

Dana Paget

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305 - Compassion
White 9/30/03

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3pgs

RODGERS

Yes.

SWIFT

So, can we assume he passed right by the headaches, heart pains and vomiting and went straight to the loss of consciousness?

RODGERS

It appears so.

SWIFT

So it doesn't sound like he had enough time to suffer, isn't that correct?

RODGERS

(stumped)

Well...he...I couldn't say.

SWIFT

Thank you doctor.

Off which, we --

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McCoy is questioning Dana Paget.

PAGET

You know, you want to believe. Even though you know it's crazy, somehow you've got this little bit of hope.

MC COY

And that's why you got involved with Gideon Blake in the first place?

PAGET

It took some convincing. What finally convinced me was when I heard that Dr. Ellison was involved.

MC COY

The defendant?

PAGET

That's right. Her books helped me get over my husband's passing.

Renee
Beale

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MC COY

But you still felt you needed something else?

PAGET

When you lose someone, you just want to be made whole again. You'll try anything. I didn't realize it then but now I know -- it can't happen. You can never be made whole.

MC COY

Please tell us what occurred when you arrived at Gideon Blake's house.

PAGET

I recognized the guy pretending to be Gideon Blake right away as the man who swindled us out of lots of money on some fraudulent real estate deal. I knew that a person like Dr. Ellison wouldn't knowingly associate herself with a man like that so I contacted her and told her that he was a con man, a fraud.

MC COY

And what did she do?

Paget squirms uncomfortably.

MC COY (CONT'D)

Please answer the question, Mrs. Paget.

PAGET

Dr. Ellison is a good person. I don't want --

MC COY

What did she say when you told her Mr. Blake's true identity.

PAGET

(struggling)

She said she'd take care of it.

MC COY

And?

PAGET

The next thing I knew was he was dead.

McCoy sits. Swift stands.

SWIFT

Did Dr. Ellison say she was going to kill Gideon Blake?

PAGET

No. I thought she was just going to stop any association with him.

SWIFT

And call the cops?

PAGET

I thought so.

SWIFT

Did Dr. Ellison tell you that as Mapes, he ripped her off too?

PAGET

No.

SWIFT

Did you go to the police when you heard that Blake was murdered?

PAGET

No.

SWIFT

Why not?

PAGET

I don't know.

SWIFT

Why don't you guess?

PAGET

(angry)

Because the sonofabitch deserved it. Do you know how my husband died? He put a hunting rifle in his mouth and pulled the trigger. Do you want to know why? Because John Wayne Mapes stole everything he spent his life working for. The man deserved to die and I just wish it could have been me who killed him.