

## DEREK'S FATHER

### CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

Derek's Father, 50s. The wealthiest and most powerful man in town—he co-owns businesses, including part of Bambino's pizzeria, and is used to getting his way through money and influence. He's angry, controlling, and frustrated that his wealth can't solve this problem. Unlike his emotional wife, he's trying to take charge—he's installed trackers on Derek's phone, hired people to put up posters, and is ready to call in the FBI. He's dismissive of the incompetent local police and has no patience for Officer Sapienza's wild theories. Despite his power and attempts at control, there's an undercurrent that suggests his relationship with Derek is distant—he throws money at problems instead of being emotionally present. He's both Derek's protector and part of the reason Derek became who he is.

### SCENE CONTEXT

Derek has been missing, and his father is in his living room with Officer Sapienza, trying to conduct a proper investigation while the officer spouts nonsense. Derek's Father is squeezing a stress ball, barely containing his rage at the officer's incompetence.

#### OFFICER SAPIENZA

So you say that you only realized  
Derek was missing today in the  
morning?

#### DEREK'S FATHER

Yes, we called and called and  
called him all morning to see how  
he was doing, and he didn't answer.  
So I went into the security system,  
but all the cameras were turned  
off, he normally does that when he  
has a party in the house when we  
stay over at the country house. He  
explicitly was told not to have any  
parties!

#### OFFICER SAPIENZA

Have you tried calling him lately?

#### DEREK'S FATHER

Off course I've been trying to call  
him all day long, and I haven't  
gotten any answer. And he didn't  
get any action last night! He was  
kidnapped from his own party!

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## DEREK'S FATHER (CONT'D)

I have a tracer installed on his phone, and you can see that at 9,35pm he walked through the trees in the back of the house, and then turned off his phone. I can't believe I'm doing your job here Officer!

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## DEREK'S FATHER

What the hell are you talking about! Could you shut up already? Look, I'm very rich, he was kidnapped, that's a fact.

## OFFICER SAPIENZA

So why haven't we heard from the kidnappers on a ransom request? Uh? Tell me that gumshoe...

## DEREK'S FATHER

I have no idea, you dumbass. Get the hell out of my house, you're completely useless!! I'm going to take matters into my own hands. Leave!!