

CU of STEVE's face. He is terrified.

VO (as camera focuses on STEVE's face)

Open your legs; we have to plug up your butt so you don't mess yourself as you die.

STEVE's face grimaces with pain as they put in the plug.

CUT TO: INTERIOR: COURTROOM. KARYL is still on stand as BRIGGS cross-examines.

BRIGGS

Did you dust the area for fingerprints?

KARYL

It's my understanding that the crime-scene technicians didn't find any fingerprints they could establish as belonging to a perpetrator.

BRIGGS

Isn't it true that what you did in this case was to skip the investigation and run to your stoolies?

KARYL

We treat each case carefully. We don't just go through the

motions.

BRIGGS

The cash register was handled, but you didn't find fingerprints, is that right?

KARYL

Not clear prints.

BRIGGS

How about the counter—was that dusted for fingerprints?

KARYL

Nothing clear enough to use.

BRIGGS

And it really isn't that hard to find people who are in jail or whom you arrest to swear that somebody else is a bad guy? Isn't that right?

KARYL

We check every story. We give everybody the benefit of the doubt.

BRIGGS