

EXT. FOREST PARK, FERN GROVE - DAY

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A RANGER and POLICE OFFICER scan the area.

Peering out from her hiding spot, Caroline can see a boot
crushing ferns around her as the two men close in.

START

The C-9 officer arrives and lets the dog off the leash.

After a moment, the dog discovers Will.

POLICE
Stand up.

Will gets to his feet.

POLICE (CONT'D)
Hands behind your head.

POLICE (CONT'D)
Do you have any identification?

WILL
Not on me. My ID from the VA - it's
in my pack.

POLICE
Why were you running?

WILL
I didn't know who you were.

POLICE
Are you alone?

WILL
My daughter's with me. Caroline,
come out.

Caroline stands up and the officials turn to see her. She
throws her small camping knife to the ground.

POLICE
(to Caroline)
Come on over here.

Caroline looks to her father. He nods that she should do
what's asked.

JAMES, a clean-cut social worker, 40s, arrives, having just
caught up with everyone. Will backs away slightly.

POLICE (CONT'D)
Sir, we need you to stay where you
are. Please stop moving around. I
don't wanna have to cuff you.

WILL
I'm not a threat -- you don't have
to act this way in front of her.

POLICE
We don't know who you are or what
the situation is.

END