry starts drill torch, lights the pipe. Smoke everywhere. Guys put on special hood. Frank takes burning pipe to vault, starts attacking it. Sparks, very cool visuals for a long time.

42. They make it inside the vault. Start going through boxes. Frank in the hall takes his hood off. Sits on a chair, relaxing. Barry inside vault finds huge box of diamonds, puts them in bag. Frank pulls out a cigarette, smokes it, smiles, happy.
43. Musical shot on beach, Frank in beachwear with Barry hanging out, and their families. Barry says enjoy water, Frank says tomorrow we collect, enjoy it. Frank plays with Jessie and baby.
44. Jessie tends to baby at home, baby is in its crib, Frank watches. Frank and Jessie make love.
45. Frank goes to see Leo, Leo gives him envelope. Henchmen chatters. Leo says he heard Frank's amazing in score. Frank notices money is short, says where's the rest. Leo says don't worry I put you in shopping centers. Frank says count me out. Leo says I have a new score. Frank upset, says you're dreaming, I want my money, our deal is over. Leo says why didn't you pay off cops? You are your own man, huh? Frank says that's right, I run myself. Leo says I thought you'd come around, where's gratitude. Frank says I earned money, I want it. Leo says fuck off, Frank says 24 hours or I'll kill you.
46. Frank drives. Henchmen beating Barry to death. Frank arrives at his dealership. Henchmen beat Barry. They're around corner. Frank calls for Barry, henchmen beat Barry, say answer. They force him to call out. Struggle and they shotgun Barry to death, capture Frank.
47. Frank wakes up. Leo stands over taunting Frank with Barry's body, says look what happened cause you go against the way it is. You treat me like shit, what's wrong with you? You bring a gun in my house? You don't care about anything? You're not that guy now, not that jailhouse mind. I own your life. I'll put your cunt wife on the street. I own your kid. I'll whack out your whole family. I run you until you die. Back to work.
48. Frank cleans himself up in mirror at home, bangs his head. Sits on bed, calls friend, says you're going on a trip. Wakes up Jessie, tells her to get kid, she's going away, not what was supposed to be, but that's how it is. Jessie confused. Frank says go, it's over, here's all the money \$410k, I'm not coming. She says, I love you, not going! Frank talks robotically, ignores her. She says I made commitment. He says forget me, I'm throwing you out, get out. She gets in car with Joseph and leaves as Frank watches.

49. Frank gets bag from house, goes to car, drives off. House explodes in fire.
50. Frank arrives at usual bar, goes inside. Plants bomb. Leaves. It explodes.
51. At dealership, he torches every car, they all burn to the ground.
52. Sits in his car, pulls out his collage of life, crumples it up and throws it on the ground.
53. Frank picks the lock on a house door, goes inside. Crouching with a gun, we see it's Leo's place, Leo's reading in living room with Taglia. Taglia goes to kitchen. Frank attacks Taglia, stuns him. Sees wife in corner who doesn't move. Frank continues stalking through house looking for Leo, doesn't find him. He's not in living room, not over somewhere else. Frank continues. Leo hiding behind armoire, moves to shoot Frank, fires off shot, but Frank shoots him first. He slumps, tries to shoot Frank again, Frank shoots him and blows his head off. He dies painfully.
54. Taglia arises, runs out of house. Frank follows him as more goons appear shooting for Frank. He shoots one of the goons and then kills Taglia. Goon he shot finally shoots Frank and Frank falls on the floor. Then goon is about to shoot him again and Frank musters strength and kills goon. Frank painfully picks himself up and we see he's only shot in shoulder, was wearing bulletproof vest, he might be totally okay. He walks off into the night as camera cranes up and away. Music surges and fade to black.