BEAT SHEET FOR GONE BABY GONE 6.14.09
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1. Shots of multi-ethnic, blue collar, Boston neighborhood. Casey does a VO about people and how he grew up in this hood. Shot ends on poster of a missing girl.

2. Family of missing girl talks to a news crew- they want the girl back and won't press charges. Police captain, Morgan Freeman is on TV- says he will find girl and says he knows the pain of losing a daughter. Neighbors say they are looking and put up flyers around the neighborhood.

3. Morning. Doorbell rings. Casey opens the door – the uncle and aunt of the missing girl want him to help them with the search. Casey and his girlfriend tell them they don't specialize in these types of cases. They ask him to please come to speak with the mother of the missing girl.

4. Casey and his girlfriend go to meet the girl's mother. Outside his girlfriend says she doesn't want to find a little kid in a dumpster or find them after they have been abused. They see cops, news crews, and a crowd of people.

5. Inside they talk to the girl's mother who is indifferent and screams at her family for bringing them here. Casey's girlfriend wants to leave. In the hallway, the aunt and uncle talk to them alone and show them a photo of the missing girl. The aunt begins to cry and Casey's girlfriend says ok, they will help the investigation.

6. Casey talks to the uncle and aunt in the kitchen and finds out that the mother is uses drugs and hangs out in bars. They look at her room and it is very depressing and bleak.

7. Morgan Freeman shows up at the house and is disrespectful to Casey and his girlfriend when he sees them there. He thinks they cannot help because they are too young. Casey tells him he is obligated by law to give him all police information pertaining to the case. Morgan agrees to do it.

8. Casey goes to the bar and finds that bartenders there will not answer any questions about the mother of the missing girl. Casey runs into an old buddy there and asks him about her. He tells Casey the mother was in the bar all the time doing blow. He saw her in the bar doing drugs with Ray the night the girl disappeared from the bar –not from the house. A patron at the bar hears him telling this to Casey and becomes angry and starts a fight. Casey pulls out his gun and they leave the bar.

9. Casey and girlfriend meet detective Ed Harris at a diner. He shows Casey a file on recently released sex offenders. Casey is shocked that is all the detectives have on the case. Casey tells him the mother was at the bar with Ray the night of the abduction. Harris is shocked that the mother lied to them.

10. Casey goes to a drug dealer friend and shows him photos of sex offenders in the area. They don't recognize them. He asks about Ray and is told Ray works for Cheese, a cokehead.

11. Ed, Casey and his girlfriend all question the mother about Cheese. She finally admits to knowing him- tells them she is a drug mule for him. She admits to stealing money from Cheese after cops' busted guys who just bought the drugs on her last run. She tells them she took $130,000. She admits to taking her daughter with her on the drug run because she doesn't have a babysitter. She tells them it was Ray's idea to tell Cheese that the cops took the money.

12. They drive to Ray's house. The mother tells them she went to Ray's house and then took her daughter Amanda home. Casey's girlfriend asks why she didn't say anything about the money. Casey asks her if Ray spent all the money. Mother says she hid.

13. They arrive at Ray's place and find him dead. Casey believes she hid the money and Ray didn't know where it was so Cheese had him killed. When the mother sees Ray dead, she runs out of the house.

14. The mother takes them to the backyard where she shows them where she hid the money. She is now very worried about her daughter and doesn't seem to care about the money. Casey's girlfriend thinks the FBI should be called into the case and the cops say it will just get the girl killed. Casey suggests they swap the money for the little girl.

15. Casey drives the mother back to her home. She cries and tells him she wants him to bring her daughter back.

16. Casey convinces the cops that he should speak to Cheese and they agree.

17. Casey meets with Cheese and tells him he has found what he is looking for and will exchange it for the little girl. If he doesn't agree, Casey tells him the cops will bust him. Cheese is insulted by Casey and searches him for a wire and tells him he doesn't fuck up kids. Casey insults him again and he tells Casey to get off his property and to take the cops with him.

18. Casey and his girlfriend tell cops what happened. Ed is disappointed and says he has no choice but to start a wiretap. Casey and his girlfriend worry that this may fuck it up.

19. Ed calls Casey and tells him that Cheese wants to trade money for the girl tonight. Morgan got a hold of the transcript of a call where Ed made an unauthorized ransom arrangement so now Morgan wants to see them. Cheese has left Amanda's blanket in the mailbox as proof that he has her.

20. Morgan gives Casey the transcript of the call in the police station. Cheese says he will throw the girl in the lake if he doesn't get the money. Morgan is pissed that he is now involved in illegal activity without his knowledge or consent but has no choice but to do this because the girl's life is in danger.

21. The cops and Casey plan the swap with a map of a quarry. Ed tells them Cheese wants it to be separate. Morgan tells them about how he lost his child and wants to keep this between them and asks that there is no more questioning his authority. Morgan says he cares about this case and wants to bring the child home alive.

22. Casey and girlfriend wait at the quarry. The girlfriend thinks they are going to kill the girl. Night falls and Ed tells Casey and his girlfriend to wait on the other side of the lake and call him on the radio when they have the girl. From the other side, Casey hears shots.

23. Casey and his girlfriend run toward the cops and see Cheese dead. The cops tell them something went into the water. The girlfriend jumps into the water to find a scarf and a doll.

24. Girlfriend ends up in hospital recovering from her jump into the water. Casey tells her that divers are searching the water for the girl. On TV, Morgan says that the quarry is extremely deep and "keeps what it takes."

25. Morgan retires from the force with half-pension, taking responsibility for the screw up. Cheese's henchman is then gunned down for money he supposedly stole from the quarry after killing Cheese. Casey says all of this in a VO at the funeral for the little girl. He has a suspicion that they didn't fully understand what happened that night. Two months later, a boy wearing a St. Christopher medallion goes missing.

26. A drug dealer buddy of Casey's asks him for help. He tells him he found the child molester he was looking for before. They are greeted at an old house by an old man who gives them a roll of cash. The drug buddy gives the man a taste of the cocaine and says he will give him the rest when Casey finishes counting the money. As the drug buddy looks around, an old woman pulls out a gun and tells him to stop snooping. Casey pulls a

gun on the woman and tells his friend the money is good. The drug buddy dumps the cocaine on the floor and they leave after they see a third person on the stairs wearing a St. Christopher medallion.

27. Casey and the cops prepare to storm the house. Casey confirms that he saw the same medallion on the man. They decide not to wait for back up. One of the detectives is shot and Casey enters the house looking for Ed. Casey is shot by the old woman and goes into the room of the guy wearing the medallion and finds a dead boy. Casey sees the guy in the room and shoots him.

28. Casey is very depressed and his girlfriend tells him he did the right thing. They are at the hospital visiting the injured detective. She tells him the guy had no right to live after what he did.

29. Ed is drinking outside the hospital. He tells Casey it is fucked up, but he should be proud of himself for going into the house. Casey believes that any murder is a sin. Ed says it depends on whom you do it to. Ed then tells him a story about how he and his partner planted evidence to bust guys who they knew were dirty and molested children. They did the right thing to protect kids. Casey is not sure he would do the same thing again.

30. Casey at home tells his girlfriend that Ed just lied to him because he told him that Ray was a snitch for him for fifteen years. When they first met, Ed told him that he didn't know Ray.

31. Ed's partner dies. Funeral for detective. Cops see Casey and congratulate him for killing the child molester. Casey approaches Ed and wants to talk to him about what he told him about Ray when he was drinking. Ed tells him to forget it. He says he was drunk and warns him to let it go and walk away. Casey runs into a black cop he used to know. He asks his old friend about Ed whom he used to work with. He asks him if Ed was a dirty cop and asks him if Ed planted evidence. He tells Casey that Ed knew Cheese got robbed even before Cheese knew and warns Casey to be careful.

32. Casey goes to his girlfriend and tells her he has figured it out. They call the uncle of the missing girl and tell him they know. The uncle calls Ed and Ed tells him not to go – "You die with your secrets."

33. Casey and his girlfriend meet with the missing girl's uncle. They ask him when he met Ed. He lies at first, then tells them the truth. He knew Ed before because he testified on his behalf when he got into a bar fight. Casey thinks that he heard his sister and Ray arguing after they stole the money from Cheese and called Ed to kidnap the child to blackmail his sister. He denies this and says he was upstairs reading to the little girl

when he overheard how his sister and Ray were planning on leaving the state. He then called Ed so he could teach his sister a lesson. They take the little girl and a chance to take Cheese's money. Ed was supposed to handle the cops but his wife went nuts and called the newspapers. Once they found the money they had a girl and money and decided to set up a fake exchange with Casey and his girlfriend to witness. They paid Cheese's henchman to kill Cheese at the quarry that night but Cheese figured out what was happening and the little girl fell into the water by accident. He tells Casey he doesn't feel sorry for his sister's loss because she has never cared for anyone but herself. He goes on to tell of child neglect- how the little girl was badly sunburned once when her mother was high.

34. A masked man with a shotgun bursts into the bar and is about to shoot the uncle when Casey says that Ed took the girl to all the witnesses. The uncle says he already told him. The bartender shoots the masked man (Ed) from behind.

35. Casey chases after him following a trail of blood on the street to the roof where he finds Ed slumped down, bleeding to death. Casey asks Ed if he got the little girl killed. He tells Casey he loves children and dies.

36. The cops question Casey and they don't believe he had no idea that the quarry was a set up. He says there was a transcript of a call that he heard. The cops tell him they don't have any transcripts of any calls. Casey now realizes that Morgan is in on this so he tells the cops he must have remembered it wrong- there was no transcript.

37. Casey drives to the country to confront Morgan after his girlfriend tells him not to do it unless he is absolutely sure. Casey sees the girl. Flashback: we see the cops throwing the girl's blanket and doll into the water. They wanted to world to believe the girl was dead because her mother was a drug addict and the little girl would have a better life with Morgan. Casey thinks it is wrong to take a child from her mother but Morgan tells him he is trying to give her a normal life.

38. Casey meets his girlfriend and she thinks the girl should stay with Morgan. She tells him the mother is unfit to care for the child and she will hate him if he calls the cops.

39. Cops arrive and take the child from Morgan.

40. The little girl is returned to her mother on the news on the television. The mother thanks the police and Morgan and is very grateful and reminds people to never let their children out of their sight.

41. Time passes: Casey's girlfriend picks up the last of her things from Casey's place. She says there is nothing to talk about.

42. Casey talks to the little girl's mother. Her brother is in jail and his wife hates Casey for doing this to their family. The mother is getting ready for a date and doesn't have a babysitter. Casey tells her he can baby-sit.

43. Little girl and Casey sit on the couch watching TV together.