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INT. IOLANI PALACE - RENDITION ROOM - DAY

BRENT (30's and agitated) sits in the chair. McGarrett and Danny hover over him.

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BRENT

I don't know who you people are, but you're damn sure going to explain why you pulled me off my flight and strapped me to this chair. I should be half way to San Francisco by now.

MCGARRETT

Let's focus on where you were this morning, specifically at 9:27 am. Which is the exact time your co-worker, Davis, was shot and killed.

Brent takes the news like a gut-punch. Our guys swap a look, weighing the sincerity of his reaction.

BRENT

What? Davis's dead?

DANNY

And the award for best performance by a murder suspect goes to...

BRENT

(suddenly realizing)  
Wait -- you think I killed him? That's insane.

DANNY

Is it, Brent? Because you were conspicuously absent from the field trip this morning. And you still haven't said where you were.

BRENT

At the hotel. Sleeping in.

MCGARRETT

Can anyone corroborate that?

BRENT

No.

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DANNY

So to recap: You hated the victim, you have no alibi, and you tried to duck out of town right after he was killed.

BRENT

Whoa, whoa. Who said I hated Davis?

MCGARRETT

You did. Quite articulately, in fact...

McGarrett produces a digital audio recorder and stabs a button, playing back a voice mail message:

~~BRENT~~

VOICE (O.S.)

~~Davis, It's Brent. I always knew you were an arrogant prick, and you proved it tonight. Those guys can keep kissing your ass. I'm done with you.~~

Click. Brent realizes he's very much screwed.

MCGARRETT

You left that message on Davis' voice mail late last night. Less than 12 hours later he was dead.

BRENT

It's not what it sounds like... a bunch of us were out for drinks and we ran into Davis. I went over to say 'hi' and he completely blew me off. This is the same kid who was getting my coffee when he started at Gentech. Now I report to him. So when he treated me that way, it was humiliating.

DANNY

Thank you. Only thing we were missing was motive. Now you've kindly provided that.

BRENT

No, look -- I was drunk, and pissed. But the minute I woke up I regretted leaving that message. That's why I bailed on the outing this morning. I was too embarrassed to face Davis.

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(beat)

But I didn't kill him. I swear.

~~Just then the BUZZER sounds and Chin Ho pops his head in~~

~~CHIN HO~~

~~Someone here you guys should meet.~~

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~~INT. IOLANI PALACE FIVE-0 HQ MCGARRETT'S OFFICE - DAY 17~~

~~McGarrett and Danny talk to NEIL the silicon valley-type CEO of Centech.~~

NEIL

I was on my way to Beijing to lock up a contract when I got the call about Scott's death. I redirect the flight, only to be told when I land that Brent Mercer is being held as a suspect. So, not only is one of my top tier employees dead, but now another is under arrest. I need someone here to tell me what the hell is going on.

MCGARRETT

With all due respect, Mr. Redding, we'll be asking the questions.

NEIL REDDING

Of course.

DANNY

You're Brent Mercer's boss. Do you think he's capable of something like this?

NEIL

This is a cut-throat business. My people are very competitive with each other. In Brent's case Scott came in as an intern and he absolutely lapped him. But I hired Brent, I trained him myself... do I think he is capable of killing Scott? No.

DANNY

Why's that?

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