EVERYONE THINKS HE DID IT

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INT. COLLINS FAMILY HOME - DAY

RANDALL shows up at the family door unannounced. His mom EVELYN, is caught off guard by his arrival.

Evelyn is near the front door looking through yesterday's stack of mail. She barely makes eye contact with Randall during the following exchange.

RANDALL

I left you two messages yesterday and you haven't responded. I thought I'd...

EVELYN

(interrupting)

I'm sorry. There are things going on with your grandfathers insurance. The medical home that is taking care of him is saying his coverage has reached its maximum. I've been dealing with that for the last couple of days.

Randall is genuinely stunned and concerned hearing this news.

RANDALL

I'm sorry. Is there anything I can do to help?

EVELYN

No. I'll take care of everything. Your dad and I are fighting with the powers that be. Its just going to take a little leg work that's all.

RANDALL

I mean you know I was studying Medical Law in school. I know a few things.

EVELYN

You have enough on your plate. You don't need to add this to it.

RANDALL

(passion)

But I want to be involved mom. This is family.

EVELYN

(stern)

Like I said, its ok.

Evelyn returns to looking through the mail. Randall can feel the tension. He knows not to push it. He decides to change the subject.

RANDALL

Dad hasn't returned my calls either.

EVELYN

(uneasy)

You know he is busy with his campaign for the district seat. Between helping me with grandpa and his bid, he is just extremely busy.

RANDALL

That's a lot of excuses as to why no one is returning my calls.

EVELYN

Well that's just the way life is. It sometimes just gets in the way.

RANDALL

Whose life? Because from what I remember, family doesn't let life 'get in the way'. At least that's what I have been taught by you and dad. What's changed?

Scene 2: Randall and his fiancee clash

INT. RANDALL'S HOME - DAY

RANDALL

It's like my whole family has turned their backs on me.

SHALON

They are just disappointed right now.

RANDALL

Why are they disappointed? I have explained to them that I had absolutely no contact with this woman. Disappointment is not the emotion I should be seeing.

SHALON

You can't help how people feel.

RANDALL

This is my family Shalon? They know me. They know I am not some...some killer. Picking up a prostitute is not something I would do.

SHALON

Well we are living in different times now. Everything is second quessed these days.

RANDALL

You don't second guess family. Someone who you instilled values in.

SHALON

Well sadly, it seems everyone has done just that.

RANDALL

Everyone?

SHALON

Well yeah, you say no one is really returning your phone calls.

RANDALL

Does that everyone include you?

Shalon stops cleaning and pauses for a moment. She tries to find a way to answer his question. Randall recognizes her struggle.

RANDALL (CONT'D)

Are you also second guessing me?

Shalon takes a deep breath before responding. Randall gets the vibe right away.

RANDALL (CONT'D)

So you too huh? Got-Damnit

Randall moves away from Shalon in frustration.

SHALON

They had a video of her going into your room.

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They had a video of her in the hallway by my room.

SHALON

Your hotel room was at the end of the hall. There was no reason for her to be there.

RANDALL

I can't explain why she was in my space but I never saw her. My God have you been sitting here with this doubt since I returned? Why didn't you tell me that you had these feelings??

SHALON

Why should I tell you? I didn't want to...

RANDALL

(interrupting)

So I could get the fuck

out...That's Why you tell me.