

FINAL NOTICE SCREENPLAY BY VAN FLEISHER

EPISODE 1 - THE NEAR FUTURE

FADE IN:

EXT. LAZY PINES, GREEN VALLEY, AZ - NIGHT

An attractive and well kept facility. A sign reads: Lazy Pines Senior's Home, Green Valley, AZ.

INT. LAZY PINES, GREEN VALLEY, AZ - LOBBY - NIGHT

An OLD MAN (80's) wheels across the Lobby in his electric wheelchair. He's got two handguns in his lap. He encounters one of the facility staff members, MRS. CASTILLO. Mrs. Castillo is a fairly new staff member. She smiles.

MRS. CASTILLO

Good evening sir. Did you get those guns on your NRA field trip?

The OLD MAN barely grunts.

OLD MAN

Hm-mph.

Mrs Castillo watches, with curiosity, as the OLD MAN wheels to and enters the dining room. We immediately hear a barrage of gunshots. Mrs. Castillo reacts with shock and she pulls out her phone and makes a call.

911

(OFF)

911. What is your emergency?

MRS. CASTILLO

Someone is shooting in the dining room here at Lazy Pines.

CUT TO:

INT. LAZY PINES, GREEN VALLEY, AZ - DINING ROOM -NIGHT

The OLD MAN is shooting indiscriminately with his two guns. There are many people on the floor. The facility's SECURITY GUARD moves behind the shooter and kills him before he can kill others.

CUT TO:

INT. TOWNHOUSE, SAN DIEGO, CA - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

A white male, mid-50's, is watching a TV news show that interrupts its programming to carry news of a shooting. The NEWSCASTER is DAVID JACKSON.

CUT TO:

INT. TV NEWSROOM

DAVID JACKSON

We've just received breaking news about a mass shooting in Arizona. We're taking you live to our correspondent, Ginnie Conroy, who's on the scene at the LAZY PINES SENIOR'S HOME IN GREEN VALLEY, ARIZONA.

INT. TOWNHOUSE, SAN DIEGO, CA - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

The MAN reacts excitedly and exclaims to himself while the TV drones on in the background.

MAN

Holy shit! That's Dad's place.

CUT TO:

EXT. LAZY PINES, GREEN VALLEY, AZ - NIGHT

GINNIE CONROY, a news reporter, 30-years-old, is standing outside of the facility with lots of flashing emergency lights.

GINNIE CONROY

Thank you, David. I'm here at the Lazy Pines Senior's home, just outside of Tucson where it's been reported that a resident has shot at least twenty residents. Many are dead.

CUT TO:

INT. TOWNHOUSE, SAN DIEGO, CA

The MAN picks up his phone and dials. His TV drones on in the background.

RECORDING

(OFF)

This is John Mason. Leave a message.

CUT TO:

EXT. LAZY PINES, GREEN VALLEY, AZ - NIGHT

GINNIE CONROY

Authorities are saying that a resident of the home wheeled himself into the dining room and began shooting the other residents as they sat at their tables. He was carrying two semi-automatic pistols with extended magazines. The facility's armed security guard shot and killed the gunman.

CUT TO:

INT. TOWNHOUSE, SAN DIEGO, CA

The MAN dials again while the TV drones on.

RECORDING

(OFF)

This is John Mason. Leave a message.

The MAN screams out to himself. The TV drones on.

MAN

Shit!

The MAN fumbles with his phone, presses a button and mutes the TV.

RECORDING

(OFF)

You have reached Lazy Pines Seniors' Residence. Your call will be answered in the order it was received. Upbeat music playing.

The MAN unmutes the TV while the upbeat music plays in the background.

CUT TO:

EXT. LAZY PINES, GREEN VALLEY, AZ - NIGHT

GINNIE CONROY

We've just been told that the death toll has reached twenty-one and there are a number of people injured.

CUT TO:

INT. TOWNHOUSE, SAN DIEGO, CA - NIGHT

RECORDING

(OFF)

Thank you for continuing to hold.
Your call is important to us and will be answered as soon as possible.
Upbeat music.

The MAN stands and paces, his panic rising. He talks to himself.

MAN

Come on! Come on!

CUT TO:

INT. TV NEWSROOM

David Jackson, the news host introduces a guest spokesperson from the NRA. TV shows split-screen between announcer and NRA spokesperson, DUWAYNE LAPLANT (white male, mid-60s)

DAVID JACKSON

We've been joined by DuWayne LaPlant from the NRA. DuWayne, reports are still coming in from Lazy Pines, but before we talk about that, the new year is barely a month old and we've already had over a dozen mass shootings and well over 100 deaths.

DUWAYNE LAPLANT

That's actually less compared with the same time last year. And with respect to Lazy Pines, we applaud the senior's home for employing an armed guard, who stopped the shooting.

INT. TOWNHOUSE, SAN DIEGO, CA

The MAN intently watches the TV. Inappropriate, upbeat recorded music comes from the receiver. The MAN shouts at the TV.

MAN

What the fuck was an old man doing
with two guns and extended clips?

Finally, a Lazy Pines OPERATOR answers the MAN's call. The MAN mutes the TV.

OPERATOR

(OFF)

Lazy Pines. Can I help you?

MAN

My name is STAN MASON. I'm calling
about my father, John Mason. Is he
okay?

OPERATOR

(OFF)

Let me put you on hold while I check.

Stan waits for what seems like an eternity. The muted TV talking heads continue in the background. A new voice comes on line.

INSPECTOR DALLAS

(OFF)

Hello. This is Inspector Dallas with
the Tucson Police. Can you verify
your name and address?

STAN MASON

Stan Mason, 611 Rose St. San Diego.
Is my father alright?

Slight hesitation

INSPECTOR DALLAS

(OFF)

Mr. Mason, I'm sorry. Your father is
dead.

Stan is stunned and speechless for a moment.

INSPECTOR DALLAS

(OFF)

Mr. Mason?

Stan becomes alert.

STAN MASON
Yes, I'm here.

INSPECTOR DALLAS
(OFF)
Mr. Mason. Your father was the
shooter.

Stan sits in a trance. He puts his phone down. He notices the muted TV screen and he unmutes it.

CUT TO:

INT. T.V. STUDIO

David Jackson and DuWayne LaPlant on split screen.

DAVID JACKSON
Can you tell me about the Senior Citizen discount the NRA is currently offering for Senior gun purchases?

DUWAYNE LAPLANT
Seniors also have second amendment rights and deserve the opportunity to protect themselves.

DAVID JACKSON
Or kill 21 innocent people? Did the shooter buy those guns with your discount?

DUWAYNE LAPLANT
Does that even matter?

CLOSE ON DAVID JACKSON, who looks at LaPlant in utter disbelief and the split screen changes to a single image of DAVID JACKSON.

DAVID JACKSON
Let's go back to Ginnie Conroy at the Lazy Pines Senior's Home.

GINNIE CONROY
I'm here with Mrs. Castillo, a therapist at Lazy Pines. Mrs. Castillo. Can you tell our viewers what you just told me?

MRS CASTILLO
Yes, ma'am. I saw the man who did the shooting as he was going to the dining room.

GINNIE CONROY
Can you tell our viewers what you noticed?

MRS. CASTILLO
Well, like I said, he was carrying two guns.

GINNIE CONROY
 Were you surprised?
 Concerned?

MRS. CASTILLO
 I wasn't concerned. It was
 common for our residents to
 carry guns. I thought it a
 little odd that he had two
 guns, but I thought that
 maybe he was showing off a
 little?

CUT TO BLACK

EXT.LAZY PINES, GREEN VALLEY, AZ THE NEXT DAY

CUT TO:

INT. LAZY PINES, GREEN VALLEY, AZ - JOHN MASON'S ROOM - THE
 DAY AFTER THE MASS SHOOTING.

Stan Mason is looking at his father's sparse collection of
 possessions. Any thoughts are interrupted by a loud knock
 at the door. He opens the door to a waiting Inspector, ZACK
 DALLAS, Tucson Homicide. Zack Dallas is a Black man, early/
 mid 40's with short, slightly graying hair.

ZACK DALLAS
 Stan Mason?

STAN MASON
 Yes.

ZACK DALLAS
 Inspector Dallas from Tucson
 Homicide. Thanks for making the trek
 to Green Valley and meeting with me.

STAN MASON
 Of course. Come in.

Zack Dallas enters the room.

ZACK DALLAS
 Have you found anything of interest
 or out of the ordinary?

STAN MASON
 I'm still in shock looking at the
 receipt for the guns. Dad told me he
 was going to a gun show, but I
 thought it was just to have something
 (MORE)

STAN MASON (cont'd)
to do. He never had anything to do with guns when I was growing up. He was in the Army but that was before I was born, and he never talked about it.

ZACK DALLAS
Did he ever say anything about anyone here?

STAN MASON
Not really. Nothing specific. I know he wasn't happy here and he hadn't made any friends, but he didn't think anyone else was happy here either. That all of them were sent here to die.

A framed black & white picture of a young couple with a young boy sits on the table. Stan casually picks it up and looks at it while Detective Dallas speaks.

ZACK DALLAS
The staff and residents have all said that he was a loner and didn't have friends. Nobody really knew him. They would only see him for meals. Seems like he even ate alone.

Stan offers the to picture to Zack Dallas, who takes it and looks at it.

STAN MASON
When my mom died, Dad seemed to lose interest in everything. This place seemed a good idea.

ZACK DALLAS
Hmm. Any thoughts on why he... did what he did?

STAN MASON
I don't know. Did he want to buy a gun with a specific thought in mind or did something happen after he purchased the guns?

ZACK DALLAS
Those are good questions. You're sure there's nothing he said the last time you spoke?

STAN MASON

There was nothing. But maybe I wasn't listening as well as I should.

Stan is looking at a number of pill bottles next to a San Diego Padres hat.

ZACK DALLAS

And was there anything else in his possessions that surprised you or was unexpected?

Stan moves the watch and phone to the front of the small pile of personal things and he picks up the watch.

STAN MASON

A new iPhone and this sport watch. I'm a little surprised my dad bought a new phone, but a sport watch for someone in a wheelchair seems really odd.

Zack Dallas picks up the phone.

ZACK DALLAS

We looked at this, but it doesn't seem like there were any calls except for the missed calls from you last night. Email hadn't even been set up and nothing in his browsing history.

STAN MASON

No. My dad wasn't a techie. So, what's next, Inspector?

ZACK DALLAS

As far as we're concerned, it's an open and shut case. More than a dozen witnesses plus the security camera footage. We don't have a motive, but we really don't need one to close the file. So, you're free to take or dispose of his possessions, except for the guns. We're running some ballistics test. Here's a receipt and we'll let you know when we can release them.

STAN MASON

I don't want them. Can you destroy them for me?

ZACK DALLAS

Sure. I understand.

STAN MASON
I've never felt so awful in my whole
life. All those people.

Zack Dallas puts his hand on Stan's shoulder.

ZACK DALLAS
You didn't do it. If anyone is
responsible it's the home, the gun
seller or the NRA.

Zack shakes his head.

ZACK DALLAS (cont'd)
Senior Citizen gun discount!?

Zack Dallas hands Stan his card.

ZACK DALLAS (cont'd)
Please get in touch if you think of
anything else, and we'll do the same.
I'm really sorry, Mr. Mason.

CUT TO:

EXT. FBI HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. - DAY

External shots of the FBI HQ facility.

CUT TO:

INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. - SMALL OFFICE - DAY

ADAM WINTERS (30 year-old analyst) sits across the desk from
ZOE BROUET. ZOE is in her early 30's, athletic-looking, with
tawny-colored skin, almost black hair and exotic, dark,
almond-shaped eyes,

ADAM WINTERS
Deputy Director Hawke is concerned
about an NRA discount for senior
citizens on gun purchases and he
asked me to look into a couple of
shootings by senior citizens.

Winters pushes some files across to Zoe. She opens the first
one.

ZOE BROUET
And Hawke told you to give them to
me?

Winters nods his head and they both smile

ZOE BROUET (cont'd)
Chasing down heavily armed, and
obviously dangerous senior citizen's
was not on my wish list, nor was a
trip to Joplin...

Zoe looks at the other file.

ZOE BROUET (cont'd)
Ahh, but San Diego. That's better.
Thanks, Adam

CUT TO:

EXT. SHARON MOORE'S BUNGALOW, JOPLIN, MO - DAY

ZOE BROUET rings the bell. An older woman (White, 75) opens
the door.

ZOE BROUET
Sharon Moore?

Sharon Moore smiles and answers.

SHARON MOORE
Yes?

ZOE BROUET
I'm Agent Zoe Brouet, FBI. I know
you've been questioned by the local
police about your husband, but I have
some additional questions. Here's my
card.

Mrs. Moore looks at the card.

SHARON MOORE
OK, but I've told them everything
that happened.

ZOE BROUET
This won't take long. Promise.

Mrs Moore glances at the card again.

SHARON MOORE
Okay.

Mrs. Moore lets her in.

INT. SHARON MOORE'S BUNGALOW, JOPLIN, MO - LIVING ROOM - DAY

The living room shows signs of long life. Framed photos on the walls, lots of ceramic figurines and overstuffed furniture. Mrs. Moore and Zoe sit down in the living room.

ZOE BROUET

I'm sorry about your husband's passing.

Mrs. Moore replies softly.

SHARON MOORE

Thank you.

ZOE BROUET

You told the police that recently, your husband had been looking at his phone more and seemed upset.

SHARON MOORE

Yes, that's correct.

ZOE BROUET

We checked his emails and messages and there didn't appear to be anything that would trigger a reaction like that. Did he say anything about why or what it might be?

SHARON MOORE

No. He was looking at his new watch a lot, too.

ZOE BROUET

A watch?

SHARON MOORE

Yes. One of those sport watches.

ZOE BROUET

Can I see it? And the phone.

SHARON MOORE

Sure. Let me get them.

Mrs. Moore returns with a black watch and new iPhone. Zoe examines the sport watch, tapping the screen.

ZOE BROUET

Hmm. They're both dead. Can I take these with me to have our technical staff have a look?

SHARON MOORE

Sure. What do you think you'll find?

ZOE BROUET

Not sure, but there are a lot of unanswered questions with respect to your husband's actions. Had you or your husband been to the KwikServe store on Joplin Avenue before the incident?

SHARON MOORE

Yes, and now that you mention it, there was an incident.

ZOE BROUET

What kind of incident?

SHARON MOORE

About three months ago - it was just before Thanksgiving...

Mrs. Moore thinking.

FLASHBACK

INT. KWIKSERVE STORE, JOPLIN, MO - CHECK-OUT AREA. SHARON AND QUENTIN MOORE ARE CHECKING AFTER BUYING A SMALL NUMBER OF ITEMS. THE CHECK-OUT CLERK, STEVEN KINSEAD, (LATE 20s) FINISHES THE PROCESS.

STEVEN KINSEAD

That will be \$21.52. Insert or tap your card.

Quentin removes his iPhone from his pocket, presses some keys, holds it close to the digital reader, and then moves it away.

STEVEN KINSEAD (cont'd)

Try it again.

Quentin repeats the process. Kinsead seems impatient. Nothing happens.

STEVEN KINSEAD (cont'd)

Do you have a credit card?

QUENTIN MOORE

I want to use Apple pay.

STEVEN KINSEAD

Well do it right. Or maybe try cash.

Quentin explodes and shouts.

QUENTIN MOORE

I was part of the Apple team that developed the iPhone.

STEVEN KINSEAD

Well obviously you screwed that up. Try it again

Quentin tries Apple pay again and it works. He smiles smugly. Kinsead tosses the receipt on the belt and addresses the next customer, a young woman, loudly.

STEVEN KINSEAD (cont'd)

Sorry the old geezer kept you waiting.

Sharon Moore is literally dragging Quentin away as he shouts back.

QUENTIN MOORE

At least I did something with my life instead of being a cashier!

END FLASHBACK

SHARON MOORE

Quentin was so upset that I made him promise me that he would never go back there.

ZOE BROUET

And did he stick with his promise?

SHARON MOORE

Yes, as far as I was aware, at least before the last time.

ZOE BROUET

Do you know if the cashier that Quentin shot was the same one that upset him earlier?

SHARON MOORE

I have no idea. I hadn't thought about that. I can find the date and time of our visit and send it to you.

ZOE BROUET

That would be very helpful. Mrs. Moore, was Quentin depressed or did
(MORE)

ZOE BROUET (cont'd)
 he show any signs of... unusual
 behavior?

SHARON MOORE
 Perhaps he was a bit more withdrawn,
 but otherwise, I didn't notice
 anything other than what I've told
 you.

ZOE BROUET
 Sure. Before I go, one more question.
 In addition to the gun that Quentin
 used, the police found another gun.
 The one he used is very new,
 purchased just last month, and the
 other one is over 10 years old. Do
 you know why Quentin bought a new
 gun?

Mrs. Moore smiles.

SHARON MOORE
 You know, I think he was motivated
 because of an NRA Seniors promotion.
 There was a big discount for seniors,
 and he was a sucker for new things
 and good deals. I remember kidding
 Quentin that I hoped Harley Davidson
 didn't come up with a big promotion
 on motorcycles.

They both smile.

ZOE BROUET
 And sorry, one last one and I'm gone.
 How was Quentin's health?

SHARON MOORE
 Well, he had congestive heart
 failure, but it seemed to be under
 control through his medication. Dr.
 Felder, our family doctor, saw him
 regularly and said the rate of
 deterioration was slow.

ZOE BROUET
 Thank you very much, Mrs. Moore.
 You've been a big help. We'll check
 out the watch and phone and get them
 back to you. And in the meantime, if
 you think of anything else, please
 give me a call.

She gives Mrs. Moore a receipt for the watch and iPhone.

SHARON MOORE
I will, Ms. Brouet.

They both stand up and walk to the door. Mrs. Moore opens the door and Zoe exits and turns back.

ZOE BROUET
Thanks, again Mrs. Moore. Good-bye.

CUT TO:

INT. DR. FELDER'S OFFICE, JOPLIN, MO - DAY

A young receptionist stands from behind her desk and says:

RECEPTIONIST
Dr. Felder can see you now.

Zoe is shown into the Doctor's office. Zoe hands her card to DR. FELDER (a white man in his late 60's) and shakes his hand.

ZOE BROUET
Thanks, Dr. Felder, for squeezing me in. I'm FBI Special Agent Brouet and I'd like to ask a few questions about Quentin Moore.

Felder motions her to a chair at his desk.

DR. FELDER
Poor Quentin. I'm still baffled by what he did.

ZOE BROUET
You had no reason to believe he was ... confused or suffering from dementia, depression?

DR. FELDER
Maybe a bit of depression, but not really at a clinical level. He was just getting old. Had congestive heart failure and, like all of us, was going to die. But shooting someone for no apparent reason? Way outside my reasonable expectation.

ZOE BROUET
How long had you known Quentin?

DR. FELDER

Almost 20 years. Right after he retired. Nice guy. We were practically friends.

ZOE BROUET

Were you surprised about his cause of death?

DR. FELDER

Not really, but it came a lot sooner than I thought. Sooner than Quentin thought, too, I think.

ZOE BROUET

Why do you say that?

DR. FELDER

Congestive heart failure is a process with a more or less predictable trajectory. Quentin's coronary capacity was slowly declining, and his medication was working. Quentin always wanted me to tell him how much longer he had, but that was not something I liked predicting.

ZOE BROUET

When was the last time you saw Quentin... I mean the last time before you examined him after his death?

Dr. Felder taps some keys on his computer and looks at the screen.

DR. FELDER

Let's see... exactly two months ago. Hmm, I forgot to mention the watch.

ZOE BROUET

Watch?

DR. FELDER

Yes. It was part of a field test, I had received a new watch prototype to pass along to a patient - it monitors vital signs, I think. Quentin enjoyed technology so I gave it to him to try out.

ZOE BROUET

Do you know the name of the watch company?

DR. FELDER

Hmm. No.

ZOE BROUET

Are you aware that Quentin had two guns?

DR. FELDER

I knew he had one -- that's right here in his file -- but it was there before legislation was passed that prevents us from asking that question anymore, so I wouldn't know about a second one unless he volunteered that info.

ZOE BROUET

Dr. Felder, thank you for your time. I'll let you get back to your patients.

DR. FELDER

Okay, I hope I helped.

ZOE BROUET

I think you did.

They both stand and Zoe leaves.

CUT TO:

INT. CAR IN PARKING LOT

Zoe looks at her phone and pulls up a text message.

CUT TO:

CLOSE UP OF PHONE SCREEN.

A message from Sharon Moore.

SHARON MOORE'S MESSAGE

KwikServe date & time: Nov 20 at 4:08 PM.

Zoe smiles and dials a number.

MAN'S VOICE

(OFF)

KwikServe. Rick Reynolds

ZOE BROUET

Good afternoon, Mr. Reynolds, my name is Zoe Brouet, Special Agent for the FBI. I'm looking into the recent shooting of one of your cashiers, Stephen Kinsead.

MR. REYNOLDS V.O.

Good afternoon, Ma'am. Yes. That was awful. How can I help you?

ZOE BROUET

Can you tell me who was working the cashier positions on the afternoon of November 20th?

MR. REYNOLDS V.O.

I should be able to. Just a moment... Rhyana -- that's R-H-Y-A-N-A -- Adams and Stephen Kinsead. Both were on duty from 3:00 to 9:00 PM.

ZOE BROUET

Thank you. That's all I need. Bye for now.

CUT TO:

EXT. QUINCY INDUSTRIAL PARK - QUINCY, MA - DAY

VIJAY PATEL, (early 30's) a tall, fit, Indian man in a black track suit, whizzes by a couple of young women walking toward a new office building.

YOUNG WOMAN 1

Wow! Who's chasing him?? He's blazing!

YOUNG WOMAN 2

No one... well... some of us, maybe. That's Vijay Patel on his way to his office.

YOUNG WOMAN 1

The man behind the gizmo that can predict when you're going to die?

YOUNG WOMAN 2

The one and only. Fast... and sorta cute!

The young women laugh.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA - COFFEE LOUNGE - DAY

MARIA MOON, (late 20's) VitalTech's PR Director and ALEK BELIKOV, (mid 30's) Director of Research and Development, bump into each other in the VitalTech coffee lounge.

MARIA MOON

Hi, Alek. Long time no see.

ALEK BELIKOV

Hi, Maria. Yeah, like all of us these days, I've been chained to my desk.

MARIA MOON

Not surprised. I've seen most of the top line alpha test results, but what's your take?

ALEK BELIKOV

Overall, I'd say it's going well. The watch is doing its job, as I knew it would, and the user interface has been better than anything I've been involved with before.

MARIA MOON

That's saying something, coming from an ex-Apple guy.

Alek looks uncomfortable and scans the room.

ALEK BELIKOV

Do you have a minute?

MARIA MOON

Sure. I have a long chain right now.

Alek leads her to a table in the corner, away from everyone else.

ALEK BELIKOV

Can we keep this confidential?

MARIA MOON

OK. What's going on? You're not leaving us, are you?

Alek forces a smile and shakes his head.

ALEK BELIKOV

No. Nothing like that. It's just that of the 100 participants in the alpha test, three have been involved with gun incidents. Two have killed people, including a multiple killing, and one, the youngest, committed suicide, and we're barely into the test period.

Maria is taken aback.

MARIA MOON

And they all received Final Notices?

ALEK BELIKOV

Yes.

MARIA MOON

Who else knows this?

ALEK BELIKOV

I don't know. The guy at the seniors' home who killed twenty-five people was shot and killed. It's possible the clinical team picked up on it if the VT2 analysis of date and time of death differed from the prediction. I'm not sure what kind of follow up they do. Plus, he was the first, so it didn't really raise any alarms. The second guy actually died of natural causes almost a week before his Notice date, but he shot and killed someone between the time of his Notice and his death.

MARIA MOON

How do you know that?

ALEK BELIKOV

I got a call from the FBI last week asking about the VT2 and she told me that, before dying, our test user shot and killed someone.

MARIA MOON

Jesus. Does Vijay know this?

ALEK BELIKOV

I don't think so. He was away last week and I'm seeing him later today. When I bumped into you, I thought I'd
(MORE)

ALEK BELIKOV (cont'd)
get your reaction and advice about
how to handle it.

MARIA MOON
Gee, thanks. What do we know about
the suicide?

ALEK BELIKOV
Nothing unusual. He received a one-
week Final Notice earlier on the day
he shot and killed himself.

MARIA MOON
How'd you find out?

ALEK BELIKOV
A call from the police.

MARIA MOON
Did he leave a suicide note?

ALEK BELIKOV
I don't know. The user didn't
register any next of kin or emergency
contact, so short of calling the
police back and asking...

MARIA MOON
Yeah. Probably not a good idea.

ALEK BELIKOV
The police told Debbie, on the Help
Desk, that the deceased was pretty
much a loner with a few casual
acquaintances. He hadn't password
protected his app so when the cops
looked at the phone, they saw no
phone activity and no emails, just a
few standard apps and the VT2 App.
When they opened it, they saw that
the 'Last Activity' date on the VT2
Welcome screen was the date of the
suicide, and they called the Help
Line number. They didn't know what
the app was, but they told Debbie on
the Help Desk that he had shot and
killed himself.

MARIA MOON
I recall that the Notice feature was
really liked by the focus groups. Was
there any talk about adverse
reactions? The suicide guy could have
(MORE)

MARIA MOON (cont'd)
been depressed so that's almost
normal, but the killings?

ALEK BELIKOV
I know. How do you think I should
handle it with Vijay?

MARIA MOON
You know him better than I do. Tell
him straight up what's happened. And
what you think. Alek, what do you
think?

ALEK BELIKOV
Not sure. The depression angle is
certainly logical. And we won't
really know how that will play out
over time, but as you said, the
killings are the big worry. We don't
have the details on either of the two
except the bare facts. One guy shoots
a bunch of people, killing 25, before
he's killed. The other guy walks into
a store, shoots the cashier, walks
out, goes home and dies. Revenge?
Retribution of some kind? Nothing to
lose?

MARIA MOON
When are you seeing Vijay?

ALEK BELIKOV
I was going to catch up with him
later.

MARIA MOON
No. Let's do it now. I'll come with
you if you'd like. What you just said
is a PR disaster waiting to happen,
and I don't care how good the VT2 is.
This could be our Final Notice.

ALEK BELIKOV
Thanks. I'll grab my notes and swing
by your office on the way.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA - VIJAY PATEL'S
OFFICE - DAY

Vijay is staring at his computer screen when Maria and Alek
come in.

Vijay speaks with a slight Hindi accent. He's sporting a big smile.

VIJAY PATEL

Don't spend it yet, but if these numbers hold, our IPO will be a huge success.

ALEK BELIKOV

Vijay, we may have a problem.

VIJAY PATEL

What do you mean? What kind of problem?

ALEK BELIKOV

Three alpha test participants had violent episodes. Two of them killed people, including a multiple killing - 25 dead. And there was one suicide.

VIJAY PATEL

Holy shit!! Sorry. What do we know about the deaths?

Alek hands his tablet to Vijay.

ALEK BELIKOV

Here's the one with the multiple killing details. I haven't had time to check with Clinical to see how long after receiving their notices the shootings happened.

VIJAY PATEL

How did we find out?

ALEK BELIKOV

I saw the mass shooting one on TV and at first it didn't register, but for some reason it made me think, so I checked the test file later and saw that the name and address matched the news report. He was the first, so I assumed it was a one-off.

VIJAY PATEL

OK. Tell me about the second shooting.

ALEK BELIKOV

Scroll right.

Vijay scrolls and reads.

ALEK BELIKOV (cont'd)

The second one is the 85-year-old man who shot and killed a store cashier. Then he walked out of the store, went home and died of natural causes.

VIJAY PATEL

How do we know about this one?

ALEK BELIKOV

I got a call from the FBI asking about the VT2.

VIJAY PATEL

What? The FBI called? What did you tell him?

ALEK BELIKOV

It was a her, but just the basics. That it was a holistic fitness/health monitor, and that the user was part of a test group helping to ensure that the application functioned as planned.

VIJAY PATEL

What kind of questions did she ask?

ALEK BELIKOV

Hmm, I'm trying to recall. That's right, she asked if the watch had diagnostic capabilities that could cause the user to become depressed.

VIJAY PATEL

What did you say?

ALEK BELIKOV

I gave her a high-level overview of the Final Notice function, which she seemed very interested in. She also asked for access codes to the app and any documentation.

VIJAY PATEL

And did you give it to her?

ALEK BELIKOV

Yes. The username and password. I also sent her the standard documentation.

VIJAY PATEL

Did you check it out with Legal?

ALEK BELIKOV

No. It was the FBI and I verified that by calling her back at their listed main number.

VIJAY PATEL

OK, good. That should be OK, but going forward, we need to set up a process. I'll get the team together first thing after lunch so we can discuss it. Tell me about the suicide.

ALEK BELIKOV

I got a call from the police.

VIJAY PATEL

OK. I'll get Liz and Patsy to meet with us at 1:00. I'll ask Patsy to bring the file logs so we can determine the Final Notice time stamps. Do we know the dates and times of the shootings?

ALEK BELIKOV

No, but I'll find out.

VIJAY PATEL

No, not yet. The first one is easy. We know the time of the Notice and death, if he was still wearing the device. The suicide is easy, too. We just need some more info regarding the store shooting. Maybe Liz has a legal connection that can casually check police records. But let's keep this between the five of us for the time being. Thanks. See you both at 1:00.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA - HALLWAY - DAY

Alek and Maria walk down the hall.

MARIA MOON

How do you think he took it?

ALEK BELIKOV

I think he was shaken, but I have confidence in him -- and us -- to figure out the right solution.

MARIA MOON

But it sounds like he doesn't want the IPO managers involved yet. Do you think he'll try to hide it?

ALEK BELIKOV

No. My guess is that he wants to know the details and develop a plan before he involves them.

MARIA MOON

You're probably right. Thanks. See you at 1:00.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA - VIJAY PATEL'S OFFICE - DAY

Vijay sits back in his chair and looks at his computer screen. He looks over at the framed photo of an older Indian couple with a boy that looks to be in his teens. The background shows extreme poverty. Vijay smiles sadly.

His secretary MAUREEN SINGER buzzes him.

MAUREEN SINGER

(OFF)

You colleagues are in the conference room, Vijay.

VIJAY PATEL

Thanks. Ask Alek to give them a quick update. I'll be right over.

Vijay focuses briefly on the photograph again.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA - CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

Alek, Maria, PATSY CARTER (early 30's, Clinical head at VitalTech), and LIZ GLASS (early 40's, VitalTech Legal Counsel) are seated as Vijay enters the room.

VIJAY PATEL

Hi guys. Thanks for clearing your schedules. I presume Alek has given you an update. We may have a problem.

PATSY CARTER

It doesn't surprise me, in a way. We all knew that one of the big unknowns was how users would handle the Notice feature. What Alek hasn't mentioned, because we just updated the logs, is that two users have died within the past week of natural causes and the Final Notice prediction was consistent with their actual deaths. We'll need to check and see if there were any unusual incidents associated with these two.

ALEK BELIKOV

Unusual as in shootings?

PATSY CARTER

Yes, or harming people in other ways. There was another natural death a week earlier and he might be the one that shot the cashier, which also might explain the anomaly with the Notice timing.

VIJAY PATEL

What anomaly?

PATSY CARTER

The user received his Notice for a week, but then he died... five days before the week ended. We didn't understand why that would change. But if the Notice triggered extreme stress and/or anger - which could be why he shot the cashier - or if the stress was a result of shooting the cashier, that could explain his accelerated death.

VIJAY PATEL

So, out of our group of 100, we have a total of 5 deaths, including one suicide. And under the circumstances, the suicide is almost normal. Let's face it, knowing you have a week to live might make suicide seem like a good way to go, depending on your illness and pain levels. Two others

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VIJAY PATEL (cont'd)

involve some type of anger or revenge; and two more appear uncomplicated. The issue is the Notice. Nothing else with respect to the VT2 would trigger aggressive behavior. Alek, will you follow up with these two most recent deaths and verify that they were indeed uncomplicated with respect to guns or other violence.

ALEK BELIKOV

Got it.

VIJAY PATEL

And while you're at it, see if they had guns or easy access to one. In fact, see if we can find out the total number of alpha testers who have or had access to guns. Liz, I wanted you here in case we have or might have a legal issue.

LIZ GLASS

I don't think we do at the moment, but we need to give some additional thought to the set-up of the beta test, to take some precautions and ensure we don't have legal issues going forward. Obviously, unless Alek's search turns up information that the two users he's following up on killed people using baseball bats, guns seem to be the big variable. We may need to ascertain which users have guns, and ensure we have representative numbers with and without.

PATSY CARTER

Since we involve a doctor in the enrollment process, they can ask that question.

LIZ GLASS

Not in Florida, Missouri and Montana. Other states are considering passing legislation as well.

VIJAY PATEL

What the hell is that about?

LIZ GLASS

The NRA. That's how all this legislation gets started. Even the tobacco industry put up with restrictions for minors, but if the NRA had its way, kids would get a gun instead of a cup or rattle as a birth present. And when election time comes around, the NRA takes care of its own, and by that, I mean they support politicians that push for gun liberalization.

VIJAY PATEL

This country drives me crazy with its obsession with guns. Perhaps the Notice is too much to handle. We should consider scrapping it or maybe diluting it to a notice that you should see your doctor asap. We need to get the full team together. OK, here's a list of my takeaways from today: Alek, follow up with the two recent natural causes as well as the 'gun access sub-group' and get back with me. What's your target? You've got the next action, too, so don't over-commit.

ALEK BELIKOV

Close of business tomorrow, or sooner. Some of it might be easy, but I'll keep you posted if I'm delayed.

VIJAY PATEL

OK, good. Next. We need to start rethinking the beta test. That's you again, Alek, and take Liz's suggestion re: gun ownership or access into account. I'd like to have some with guns and some without.

ALEK BELIKOV

Are we still going with the same age group?

VIJAY PATEL

I think it's time to broaden the group and include representative samples down to 20 years. The VT2 is more about everything else it can do ... not just the Final Notice. And if there are additional deaths... well, we won't include a Final Notice.

The four attendees look at each other with shock and concern.

ALEK BELIKOV

What's our volume capacity?

VIJAY PATEL

Today? 200, but that will be growing rapidly as we finalize production set-up. When can you have a discussion draft ready for us to review?

ALEK BELIKOV

How about the end of next week. Thursday or Friday?

VIJAY PATEL

I'll ask Maureen to set it up for Thursday afternoon with the full team. That OK for you guys?

Silence while they check their phones, iPads, and calendars, followed by nods all around.

VIJAY PATEL (cont'd)

Maria, can you draft a simple procedure for distribution to everyone, including the reception desk, on how to handle inquiries from the public regarding the VT2? We need it as soon as possible in case we have any more alpha issues, and we can incorporate it into the beta test program from day one. Include procedures to handle and capture questions from test users, consumer interest, retailer/wholesaler interest, clinical, law enforcement, legal questions or concerns, and any others you can think of. I'd like a daily recap, too.

MARIA MOON

I think I know what you want. I'll have a draft to you by midday tomorrow.

VIJAY PATEL

And run it by Liz, too. Liz, Patsy, you've escaped this time, but you'll soon have your hands full. Thanks all. See you later.

CUT TO:

INT. BAKER RESIDENCE, MIDLAND, TX - LIVING ROOM - DAY

BILLY ROY BAKER (early 70's, white and overweight) watches MARLA, (32 years old, white, blonde) third wife, storm away from him in a huff. Thirty plus years younger than him, she is pure eye candy. He pours himself a Jack Daniels from a bottle on the credenza, lights a Marlboro. In the distance are the sounds of doors slamming and Marla's unintelligible screaming. He hears the front door open and a voice calls out. It's his step-son GRANT (white, 18 years old)

GRANT

(OFF)

Mom. It's me!

Grant comes into the living room, weaving and slurring his words. He seems drunk and almost surprised to see Billy Roy in his own house.

GRANT

You cheap, vindictive, son of a bitch! Mom told me you wouldn't help get me into Yale. You've always hated me, and this was your chance to prove it.

BILLY ROY

Well, baby boy Grant. That's pretty harsh talk from a mama's boy. Looks like drinking makes you pretty brave. But the word 'hate' would imply that I even give a shit about you.

Grant reaches into his jacket and pulls out a gun, pointing it wildly in the direction of Billy Roy, and discharges a shot, shattering a window. Billy Roy's VT2 watch buzzes with an "Imminent 911 Final Notice" warning. Close up of watch with "Final Notice!" Grant stands there, frozen with panic, watching the rage boiling up over Billy Roy. Billy Roy looks at his VT2 watch, smiles, and turns. Steadying himself with one hand against the credenza, he opens a drawer with the other hand, and when he turns around, he is pointing a S&W 357 magnum (large gun) at Grant. He discharges two shots, killing Grant. Marla runs screaming into the room as Grant crumples to the floor. Billy Roy shoots and kills Marla, and then immediately falls to the floor, dead. As he collapses, his gun falls a few feet away.

FADE TO BLACK

INT. BAKER RESIDENCE, MIDLAND, TX - FAMILY ROOM - NEXT DAY

JUANITA, (early 30's, Latina) the housekeeper, arrives through the back door and begins to vacuum until she finds three dead gringos. She jumps and screams, then circles the three dead bodies as far away as she can, eyes and mouth aghast. She doesn't see the gun and literally trips over it. Picking it up, she returns it to the open drawer and closes it. She picks up the phone and dials a number.

JUANITA

!Ayudame Hernando! iTengo tres gringos muertos y no se que hacer!"

Subtitles

Help me, Hernando! I've got three dead gringos and I don't know what to do!

HERNANDO

(OFF)

¿Juanita, Eres tu?

Subtitles

Juanita? Is that you?

TIME CUT:

INT. BAKER RESIDENCE, MIDLAND, TX - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Juanita is paralyzed with fear. She almost jumps out of the chair when she hears banging from the other room. She walks into the family room and finds herself face to face, on opposite sides of a sliding glass door, with a large, GRIZZLED MAN. He tries to open the door, finds it locked and motions for her to open it.

JUANITA

Señor Baker no home now!

GRIZZLED MAN

Okay.

Grizzled man leaves.

FADE TO:

INT. BAKER RESIDENCE, MIDLAND, TX - LIVING ROOM - DAY

HERNANDO (a early 30's,Latino) shows up and rings the doorbell. Juanita lets him in and points to Grant's body,

and from there she motions to Billy Roy's body and then Marla's body. He points to Billy Roy's body.

HERNANDO
¿Dónde está su arma?

Subtitle. Where is his gun?

Juanita goes to the credenza, pulls open the drawer and reaches for the gun, but Hernando grabs her arm and stops her. He pulls a rag from his pocket and wipes the gun, and replaces it in the drawer. He then closes the drawer and wipes the drawer clean.

He wipes the phone and front doorknob, inside and out, and then then taking Juanita by the hand they get into his car and drive away.

CUT TO:

INT. FBI HQ, WASHINGTON, DC - ZOE'S OFFICE - DAY

Zoe sits, alone at her desk, looking at three files.

INSERT: PHOTOS of Quentin Moore, John Mason, and Billy Roy Baker.

An older agent, AGENT MCCOY (white, early 50's) walks by, curious.

AGENT MCCOY
What you got, Zoe?

ZOE BROUET
Three dead shooters who were all taking part in a field test using a new sport watch. The watch and app are highly advanced health monitors. Our techies confirm that the watch can be set to advise the user of their predicted time of death. All of the deceased received such a notice.

AGENT MCCOY
Above my pay grade. Good luck.

She sighs.

ZOE BROUET
Well, I intend to get to the bottom of this!

She picks up the phone and calls VitalTech.

VITALTECH OPERATOR

(OFF)

Good afternoon, VitalTech.

FADE TO BLACK

INT. VITALTECH HEADQUARTERS, QUINCY, MA - VIJAY'S OFFICE - EARLY MORNING.

Vijay is looking at the photo on his desk again as he talks into his speakerphone.

VIJAY PATEL (SPEAKING WITH A STRONGER THAN USUAL HINDI ACCENT)

I'm so happy that Father is feeling better. So, Sanjay, are you seeing anyone special?

SANJAY PATEL (VIJAY'S YOUNGER BROTHER WHO SPEAKS WITH A STRONGER HINDI ACCENT)

(OFF)

Not really. Word hasn't gotten out yet that I have a rich brother in America.

Vijay laughs.

VIJAY PATEL

If the IPO goes well, you'll be in big demand as the rich manufacturing manager of the VT2. Mother and Father can retire and I can get them out of the slum.

Sanjay laughs.

SANJAY PATEL

(OFF)

Are you kidding? They will never leave their friends. Now that you're a rich American, you see this place very differently than we do.

VIJAY PATEL

I'm neither rich, nor am I an American, but I think I understand.

SANJAY PATEL

(OFF)

How about your love-life? I've heard there are many Indian girls in the U.S.

VIJAY PATEL

There are but I've found someone. And she's not Indian.

SANJAY PATEL

(OFF)

I won't tell Mother.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH HEADQUARTERS, QUINCY, MA - LOBBY - DAY

Agent Brouet is met in the lobby by Vijay Patel's secretary, MAUREEN SINGER (late 20's, auburn hair), who descends the single-story staircase.

MAUREEN SINGER

Good morning Ms. Brouet, or is it, Special Agent Brouet? I'm Maureen Singer, Vijay Patel's secretary.

ZOE BROUET

Good morning, Ms. Singer. You can call me Zoe or Agent Brouet.

Zoe hands Maureen her card.

MAUREEN SINGER

It's Maureen. Did you find us OK?

ZOE BROUET

No problem. How long have you been here?

MAUREEN SINGER

About a year. Let me take you up to see Vijay.

ZOE BROUET

Does he prefer 'Vijay' or 'Dr. Patel'?

MAUREEN SINGER

Definitely Vijay. Very down to earth.

INT. VITALTECH HEADQUARTERS, QUINCY, MA - VIJAY PATEL'S OFFICE - DAY

Maureen escorts Zoe in.

MAUREEN SINGER

Vijay, this is Zoe Brouet with the FBI. Zoe, can I get you some coffee, tea, water?

ZOE BROUET

I'm fine. Thank you, Maureen.

Maureen leaves and shuts the door.

VIJAY PATEL

Special Agent Brouet. It's nice to meet you.

ZOE BROUET

You can call me Zoe. And the pleasure is mine.

VIJAY PATEL

How can we help you today?

ZOE BROUET

I'm charged with investigating the mysterious, and seemingly, motiveless shootings that have involved three of your alpha test participants.

VIJAY PATEL

That was fast. We just put two and two together ourselves and realized that two of our users had been involved in shootings and one committed suicide.

ZOE BROUET

One of your users committed suicide? Who was that?

Looks at his computer.

VIJAY PATEL

Earl Hoover in Boynton Beach, Florida. You said three shootings. The others were... John Mason in Arizona and Quentin Moore in Missouri. Right?

Zoe takes out her notebook and begins to take notes.

ZOE BROUET

We didn't know about the suicide and perhaps you haven't heard about the latest incident. It happened over the
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ZOE BROUET (cont'd)
past weekend, although the bodies
weren't discovered until Monday.

VIJAY PATEL

Bodies?

ZOE BROUET

Yes, it's complicated. Two people
were shot and the third, one of your
alpha testers, died of natural
causes. It appeared to be a heart
attack.

VIJAY PATEL

And the alpha tester shot the other
two?

ZOE BROUET

Good question. It was his gun, but
the prints were wiped, so we don't
know for sure. The police are
carrying out tests and looking for
additional evidence.

VIJAY PATEL

Four out of 100 test users at this
early stage is worrying. So, how can
I help?

ZOE BROUET

Well, you've just started to. I now
know that you had 100 people enrolled
in your test and one committed
suicide. And yes, that trend is
worrying. How were the test
participants selected?

VIJAY PATEL

This was an initial test so we chose
older participants, 65-90 years old.
We felt that as they might have more
medical issues, it would be more
challenging for the VT2. We believe
they were in good health, for their
age.

ZOE BROUET

Fair enough. Tell me about the notice
feature, 'Final Notice,' I believe
you call it.

VIJAY PATEL

We've developed a unique, and
accurate set of analytics that are
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VIJAY PATEL (cont'd)
administered through the VT2. I'm a medical doctor and I'm confident that our technology is superior to periodic laboratory testing. Every minute of every day, the VT2 is carrying out tests in real time and it's accurately predicted death during the past year.

ZOE BROUET
Have there been any adverse effects during your tests, other than the shootings?

VIJAY PATEL
None. Of course our earlier tests were conducted in hospitals, with care and support and without guns. Most of the alpha test people live much more independent lives, and some have access to guns.

ZOE BROUET
Why is the Notice feature important to include?

VIJAY PATEL
Our Focus Groups liked the ability and time to get their affairs in order - including reaching out to loved ones and friends and clearing their consciences of loose ends. Many people are unprepared with respect to wills, etc. But mostly - as scary as it might be - the Notice gives people the opportunity to say goodbye.

Zoe's demeanor changes.

ZOE BROUET
When my father died, he and I had a lot of unfinished business and reconciliation. His death was unexpected, and I was unable to attend his funeral. I wish he'd had a VT2.

VIJAY PATEL
But if the Final Notice is causing senseless deaths, is it worth it?"

ZOE BROUET
The shootings are the actions of a small percentage of people with guns.
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ZOE BROUET (cont'd)

They will be the headlines, but I'd be willing to bet that there are many other stories, with far more noble outcomes, that we never hear about.

Dr. Patel, you indicated that this current alpha test is an initial field test. Do you plan additional tests and, if so, how and when will you launch them?

VIJAY PATEL

Yes, we are planning a beta test and are working through the details now. We will aim for a 50-50 split of those with and without gun access. The alpha test was 60-40 in favor of guns. We didn't plan it that way.

ZOE BROUET

How large will the beta test be?

VIJAY PATEL

We hope to reach 5000 if production can support it. But Agent Brouet, in your opinion, do we have a legal or even moral responsibility to do anything about a VT2 user's actions after receiving their Final Notice?

ZOE BROUET

The Final Notice function is really no different than a doctor telling someone that they have x number of days or weeks to live, and that's not illegal. As for a moral responsibility, I may be an exception in the law enforcement community, but I'm not a big fan of armed citizens. If there's a moral responsibility somewhere, I'd start with the NRA. I got involved in this investigation because the NRA is giving senior citizens discounts on guns.

VIJAY PATEL

Gun discounts to seniors?

ZOE BROUET

Yes. According to your records, John Mason received his Final Notice on Tuesday. On Thursday he went on an NRA sponsored field trip to a gun

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ZOE BROUET (cont'd)
show, and on Friday he killed 25
people with the guns he bought.

Vijay looks horrified.

VIJAY PATEL
Whew. OK. I'll need to check with our
legal department, but here is what
I'd like to do. For our next test
group, we'll ask each participant if
they have a gun, in those states
where a doctor can ask with an end
goal of a 50/50 gun/no gun
population. And if I don't get push
back from legal, we'll give you a
user list, showing the gun status. I
don't want to emulate Big Brother,
but I don't want more innocent people
killed, either.

ZOE BROUET
Okay. Can you give me a list of your
alpha users who are gun owners?

VIJAY PATEL
I think we can, but let me check with
legal. If they are OK with it, I'll
send it today or at least let you
know if there's an issue.

ZOE BROUET
Thanks. And... keep me posted.

VIJAY PATEL
Will do. Anything else we can help
you with?

ZOE BROUET
Not right now. I may need to come
back, but for the moment, I'm good.
Thank you very much.

They shake hands and Zoe exits.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA LOBBY - DAY

Zoe stops by Maureen's desk on her way out.

ZOE BROUET

Bye, Maureen. You were right. Your boss is a really nice guy. Thanks for your help.

CUT TO:

INT. GRETA JOHANSSON'S HOME, SEATTLE, WA - DAY

GRETA JOHANSSON, (white, 78 years old) slowly packs her husband's collection of six hand guns and boxes of ammunition into a carryall. She drifts into a memory of her final meeting with her daughter, MONIKA, (early 40's) just a few days ago.

FLASHBACK

INT. GRETA JOHANSSON'S HOME, SEATTLE, WA - DAY

MONIKA

I spoke with the watch maker company. It's 100% accurate. I'm staying with you.

GRETA JOHANSSON

You will definitely not! I have things to do and you have three kids that need you, plus that huge project deadline. So, if you really don't want the house or car, take whatever jewelry and photos you want and I'll take care of the rest.

Greta and her daughter embrace and the memory ends.

CUT TO:

EXT. LAW OFFICE, SEATTLE, WA - DAY

Greta pushes open the heavy wood and brass door of "King, Newton & White" and enters.

INT. LAWYER'S OFFICE, SEATTLE, WA - DAY

Greta comes into the rich and impressive lobby, with its oak-paneled walls and plush furniture. The young, smartly dressed and coiffed RECEPTIONIST greets her and GRETA asks to see HENRY NEWTON (60's). He emerges from one of the large oak doors and guides her to his office.

INT. HENRY NEWTON'S OFFICE, SEATTLE, WA - DAY

HENRY NEWTON

Good afternoon Greta. How are you?

GRETA JOHANSSON

Well, Henry, that's the reason for my visit, but thanks for asking. Actually, I'm pretty sure that I will die very shortly so I wanted to get a few things in order. I want to change my will.

HENRY NEWTON

Of course, what would you like to do?

GRETA JOHANSSON

I want to leave my house or the proceeds, and my financial assets to my daughter, Monika. She thinks she doesn't need the money, but young people are too short-sighted. Everything else will go to charity, as directly as possible.

You can decide which charities to leave them to, as long as they are highly rated with respect to efficiency and that more than 90% of the funds will reach the intended beneficiaries. Secondly, I prefer charities that benefit disadvantaged children's education and well-being.

I want all my clothes, which William always joked about insofar as quantity, to be given to homeless women in Seattle. Is that clear?

HENRY NEWTON

Yes, I think so, but why do you think you'll be dying soon? You look very well.

GRETA JOHANSSON

Trust me. I know. And I mean days, not weeks or months, so when can you give me a plan?

Henry just looks at her. Speechless.

CUT TO:

EXT. POLICE STATION, SEATTLE, WA - DAY

Struggling with the heavy carryall, Greta climbs a few steps, entering a branch of the Seattle Police Station.

INT. POLICE STATION, SEATTLE, WA - DAY

There is an unmanned desk with a phone and sign that reads, "Lift receiver to reach your party." Greta lifts the receiver.

OPERATOR

(OFF)

Who do you want to see?

GRETA JOHANSSON

My name is Greta Johansson, and I want to see someone about gun disposal.

OPERATOR

(OFF)

Please take a seat.

Greta takes a seat with a full view of the interior door, but also close to the outside door. She partially unzips the bag, taking a final look at the contents. A few minutes later the interior door opens and a young POLICEMAN (early 30's), JOHN HUSTON approaches her.

JOHN HUSTON

Mrs. Johansson?

GRETA JOHANSSON

Yes.

JOHN HUSTON

Hello, I'm Officer John Huston. How can I help you today?

Greta lifts the bag onto a chair.

GRETA JOHANSSON

I want to make sure that these guns and ammunition are never used to kill children. I understand that you can have them melted down.

JOHN HUSTON

Yes we can.

GRETA JOHANSSON

How much will it cost for six?

JOHN HUSTON

Actually, if you have six, we'll give you \$600 in Amazon coupons. Amazon is helping to sponsor a gun buyback program.

She laughs.

CUT TO:

INT. MIDLAND AIRPORT, TX - COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Zoe is sitting at a table with Sheriff Bull Johnson. Sheriff Johnson has a heavy Texas accent. There are two cloth bags on the table. He pushes the small one over to Zoe.

SHERIFF BULL JOHNSON

Here's Baker's watch and phone. They're both dead, and password protected, so your team will have to hack them.

Nodding to the larger bag he asks.

SHERIFF BULL JOHNSON (cont'd)

Do you need the guns?

ZOE BROUET

You've confirmed the ballistics, so no. What else do you know?

SHERIFF BULL JOHNSON

A friend of Billah Roy's said he seen a woman in the house on Saturday who was vacuumin' the carpet. She told him that Baker wasn't home, and he said that she had an accent, probably Mexcan. Baker's gardener said a cleaner named Juanita worked for Baker, but he didn't know her last name or where she could be found, and there's no further leads on her whereabouts. I also spoke with Billah Roy's lawyer, Luther Holmes. Holmes stated that things were not good between Baker and his wife and that his relationship with her son was even worse. We found gunshot residue on Baker and the stepson, so that all matches up. But there were no prints on Baker's gun and he wasn't wearing gloves, so that's a puzzle. Now it's

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SHERIFF BULL JOHNSON (cont'd)
your turn. What are we dealing with
here?

ZOE BROUET
Let me tell you about the watch.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA - CONFERENCE ROOM -
DAY

The VitalTech team at the conference room table are Vijay,
Alek, Maria, Liz, PATSY CARTER (early 30's) - Clinical Head,
WADE THOMAS - COO (35), DON CASEY- VP Marketing (33), and
GANESH DESAI- CFO (Indian, 50).

VIJAY PATEL
I'd like to finalize the design of
the VT2 beta test and the lead-up to
the IPO. The VT2 is exceeding our
technical expectations, but as most
of you know, there has been a dark
side, and a number of people with
guns have killed people after
receiving their notice. I have spoken
with the FBI, and Liz has received
assurance from our outside counsel
that we cannot be held accountable;
but that doesn't make me feel any
better. So, we need to consider this
issue as we discuss the beta test and
keep an open mind with respect to the
Final Notice, including scrapping it
altogether or changing it to a
different alert, for example,
'Contact your doctor ASAP.'

DON CASEY
What does KKL think about that? They
were very bullish about the notice.

VIJAY PATEL
They're aware of it and we'll discuss
it this afternoon at our meeting,
along with the IPO progress. Alek,
can you and Patsy present the
findings of the alpha test, to date.

ALEK BELIKOV

First of all, of the 100 participants, 61 had access to guns, and so far, of those 61, six received Final Notices. There was one suicide and three crimes committed, resulting in twenty-eight people being killed - 25 deaths from one. We'll design the beta test fifty/fifty - those with access to guns and those without.

GANESH DESAI

Do we believe that this 50% outcome - three crimes out of six with guns - would hold for the entire future population of users?

PATSY CARTER

Jesus, I hope not. Everyone wearing a VT2 will get their notice if they wear it long enough. Do the math on a million plus wearers!

DON CASEY

A hundred is a small sample and it's much too early to accept that 50% is an expectation.

PATSY CARTER

This study gives us the ability, to call attention to the potential issue. Doctors can be made aware of the dangers and watch for behavior that could result in an incident.

DON CASEY

Okay, as long as we don't over-complicate the sales and marketing process. Is it even be legal to involve doctors in the full roll-out.

LIZ GLASS

We can suggest their doctor's involvement. The watch does more than just issue death sentences.

VIJAY PATEL

The FBI wants to receive both our alpha list and beta list, along with the information as to the user's gun ownership or access. Liz and I discussed this and agreed to share the alpha test users. How should we

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VIJAY PATEL (cont'd)
handle the request for the beta list,
Liz?

LIZ GLASS
Where will we get the gun info?

ALEK BELIKOV
I checked with the doctors who were
involved with the alpha test to
identify the 61 users with guns. They
agreed that we should include a short
questionnaire for users in the beta
test that would state gun ownership
status and also provide a doctor's
assessment of the user's physical and
mental health.

LIZ GLASS
I'm not sure about the questionnaire.
Let me run that by our outside guys.

GANESH DESAI
Patsy, how big is our beta test
group?

PATSY CARTER
A total of 5000 rolled out over two
months.

GANESH DESAI
Wade, you're comfortable with these
volumes?

WADE THOMAS
Yep. The production set-up has gone
smoothly and we even got a grant from
the Indian government, who are trying
to energize their export
manufacturing sector.

VIJAY PATEL
And speaking of grants and Indian
manufacturing ... Liz, Ganesh, any
risk of a big import tax?

LIZ GLASS
Ganesh and I have spoken with our
outside counsel and as we've never
manufactured in the USA, and aren't
shipping jobs abroad, they don't see
an immediate concern, but then
again...

VIJAY PATEL

Thanks. Looking at it another way, I'm almost positive that nobody with similar products makes their stuff in the USA, so we'd all be in the same boat.

Silence all around.

Okay. I'd like to hear from each of you... your view on the Final Notice. Do we keep it or not? Patsy, what's your view?

PATSY CARTER

As a doctor, I have witnessed the suffering, both emotional and financial, of... I can't think of a better way of saying it, a messy end to one's life. Life insurance benefits not discussed and often lost to the beneficiaries, etc. The Notice may give some users a feeling that they can do what they want with impunity, but that's someone's unique moral code and we can't be responsible for that. So, keep it, but expand the Notice period to include the options of 10, 20 and 30 days.

VIJAY PATEL

Interesting idea. Thanks. Alek?

ALEK BELIKOV

I admit that the killings really shook me, but then, I thought about the Focus Groups. The stories we heard from them about how they wished their mother or father had known about their death so they could be there. I also agree with Patsy on the Notice options.

VIJAY PATEL

Thanks. Liz?

LIZ GLASS

Keep it in. It's legal and it appears to be valuable.

VIJAY PATEL

Succinct and to the point. What a surprise. Maria, you were also involved earlier. Your thoughts?

MARIA MOON

I admit to having a personal bias. My mom died suddenly, and I didn't get a chance to say goodbye. So, I see the value of the Notice, but since my function is charged with managing the public's perception of the VT2, that is my concern. What happens if the killings become a story before the IPO? Could that adversely affect the launch and future of VitalTech?

VIJAY PATEL

Thanks, Maria. You raise an excellent point. Don, I think we know your view on the Notice, but what about Maria's concern?

DON CASEY

Even without the Notice, the VT2 is light years ahead of the competition. But for how long? One year, two? And without the uniqueness of the Notice, it will be much harder to get people to swap their Apples, Fitbits, and Garmins, especially at a premium price.

One more point, gun sales are going up - by over 10% a year. The NRA's Senior discount is approaching a million sales. Nobody seems to care about the danger of guns and gun deaths. Gun sales don't drop after mass killings, and the outrage is very short lived. I'd wager a bet that if a big story broke, it would help us.

VIJAY PATEL

Not a comforting thought. Who's next ... Wade? You've been pretty quiet. Want to - sorry - wade into the discussion about the notice?

Groans and laughs from the group.

WADE THOMAS

I say let's keep it. And I agree with Don's concern about the doctor's involvement. If it adds a degree of complexity, as a manufacturing guy, that's a no-no.

VIJAY PATEL

OK, Ganesh, what do you think about the Notice?

GANESH DESAI

Keep it.

VIJAY PATEL

Are you just saying that because you're hungry?

GANESH DESAI

Yes.

Laughter.

VIJAY PATEL

OK. I've had my doubts, but it's agreed to keep it in. Alek, please take us through the beta test details.

CUT TO:

EXT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA - LOBBY -DAY

We see Vijay running out the door in his black track suit.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA -CONFERENCE ROOM - EARLY AFTERNOON

Vijay is back, freshly showered and gulping down a smoothie. Also sitting with him are Don, Liz, Maria, and Ganesh. Maureen comes in with J. EDWARD KONIG (the CEO of KKL, a private equity firm, early 50's, overweight) and JENNIFER ANDREWS (blonde, slender, attractive business development head).

Maureen enters the conference room and announces the guests.

MAUREEN SINGER

J. Edward Konig and Jennifer Andrews.

Vijay stands to greet them and the rest of the team wave hellos.

VIJAY PATEL

J. Edward, Jennifer, thank you for making the trip up. It's good to see you both again. You remember Don, Liz, Maria and Ganesh?

J. Edward and Jennifer wave and say hi.

J. EDWARD KONIG

As you can all imagine, I was horrified to hear about the murders of innocent people by the test participants when they received their Final Notices. Our country and guns have a long, strong and complicated relationship, and I was relieved when Vijay told me that the FBI felt there was no basis that would implicate VitalTech with the murders. And that being the case, I hope that you all are standing strong in your conviction about the benefits of the Notice feature.

VIJAY PATEL

You'll be pleased to hear that our Team unanimously agreed to continue with the Notice, with three minor tweaks. A target of 50/50 gun/no-gun ownership, the inclusion of a detailed briefing sheet for the conferring doctors, advising them to particularly watch for signs of depression and anger before assigning the watch, and a user preference of 10, 20 or 30 day notice. Maria has also set up a detailed public relations inquiry flow process.

J. EDWARD KONIG

He looks at Don.

That's great Vijay. How's your marketing guru feel about all this? Everyone's counting on you to sell a million of these things... in the first month!

DON CASEY

Keeping the Notice is the right move. The Focus Groups said as much, despite the grim reality.

J. EDWARD KONIG

Hmm, that might be a better name for it than Final Notice: 'The Grim Reality.'

Laughter.

J. EDWARD KONIG (cont'd)

Hell, when Richard Branson was starting up Virgin Airlines, he wanted to call First Class and Economy "Upper Class and Lower Class."

More laughter.

J. EDWARD KONIG (cont'd)

Got his way with Upper Class. Planning in advance for handling inquiries is a good idea but what are your contingencies for public relations issues? What if a story does break? We have some good connections with the media and if we know quickly enough, we may be able to quash it.

DON CASEY

Sorry, J. Edward, but following your comment about our relationship with guns, I said this morning that if word got out about a watch that's causing people to kill others, I believe it would help, rather than hurt us.

JENNIFER ANDREWS

Why do you think that, Don?

DON CASEY

First of all, everyone has pondered the question, 'If you knew, for sure, that you only had X days to live, what would you do?' Second, we're talking about people with guns, and they are different than people without guns. They have a gun because they know that they are prepared to use it. I know that most people have

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DON CASEY (cont'd)
at least someone that they might like
to take out, if they could do so with
impunity... I won't go into politics.

Laughter.

DON CASEY (cont'd)
But the final reason is that it would
be a huge, unique and compelling
story that would feed people's
fantasies. It would go viral and
everyone in the world would hear
about it within a week.

VIJAY PATEL
So, what you are also saying is that,
by feeding their fantasies, there may
be an even better chance that people
with guns will act in this way when
they get their Notice.

DON CASEY
Hopefully not.

JENNIFER ANDREWS
Are you still planning 5000 for the
beta test, Vijay?

VIJAY PATEL
Yes, over a two month roll-out.

J. EDWARD KONIG
Ganesh, how are the units pricing
out?

GANESH DESAI
Better than originally planned. Even
if we hit some serious snags, it
might dent our margin forecast, but
profits would still be way above
plan. We've discussed a \$499 basic
model price. At a volume of 500,000
in year one, our lowest, worst case,
forecast gross income would be 250
million, and obviously double that if
we hit your million-unit, notional
target.

J. EDWARD KONIG
Did you say notional?

Laughter.

J. EDWARD KONIG

I'm betting the bank on it. We'll be talking with René at Credit Suisse in the next day or so to get an update on the current IPO climate and preliminary timing and forecasts.

JENNIFER ANDREWS

Let me ask a question. What if this really takes off, even faster than any of us thought? We're the only game in town at the moment, but if we stumble with fulfillment, we create openings and opportunities for others. It may sound crazy, but what if the 'notion' way underestimates demand? What if it's 1.5 million? Two million? Three? Or even five?

DON CASEY

Wade seemed pretty confident in his production capability today.

VIJAY PATEL

Yes, but we weren't talking about numbers like these. Let me talk with Wade and ask him what it would take - time and money - to reach those levels. It's a good idea to think about those possibilities so we can react more quickly. I'll get back to you with our thoughts.

CUT TO:

INT. VITALTECH CORPORATION, QUINCY, MA - CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

Vijay and Maria remain.

MARIA MOON

J. Edward seemed very interested in Don's scenario about the effect of a breaking story.

VIJAY PATEL

He has a point. We need to have a strategy to cope if something does come out. Have you thought about it?

MARIA MOON

Yes. In fact I'm just finishing up a number of draft responses to deal

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MARIA MOON (cont'd)
with a variety of scenarios. I'll
send them to you when I get back to
my office and polish them off.

VIJAY PATEL
Thanks. Have a good evening.

CUT TO:

INT. FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, BOSTON, MA - HALLWAY OUTSIDE ROOM
840 - NIGHT

Vijay knocks on the door standing outside of, 840. Then he
sees the doorbell and presses it. Jennifer opens the door.

JENNIFER ANDREWS
You're not impatient, are you?

Vijay enters the room.

INT. FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, BOSTON, MA - ROOM 840 - NIGHT

They embrace in a long and passionate kiss.

VIJAY PATEL
I've missed you.

With a mischievous smile.

JENNIFER ANDREWS
You're making that obvious. I've
missed you too.

They embrace and begin taking off each others' clothes as
they awkwardly back into the bedroom.

TIME CUT:

INT. FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, BOSTON, MA - BEDROOM - LATER THAT
NIGHT

In bed, undressed, clothes strewn all over the floor.

JENNIFER ANDREWS
Why don't we make ourselves look like
we haven't been making love for an
hour and get something to eat?

VIJAY PATEL
You won't have to twist my arm.

JENNIFER ANDREWS

Wow. You are pretty easy today.

VIJAY PATEL

I'll always be easy when it comes to making love with you ... and food. But tomorrow morning, it won't be so easy keeping up with me on the streets.

JENNIFER ANDREWS

We'll see.

She heads to the bathroom. Vijay enjoys watching her naked body glide away.

VIJAY PATEL

Need any help in the shower?

JENNIFER ANDREWS

Now that you mention it, there is a place on my back I can't reach.

CUT TO:

INT. FOUR SEASONS HOTEL RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Jennifer and Vijay are waiting for their food.

VIJAY PATEL

How do you think the meeting went?

JENNIFER ANDREWS

Ahh. That's why you wanted to see me.

VIJAY PATEL

Yeah. Why else?

Jennifer give him a fake threatening face.

VIJAY PATEL (cont'd)

Actually, I'm not sure I was able to focus 100%. There was this drop-dead gorgeous blonde there that I wanted desperately to get into bed with.

JENNIFER ANDREWS

And how did that go?

VIJAY PATEL

Pretty well.

JENNIFER ANDREWS
Just, 'pretty well?'

VIJAY PATEL
OK. Amazing, fantastic. How's that?

JENNIFER ANDREWS
Better.

VIJAY PATEL
As you can see, I'm still struggling with my focus, but I thought the meeting went well. For the moment, we just need to manage any unfavorable publicity.

Their food arrives.

CUT TO:

INT. U.S. SENATE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C. - DAY

Senator JOHN MCADAM is being booed by a few members of the Senate as he takes the stand.

JOHN MCADAM
I have been a member of this body for almost 30 years and I have watched with dismay as our party has become more intolerant, more mean spirited ... more destructive and more interested in scoring points with big donors than representing our constituents...

McAdam walks out amidst a deafening chorus of boos.

CUT TO:

INT. TV. STUDIO, WASHINGTON, D.C - DAY

McAdam, looking peaceful, is wrapping up his interview with JOE on a national news network.

JOHN MCADAM
And this is just the tip of the iceberg...

JOE
We'll be back in a moment with Senator John McAdam and his views on what is wrong with his Party ...

CUT TO:

EXT. MONTGOMERY AIRPORT, MONTGOMERY, AL - - DAY

John McAdam exits the airport and grabs a taxi.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - DAY

"The Retreat," McAdam's beloved neoclassical revival home in Montgomery's Garden District, with its massive oaks draped in Spanish moss. The taxi leaves McAdam at the door with his carry-on suitcase. MATTIE MAYS (Black woman , early 60s) opens the door and greets McAdam with a brief hug.

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - DAY

MATTIE MAYS

Welcome home, Senator! It's so good to see you.

Motioning to the suitcase and briefcase, she says.

MATTIE MAYS (cont'd)

You just put those down and come with me. I have a surprise for you.

She takes him to the breakfast room. There he finds his daughter REBECCA, drinking coffee. They hug and he joins her.

JOHN MCADAM

What a great surprise!

REBECCA

I've been watching you on TV and I just wanted to say this in person. This would have made Mom so happy.

JOHN MCADAM

What do you mean?

REBECCA

That you're taking a stand on these important issues.

Defensively.

JOHN MCADAM

Because I never did before?

REBECCA

I didn't mean that. Mom was always proud of you and knew that you did what you could and what you knew was right. I just meant that you really put it out there with those great points.

JOHN MCADAM

OK, thanks. Not sure what I'll be able to change much, if anything, but it's actually been exciting to give it a go. Tiring, too.

Rebecca is concerned.

REBECCA

Are you feeling alright?

JOHN MCADAM

I'm OK. Just tired. I'm seeing Doc Turner tomorrow and he'll tell me how much time I'll have to complete my agenda, and no doubt, he'll prioritize it for me.

Rebecca laughs but quickly frowns.

REBECCA

Dad! Don't say that. But tell him I said hello. In fact, I just thought of something. There's a company in the Boston area that is testing a new watch/health monitor. It has the capability to monitor your blood. Ask Doc Turner to get you signed up for one, and if he has a problem getting one, tell him to call me. I know some of the manufacturer's people and maybe we can pull some strings for a distinguished Senator.

JOHN MCADAM

What's it called?

REBECCA

The VT2.

CUT TO:

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - LATER

Mattie is cleaning the house. John comes up to her in a friendly manner.

JOHN MCADAM

Are your friends and family aware of what I've been saying?

MATTIE MAYS

Yes sir, Senator. You better believe they are. You keep talking like that and you'll win really big, next election.

McAdam relies unenthusiastically.

JOHN MCADAM

We'll see.

MATTIE MAYS

Are you okay, Senator?

JOHN MCADAM

I'm okay. Thanks, Mattie. It's just that... whenever I'm here I'm reminded of how much I miss her.

MATTIE MAYS

I know how that feels, fo sure. Every week when I come round, I have to fight the tears back. Miz Anne was like a big sister to me.

JOHN MCADAM

She loved you too, Mattie.

McAdam musters a smile and goes to his office. He turns on the answering machine. It's a call from LAWRENCE, a Senate mover and shaker...

LAWRENCE

(OFF)

John, it's Lawrence. Some of our colleagues are out for blood. They're even talking expulsion. Are you free to meet with a few of them on Monday, 1:00 PM? I won't be there but Tim Wooley, Chick Lawnley and Toady Creud will be there. Sorry about the last one. They'll be staying at the Renaissance Hotel, but would it be possible to meet at The Retreat? It will be more private and less likely

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LAWRENCE (cont'd)
to attract attention. Please let me
know asap.

Immediately, John's smile fades away.

CUT TO:

INT. DR. TURNER'S OFFICE, MONTGOMERY, AL - THE NEXT DAY

McAdam is visiting with DR. ANGUS TURNER.

DR. TURNER
So you feel okay?

JOHN MCADAM
Yes. Just very tired most of the
time.

DR. TURNER
You do remember how old you are,
don't ya?

JOHN MCADAM
Yes, I know, but I feel like I've
aged a lot in the last month or so. I
should feel elated that I'm finally
doing the right thing, but even when
I'm feeling very good about what I'm
doing, I'm still tired.

DR. TURNER
Are you sleeping well?

JOHN MCADAM
No, not really.

DR. TURNER
I'm going to write a prescription for
some blood tests to see if it shows
anything abnormal.

JOHN MCADAM
Rebecca says hello. Oh, something
else. Have you heard of the VT2?

McAdam's question jogs Turner's mind and he reaches over and
picks up a FedEx urgent package.

DR. TURNER
This just came in and it's got our
names on it.

He pulls out a rectangular box with a paper wrapped around it. Turner looks at the paper and reads:

DR. TURNER (cont'd)

Dear Dr. Turner: Dr. Rebecca McAdam asked me to send you our VT2 watch/health monitor which is out for beta testing. It's for her father, Senator John McAdam. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me and when you see the Senator, tell him 'Thank you' for his recent stand on politics-as-usual.' Kind regards, Dr. Patsy Carter, Head of Clinical Affairs, VitalTech.

Doc Turner looks at the enclosed questionnaire.

DR. TURNER (cont'd)

Do you have a gun, John?

JOHN MCADAM

Yes, there is a gun in the house that I bought for Anne about 20 years ago. I was away a lot and it seemed a good idea. I think it's still there.

DR. TURNER

Are you depressed?

JOHN MCADAM

No.

DR. TURNER

If I told you today that you had a week to live, would you use that gun to kill someone?

JOHN MCADAM

Not unless you were laughing when you told me!

They both laughed.

DR. TURNER

That was easy. OK. You need to fast for your blood test. It's 7:00 AM Monday. Call me if you have any questions about the watch. Not that I'll have a clue how to help.

CUT TO:

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - KITCHEN -NIGHT

McAdam finishes his dinner and sits down to set up his VT2. He smiles when he reads out loud the choices about the Final Notice alert options. He talks to himself to ask the question.

JOHN MCADAM

10, 20 or 30 days? Hmm, I'll do
twenty days.

He puts on the watch and sips his wine. He mind drifts off thinking about his wild week and he smiles and says to the empty house.

JOHN MCADAM (cont'd)

What a wild week!

CUT TO:

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - BEDROOM - NIGHT

McAdam is in bed and awakens when his VT2 watch and iPhone start to vibrate and flash,

IRIS IN:

The watch reads "FINAL NOTICE - 20 Days"

CUT TO:

INT. DR. TURNER'S OFFICE, MONTGOMERY, AL - DAY

McAdam and Dr. Turner have the VT2, and the instructions laid out on his desk. They both look puzzled. Dr. Turner makes a speakerphone call.

PATSY CARTER

(OFF)

VitalTech, Patsy Carter speaking.

DR. TURNER

Good morning, Dr. Carter. Thank you for the VT2 and your note. I'm here in Montgomery with Senator McAdam. The Senator has set up the watch but he's received a Final Notice. Can you check it out from your end to see what we've done wrong?

PATSY CARTER

(OFF)

Sure. Let me look.

Keys clacking.

OK, I've found it and it looks like
it's functioning. Let me look closer.

More keys clacking and suddenly McAdam's watch and iPhone
buzz.

JOHN MCADAM

Great. It's cleared the notice.

DR. TURNER

Looks like you fixed it!

Turner and McAdam smiling.

DR. TURNER (cont'd)

What did we do wrong?

Suddenly the watch and phone buzz and the 20 day Final
Notice reappears.

JOHN MCADAM

The Notice is back!

PATSY CARTER

(OFF)

Doctor Turner. Can you please take me
off the speaker?

Dr. Turner picks up the receiver, cutting off the
speakerphone so only Dr. Turner hears.

DR. TURNER

OK. It's just me. What happened?

PATSY CARTER

(OFF)

When I changed the notice period to
10 days, it caused the notice to be
cleared. But when I changed it back
to 20 days, the Notice was re-
instated because the system has
determined that Senator McAdam will
die in twenty days. The watch is
working. I'm really sorry.

DR. TURNER

Thank you, Dr. Carter.

Turner reaches over his desk and puts his hand on McAdam's arm. McAdam's look said it all.

DR. TURNER (cont'd)
I'm sorry, John. I'm really sorry.

CUT TO:

INT. FBI HQ, WASHINGTON, DC - ZOE'S OFFICE - DAY

Agent Zoe Brouet is looking at her computer screen. She sees something that startles her. Looking at the screen, she picks up her phone and makes a call.

ZOE BROUET
This is Zoe Brouet with the FBI. May I speak with Dr. Turner. It's urgent.

Thirty seconds later.

DR. TURNER
(OFF)
This is Dr. Turner.

ZOE BROUET
Hello Dr Turner, Zoe Brouet with the FBI. I'm following up on a Final Notice received by one of your patients. Senator John McAdam.

DR. TURNER
(OFF)
He's a friend. How can I help?

ZOE BROUET
The information I have indicates that the Senator has a gun. My question is, given the shock of his impending death, do you, as his doctor, feel that the Senator is at risk of committing a crime? Shooting someone?

Doc Turner chuckling.

DR. TURNER
(OFF)
I think John is more at risk of being killed than killing, based on the waves he's been making in Washington.

ZOE BROUET

I understand, but the Final Notice that the Senator has just received, has led some people to seek revenge.

DR. TURNER

(OFF)

I've known John for almost 40 years and I'm not worried. But, I understand your concern and I'll keep an eye on the situation.

ZOE BROUET

Thank you, doctor. Please call me immediately if anything changes.

CUT TO:

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - STUDY - DAY

IRIS IN TO APP:

McAdam looks at his VT2 App. "FINAL NOTICE - 19 Days" He goes into his study, unlocks his desk and pulls out the file clearly labeled "Will & Important Papers."

CUT TO:

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - DINING ROOM - NIGHT

McAdam opens his best bottle of wine to let it breathe a bit. He's ordered in a gigantic steak. He pops in a Nora Jones CD and sits down to reflect upon and finish his day.

CUT TO:

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - MORNING

Mattie Mays arrives.

MATTIE MAYS

Good morning, Senator. Have you had breakfast yet?

JOHN MCADAM

Just coffee.

MATTIE MAYS

I'll whip something up. It's not good for you to go without eating for so long.

JOHN MCADAM

Thanks, Mattie. I suppose that with the guests I'm receiving, I won't be very hungry afterwards.

CUT TO:

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - ENTRY HALL 1:00PM

CHICK LAWNLEY (70s), TOADY CREUD (early 60's), and TIM WOOLEY (mid 60s) arrive and ring the bell. Mattie opens the door for them and lets them in.

CUT TO:

INT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - LIVING ROOM - DAY

John greets his guests. He motions for them to sit down.

MATTIE MAYS

May I offer you gentlemen tea, coffee or lemonade?

Gruffly, McAdam replies.

JOHN MCADAM

Four coffees please, Mattie.

MATTIE MAYS

Yes sir.

CHICK LAWNLEY

This meeting prevented me from visiting Indiana this week, John.

JOHN MCADAM

I've seen the news. You should be thanking me for giving you an excuse to not be there.

TOADY CREUD

John you're a traitor to the Party and fellow Senators. I expect that at your age you've decided that you won't run again so you can stir the pot, grab a lot of attention, and ride into the sunset as a hero. That's a chicken-shit thing to do. Where's your sense of right and wrong?

John laughs.

JOHN MCADAM

That's rich coming from someone who leaves the country while his constituents struggle with a storm.

He stops while Mattie returns with the coffees and then glides out.

JOHN MCADAM (cont'd)

Right and wrong? Since when did you ... or any of you ... think about right or wrong? All you think about is where will the money come from for the next election, how can I make myself bulletproof with the big spenders so no one else will attract their support, and how can I make a fortune in the process?

TIM WOOLEY

And you've never thought about catering to people or companies with bags of money in exchange for a bill here, a vote there?

JOHN MCADAM

Sure, I've been at the trough, although not as much as any of you three, but that doesn't make it right, and it has to stop. These pledges that we take to always vote with the Party often put us on the wrong side of what our constituents want.

CHICK LAWNLEY

They don't always know what's good for them. They're like kids and we're the adults.

JOHN MCADAM

You must be smoking some local crops from one of your college towns. People in Indiana really don't need healthcare? They really don't care about Freedom of Speech?

TOADY CREUD

If you're going to recite your stupid talking points, save us the agony. We know about your involvement with the bankruptcy of Gulf States Steel,

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TOADY CREUD (cont'd)

Nucor, the loss of 1700 jobs, and the Chinese getting all the manufacturing equipment.

JOHN MCADAM

I fought hard to help Gulf States, but it was too far gone to survive. And I had nothing to do with the giveaway price of their equipment.

TIM WOOLEY

And we also know about you accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars in drugs to treat your wife, in exchange for legislation to help Cotton State Pharma.

JOHN MCADAM

Not sure where you got 'hundreds of thousands' but Cotton State Pharma did supply some experimental drugs to help Anne with her cancer. They did it for hundreds of others, too, and the bill was a good one that passed with bi-partisan support.

TIM WOOLEY

Let's skip the bullshit. You have 24 hours to apologize or make any excuse you want to reverse yourself as publicly as possible, or we will make sure that you won't make it through your term. You will jump ahead of Nixon and Agnew on the corrupt politician list.

TOADY CREUD

There's not a senator on our side of the aisle who won't vote for expulsion, and there are even some on the other side who will vote with us because you threaten all of us.

TIM WOOLEY

And in addition to making you live your last years as a leper, we will smear your wife's name for her complicity in accepting bribes. I hope your children have the stomach for what you are bringing down on them.

McAdam stands up, angrily.

JOHN MCADAM

I knew you were a piece of shit, Tim,
but bringing Anne and my family into
this goes far beyond the depths I
thought you were capable of.

TOADY CREUD

You should have thought about that
before you decided to promote your
radical agenda.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE RETREAT, MONTGOMERY, AL - DAY

Three gunshots are heard from inside The Retreat.

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