

*Police Station*

*An officer stands by two recently arrested hookers. Deloris runs on and starts talking to the cop. Officer Eddie Souther is at his desk, listening.*

Start:

**DELORIS**

Help me! I just saw somebody kill somebody!

**EDDIE**

Who killed who?

**DELORIS**

Ernie. Ernie Williams got killed.

**EDDIE**

Ernie Williams got killed?

**DELORIS**

Yeah.

**EDDIE**

He was our best informant.

**DELORIS**

Informant?

**EDDIE**

I bet Curtis Jackson killed him.

**DELORIS**

Yeah.

**EDDIE**

Damnit.

*(He hits the desk)*

Ow!

**DELORIS**

*(Looking at Eddie)*

Wait a minute.

**EDDIE**

What?

**DELORIS**

I know you.

EDDIE

Well I know you too, Doris Carter.

DELORIS

It's Deloris Van Cartier now. As in Cartier's.

*(Beat)*

I do know you — high school!

EDDIE

Yeah, that was me.

DELORIS

You had a crush on me.

EDDIE

Yeah, that was me.

DELORIS

I'd come around and you'd get so nervous...you'd start to sweat.

EDDIE

No, that wasn't me.

DELORIS

I called you Sweaty Eddie!

EDDIE

Look I'd appreciate it if you didn't...

DELORIS

Sweaty Eddie! How ya doin' Sweaty Eddie?

EDDIE

That's not my name.

DELORIS

Sweaty Eddie. Damn.

EDDIE

Look Doris.

DELORIS

Deloris.

EDDIE

Curtis Jackson needs to be put away. We've been working on this case for over a year. We got a lotta hidden film on him and you're not safe. If you saw Ernie get killed, you need protection and there's no protection like the Philadelphia police department. We need to hide you.

**DELORIS**

You can't hide me, how you gonna hide me...how you gonna hide this?

**EDDIE**

Here's a picture of the last guy who talked. Or what's left of him. Look.

*(He hands Deloris the picture)*

**DELORIS**

Oh my God. You gotta help me.

**EDDIE**

Then you gotta be our witness.

**DELORIS**

No way.

**EDDIE**

Deloris, Curtis will kill you. We need you testify so we can put him away.

**DELORIS**

But what's gonna happen to me?

**EDDIE**

We need a place he'd never think to look. And we gotta disguise you.

**DELORIS**

You mean I gotta go incognegro?

*(She puts on her sunglasses)*

**EDDIE**

Wait a minute.

**DELORIS**

What?

**EDDIE**

I got the perfect place. Let's go. Hurry up. We gotta move.

**DELORIS**

But what about your gun?

**EDDIE**

Guns make me nervous.

End

**DELORIS**

Well, ain't this my lucky day. Got a man who wants to kill me and a cop without a gun. Goody goody.