

**EXT. POLICE HQ - DAY**

Steve Wheeler is heading into the tall high-rise as Lachlan cuts him off.

LACHLAN

Steve - !

STEVE

G'day mate. How's it going?

Steve shakes Lachlan's hand.

LACHLAN

You heard about the Skeleton Rocks murder?

STEVE

Yeah. Bad business. If her old man wasn't dying of cancer already, this would kill him.

LACHLAN

You know the family?

STEVE

The Johanssons, yeah. Good people. Been fishing the local area for years.

LACHLAN

When did you leave the place?

STEVE

Local station got shut down a while back. I got a city posting. Worked in well with the divorce.

LACHLAN

Sorry to hear it.

STEVE

Yeah, me too. Curse of the job.

LACHLAN

Tell me about it. Are you still with Drugs?

STEVE

Yeah, no end of trade there. You shut down one pipeline, they always seem to find another way in. Our latest bust had coke lined in toilet cisterns!

LACHLAN

Did the Johanssons have anything to do with Paul Pagent?

STEVE

You think there's a link to Janet  
Pagent's killing?

LACHLAN

That's what I'm trying to find out.

STEVE

I can't believe that prick is still  
walking around. He did it, 100%.

LACHLAN

And the Johanssons?

STEVE

It's a small town. They'd probably  
know one other. Leave it with me,  
I can ask around. Save you some  
leg work.

LACHLAN slaps him on the back.

LACHLAN

Champion.

End.