

INT. PERRY'S PICK-UP TRUCK - MORNING

Through the windshield we see the last students trickle into the school. Perry sits, motionless, waiting for everyone to get inside. He carefully grabs a box of shells from the seat and inserts them into his jacket pocket. He grabs his pistol and exits. Through the windshield we see him alone, composed and unhurried as he steps disciplined towards the entrance.

Perry enters the school as Kevin arrives and parks in a handicap spot. Kevin exits in pain and limps to the entrance.

EXT. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Kevin limps towards the office as a student exits.

STUDENT #1
Don't go in there!

WE HEAR a GUNSHOT. Kevin throws the student his phone.

KEVIN
Call 9-1-1.

He pulls a fire alarm on the wall. WE HEAR THE ALARM BLARE.

INT. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Kevin enters as Perry stands behind principal Anders holding a gun to his head. TWO FEMALE SECRETARIES are in tears kissing the floor. Perry points the gun at Kevin.

PERRY
Get down.

KEVIN
What's going on?

PERRY
I'm going to kill the guy who
killed my son.

KEVIN
Principal Anders did not kill Josh.

WE HEAR POLICE SIRENS in the distance.

PERRY
My son would never do this. NEVER!
He made him do it. I need to know
why before I kill you.

Perry pushes the gun hard into Principal Anders head and places his finger closer to the trigger.

KEVIN

Mr. Jenson, please look at me!

Perry looks over at Kevin.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Your son was suspended for something he wrote.

PERRY

What are you talking about?

KEVIN

It was an English assignment. He was supposed write about positive influences in his life. Your son chose to write about the opposite.

PERRY

Bullshit! He never told me about any assignment.

KEVIN

The staff mentioned in the paper felt threatened by your sons words so Mr. Anders suspended him. He was following district policy.

PERRY

Who? TELL ME WHO he wrote about?

KEVIN

His English teacher, his coach...

PERRY

Get them in here NOW!

KEVIN

And YOU! He wrote about you.

Perry is deflated and lost.

PERRY

WHY WOULD HE KILL HIMSELF!

KEVIN

Maybe there was something we didn't know about him.

Perry takes a long look at Kevin remembering the same words spoken by his conflicted son.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Let him read the letter.

Everyone is silent.

PERRY
I want to read it.

KEVIN
Where is the letter Scott!

PRINCIPAL ANDERS
He's angry.

KEVIN
Jesus, he just lost his son.

PRINCIPAL ANDERS
He's not in the right frame of...

KEVIN
Get me the goddamn letter!

PRINCIPAL ANDERS
It's on my desk, under the blue
folder.

Kevin walks over to the desk and pulls out the letter and hands it to Perry, backing away slowly. Perry grabs the letter and begins to read while still holding the gun to Principal Anders. There is a long pause and silence. WE HEAR THE PAPER CRUMPLE SLOWLY IN HIS HANDS as Perry's body crumples onto the desk chair letting go of Anders. He looks at Kevin, now standing in front of him.

He raises the gun to his head.

KEVIN
NO!!

Principal Anders tackles him as the gun fires. The BLAST IS DEAFENING as several SWAT OFFICERS enter the office, shouting commands with guns drawn. Kevin hits the floor and watches in slow motion as the team quickly subdues a broken but unharmed Perry and secures the area.