

YARDWORK

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EXT. POLICE CAR - DAY

CLICK. SERGEANT AL RUSSO (55), hardened veteran, locks cuffs behind conservative looking, BART WALTERS (40).

SGT. RUSSO guides a calm and smiling Bart into the back seat, shuts the door then stares at him through the tinted window.

SGT. RUSSO

Look at him. You'd never know he just hacked up his wife.

OFFICER MARTIN JENNINGS (25), shakes his head as he observes Bart then surveys the grisly crime scene a few yards away.

A bloody weed-whacker lay on the front lawn of a suburban home, several plastic sheets placed over body parts.

SGT. RUSSO

I've been married for thirty five years and I must admit, I've thought about it from time to time, but to actually do it.

OFFICER JENNINGS

Neighbors say he was doing yard work and she was yelling at him. He just snapped and started whacking her. Over and over.

FLASHBACK

Blood spatters as Bart repeatedly hacks DAWN WALTERS with the weed whacker. He smiles as she pleads for him to stop (MOS).

BACK TO REALITY

INT. HOME OFFICE

Words appear on a computer screen as Bart's fingers fly across the keyboard: "SHE PLEADS FOR HIM TO STOP. PLEASE BART!"

DAWN (O.S.)

BART! BART!

An annoyed Dawn stands at the doorway, glaring at Bart.

DAWN

This writing hobby of yours is getting old. There's yard work to be done!

Bart smiles as he hits "save" and shuts off the computer.