**Shawshank Redemption Scene One Excerpt**

**ANDY DUFRESNE**

 is on the witness stand, hands folded, suit and tie pressed,

 hair meticulously combed. He speaks in soft, measured tones:

 **ANDY**

 It was very bitter. She said she

 was glad I knew, that she hated all

 the sneaking around. She said she

 wanted a divorce in Reno.

 **D.A.**

 What was your response?

 **ANDY**

 I told her I would not grant one.

 **D.A.**

 (refers to his notes)

 I'll see you in Hell before I see

 you in Reno. Those were the words

 you used, Mr. Dufresne, according

 to the testimony of your neighbors.

 **ANDY**

 If they say so. I really don't

 remember. I was upset.

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 **D.A.**

 What happened after you and your

 wife argued?

 **ANDY**

 She packed a bag and went to stay

 with Mr. Quentin.

 **D.A.**

 Glenn Quentin. The golf pro at the

 Falmouth Hills Country Club. The

 man you had recently discovered was

 her lover.

 (Andy nods)

 Did you follow her?

 **ANDY**

 I went to a few bars first. Later,

 I decided to drive to Mr. Quentin's

 home and confront them. They

 weren't there...so I parked my car

 in the turnout...and waited.

 **D.A.**

 With what intention?

 **ANDY**

 I'm not sure. I was confused. Drunk.

 I think mostly I wanted to scare them.

 **D.A.**

 You had a gun with you?

 **ANDY**

 Yes. I did.

 **FADE TO BLACK: 3RD TITLE UP**

 **D.A.**

 When they arrived, you went up

 to the house and murdered them?

 **ANDY**

 No. I was sobering up. I realized

 she wasn't worth it. I decided to

 let her have her quickie divorce.

 **D.A.**

 Quickie divorce indeed. A .38

 caliber divorce, wrapped in a

 handtowel to muffle the shots,

 isn't that what you mean? And then

 you shot her lover!

 **ANDY**

 I did not. I got back in the car

 and drove home to sleep it off.

 Along the way, I stopped and threw

 my gun into the Royal River. I feel

 I've been very clear on this point.

 **D.A.**

 Yes, you have. Where I get hazy,

 though, is the part where the

 cleaning woman shows up the next

 morning and finds your wife and her

 lover in bed, riddled with .38

 caliber bullets. Does that strike

 you as a fantastic coincidence, Mr.

 Dufresne, or is it just me?

 **ANDY**

 (softly)

 Yes. It does.

 **D.A.**

 I'm sorry, Mr. Dufresne, I don't

 think the jury heard that.

 **ANDY**

 Yes. It does.

 **D.A.**

 Does what?

 **ANDY**

 Strike me as a fantastic coincidence.

 **D.A.**

 On that, sir, we are in accord...

 **FADE TO BLACK! 4TH TITLE UP**

 **D.A.**

 You claim you threw your gun into

 the Royal River before the murders

 took place. That's rather convenient.

 **ANDY**

 It's the truth.

 **D.A.**

 You recall Lt. Mincher's testimony?

 He and his men dragged that river

 for three days and nary a gun was

 found. So no comparison can be made

 between your gun and the bullets

 taken from the bloodstained corpses

 of the victims. That's also rather

 convenient, isn't it, Mr. Dufresne?

 **ANDY**

 (faint, bitter smile)

 Since I am innocent of this crime,

 sir, I find it decidedly inconvenient

 the gun was never found.

 **FADE TO BLACK: STH TITLE UP**