

Mrs. Harding

A woman is questioned after husband's death

STILLMAN

Tracked down his registration. Off the license plate Valentino gave us.

VALENS

Who is he?

VERA

John Harding, age 54, divorced, father of two, high school teacher.

STILLMAN

Rush and Jeffries are talking with the ex-wife.

off this-- *Have you spoken to go John*

INT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - NIGHT

Clean lines, sterile, antiseptic. Rush and Jeffries stand with MRS. HARDING - early 50s, cold as her decor:

Start →

MRS. HARDING

... I haven't talked to my ex-husband in almost a decade. I can't help you, I'm sorry.

JEFFRIES

What about your sons?

MRS. HARDING

They were never close with him. And after the divorce, he just stopped coming by.

RUSH

Why did you divorce him, Mrs. Harding?

MRS. HARDING

lie - We were incompatible.

JEFFRIES

You wanna elaborate?

MRS. HARDING

Being married to John was like living with a... dead person.

Cold, hard gaze. But clearly hiding something.

RUSH

Something else you wanna share?

MRS. HARDING

Not particularly.



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RUSH

(beat)

How old are your sons?

MRS. HARDING

Jack's sixteen. And Stan's almost
eighteen. Why?

RUSH

That boy out there tonight? He's
the same age.

A beat. Then, spilling:

MRS. HARDING

John called me this morning. Said
the tremors had started.

JEFFRIES

Tremors?

MRS. HARDING

He knew his time was limited. The
tremors signaled the beginning of
the end for him.

JEFFRIES

What are you talking about?

MRS. HARDING

He didn't tell you?

(beat)

John has MS. Multiple sclerosis.
My ex-husband is dying.

Off Rush and Jeffries --

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