

Union Station

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Sequence 1

Joyce and Lorna are driven by a chauffeur to a train station.

Joyce, on a train, notices a car speeding alongside it. The car stops at the next station. Two men get out and board the train. One is carrying a suitcase and has a concealed pistol. Concerned, Joyce tells the conductor, who wires to the next station to request that a police officer meet the train. Lieutenant Calhoun receives the wire and talks to Joyce when she gets off the train. They follow the two men, who put the suitcase into a station locker, then put the locker key in an envelope and place it into a mailbox.

In his office, Calhoun and Joyce retrieve the suitcase from the locker and look through it. Joyce recognises clothing that belongs to Lorna, the blind daughter of her employer, Henry Murchison. Calhoun calls Murchison.

Murchison comes to the station. Lorna has been kidnapped. He says he will pay whatever the kidnappers want. "They won't make a move until you get the key and the instructions," Calhoun tells him.

Sequence 2

The next day, Murchison uses the key to get the suitcase from the locker. He is being followed by Gus, one of the kidnappers from the train. Gus is followed by Calhoun and his team. He realises he is being tailed and tries to escape, but is killed.

Sequence 3

Murchison is instructed to meet the kidnappers at 6pm in front of the information booth in the train station. Calhoun and his team are ready. Joyce is also in the station. Murchison gets into place at the booth but the kidnappers don't show. Eventually a messenger appears with a telegram for Murchison. He is to go to a phone booth in the main concourse. Calhoun and the undercover police in the station head over to the main concourse. Joyce, meanwhile, sees Joe, the other man she originally noticed on the train, and follows him out of the station. Joe goes to a car, where he talks to an accomplice, Vince. Joyce notes the license plate. Vince goes into the train station and sits near Murchison, who is standing near the phone booth. Joyce warns Calhoun about Vince. The phone rings, and Murchison answers it. He is to put \$100,000 into the same suitcase as before and meet at noon the next day at the information booth. Calhoun grabs Vince.

Sequence 4

Vince leads the police to the apartment where Lorna is being held, but Joe, his girlfriend and Lorna have already left. Calhoun decides that they shouldn't intervene and that Murchison should bring the money to the station the following day.

Sequence 5

A policeman locates the car used by Joe and Vince. Lorna is tied up in the backseat. Joe kills the policeman and shoots his girlfriend. She is taken to hospital, where she tells the police that Joe plans to kill Lorna once he has the money.

Sequence 6

Joe imprisons Lorna in the tunnels underneath the train station and prepares a dummy suitcase. He realises that the police know about the kidnapping and are watching the station, so he takes a porter hostage and arranges for a messenger to pick up the suitcase from Murchison, which is full of money. The messenger takes the suitcase to the parcel room. The porter switches the suitcase. Calhoun notices and is shot by Joe. Calhoun chases Joe into the tunnels underneath the station. He kills Joe, rescues Lorna, and retrieves the money.