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NEWS BROADCAST

The news music blares as a large red *BREAKING NEWS* animation can be seen at the bottom of the screen.

A blonde woman looks to the camera with dramatic fervor.

REPORTER

A shocking development has surfaced in the disappearance of Bernard Griffin III this morning. For those of you who don't know, Griffin is the son of politician Bernadette Griffin, who is currently running for Senate, pulling ahead of her opponent last night with a new poll...

A poll is displayed on the screen, Bernadette Griffin is beating her opponent by 7%.

REPORTER

...but, while she could have been celebrating her accomplishments, she and her family had to look on in horror as this video was released last night at midnight. It is a grizzly sight, so viewer discretion is advised.

CUT TO:

INT. DARK ROOM - HOSTAGE VIDEO

Two masked figures (Kenny and Cal) stand on either side of a man with a pillow case over his head (Nardy).

Kenny and Cal are somehow the same height.

KENNY

(to Cal)

...so go now?

Kenny looks to Cal, and then to the camera, his demeanor changes to one of intimidation.

KENNY

(wooden)

Bernadette Griffin, you listen and you listen good. We're the people

(MORE)

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KENNY (cont'd)  
that took your son, and we're  
very...dangerous people.

CAL  
We want every penny out of your  
bank account, bitch. But, we are  
willing to settle for a swift  
payment, of \$300,000.

KENNY  
(wooden)  
If you don't meet our demands, then  
your son will be excommunicated,  
with this sword. I spent all  
morning hitting it with a rock, so  
it's probably pretty sharp.

CAL  
Wanna see him test it?

The video cuts to a clip of Kenny using the sword to cut a  
series of watermelons stacked to look like a man.

He has to hack at it a few times before the head falls off.

CAL  
(out of shot)  
That was awesome.

The video cuts back.

KENNY  
(wooden)  
Yes, so, give us the money. All of  
it.

CAL  
Or, \$300,000.

KENNY  
Or this will be the last time you  
get to see your son again.

Cal pulls the pillow case off of Nardy's face.

In his mouth is a sex shop gag.

CAL  
We sent you a letter and you never  
sent anything back.

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KENNY

Cold.

CAL

So now, this is happening.

Nardy lets out a muffled scream.

CAL

Quiet, you!

Cal puts the mask back on Nardy's face.

CAL

You have our number, you have our  
demands, and now you have 48 hours,  
Mrs. Griffin.

The brothers look to each other for a moment before holding  
hands.

KENNY

(singing)

Allah hu Akbar!

CAL

(singing)

Allah hu Akbar!

The brothers look at the camera once more.

CAL

See you soon.

Kenny throws a punch into Nardy's face.

The video cuts out.