

DIRTY COPS



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“When you play, play *hard*.” - Theodore Roosevelt

THE SCORE

JUST A LITTLE TASTE...

The cops in El Centro have a unique motto—Bad Cop, Bad Cop. Anyone whose ever been brought in for questioning here knows to tell the truth, or wake up in a cell with a criminal who is far worse than you.

Beatings are always an option too.

But that's not the worst of it. The worst is that the cops here are just as dirty as the criminals. They take bribes, sell information to pushers, and generally keep a close watch on the criminals doing them the most favors.

Which is great for the status quo.

But what happens when an investigation stumbles into territory other dirty cops are trying to cover up? Or maybe someone is ready to squeal to protect his ass? And let's not forget about the ambitious prosecutor looking to nail someone's ass to the wall?

What then?

MOVIE NIGHT

Bad Lieutenant, Bad Lieutenant 2: Port of Call, Brooklyn's Finest, Copland, Dark Blue, The Departed, Dirty Harry series, French Connection, L.A. Confidential, Narc, One Good Cop, Pride and Glory, The Professional, Serpico, The Shield (TV), The Super Cops, To Live and Die in LA, Training Day

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 HOMICIDE

- ◻ Established cops with nothing to fear
- ◻◻ Lazy/Ex-Military
- ◻◻ Dirty Cop presently under review/Tight-lipped partner
- ◻◻◻ Overzealous Cop/The one who looks away
- ◻◻◻ Veteran/Rookie learning from the “best”
- ◻◻◻ Vigilantes

2 VICE

- ◻ Dirty Cop/Dirty Cop with drug addiction
- ◻◻ Dirty Cop/Dirty Cop with gambling addiction
- ◻◻ Dirty Cop/Dirty Cop with sex addiction
- ◻◻◻ Dirty Cops who are always on the streets where no one is watching
- ◻◻◻ Dirty Cops with allies in the D.A.’s office
- ◻◻◻ Dirty Cops with deep, extensive criminal connections

3 METRO

- ◻ Dirty Cops helping themselves to protection money “on the beat”
- ◻◻ History of police brutality complaints and warnings
- ◻◻◻ Lack of advancement leads to resentment and privilege
- ◻◻◻ Moonlighting as cops/security
- ◻◻◻ Temporarily reassigned to Metro (with a grudge)
- ◻◻◻◻ Presently harassing/visiting a number of suspects, victims, and witnesses of the opposite sex

4 DEEP UNDERCOVER

- ☐ Continuing to operate with blown covers while extracting bribes
- ☐ Drug-addled cops in too deep
- ☐ Life-long friends who always back one another's plays, even when they shouldn't
- ☐ Underpaid and under-appreciated
- ☐ Undercover cops with dirty friends in customs
- ☐ Undercover far too long, losing sight of moral anchors

5 CRIMINAL TASK FORCE

- ☐ Dirty Cops with questionable Chop Shop connections
- ☐ Dirty Cops with questionable C.I. relationship
- ☐ Dirty Cops with questionable Gangland connections
- ☐ Dirty Cops with questionable Mob connections
- ☐ Dirty Cops with questionable Pimp connections
- ☐ Dirty Cops with questionable Smuggler connections

6 INTERNAL AFFAIRS WATCHDOG LIST

- ☐ Constantly working stake outs that go no where
- ☐ Entered the force with ignoble, political aims
- ☐ Often work drunk, high, loaded, or all of the above
- ☐ Pariahs with the force, and for a damn good reason
- ☐ Presently suspended/under indictment pending a formal inquiry
- ☐ Spending way more than you earn

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NEEDS...

1 TO MAKE THINGS "RIGHT"

- ☐ ...by burning marked bills from a bad sting.
- ☐◦ ...by destroying the blood lab analysis.
- ☐◦◦ ...by getting passports for your friends in Los Locos 99.
- ☐◦◦◦ ...by selling out a snitch to cover your ass.
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ...by sneaking into a crime scene and doctoring evidence.
- ☐◦◦◦◦◦ ...by switching out incriminating security tapes.

2 TO AVOID GOING TO PRISON

- ☐ ...by bribing someone in Internal Affairs.
- ☐◦ ...by faking your death.
- ☐◦◦ ...by finding a scapegoat.
- ☐◦◦◦ ...by ratting out your partner.
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ...by skipping town.
- ☐◦◦◦◦◦ ...by just "telling them what they want to know."

3 TO MAKE THAT RETIREMENT SCORE

- ☐ ...by fencing these diamonds.
- ☐◦ ...by knocking over an armored car.
- ☐◦◦ ...by selling the drugs you just took off the street.
- ☐◦◦◦ ...by stealing from the Russian Mob.
- ☐◦◦◦◦ ...by taking out dirtier, richer cops.
- ☐◦◦◦◦◦ ...by working with coyote traffickers.

4 TO CREATE SOME DISTANCE

- ...between you and the D.A. who has been “fixing” your cases.
- ◻ ...between you and your crazy ex who knows too much.
- ◻ ...between you and your “dirtier” partner.
- ◻ ...between you and a weapon found in Highland Park.
- ◻ ...between your partner and his bookie.
- ◻ ...between your partner and the watch commander (who saw something he shouldn’t).

5 TO BURY THE TRUTH

- ...about a cold case that is coming back to haunt you.
- ◻ ...about a dead hooker.
- ◻ ...about a dirty deal that went south.
- ◻ ...about a DUI hit and run.
- ◻ ...about a manufactured case that is in appeal.
- ◻ ...about a storage unit with your alias on the manifest.

6 TO GET YOUR HANDS ON

- ...drugs, guns, and that Puerto Rican money launderer.
- ◻ ...a nosy C.I.’s cousin who is about to squeal.
- ◻ ...some dirt on someone else to create a smokescreen.
- ◻ ...some files, photos, and prints in the evidence locker.
- ◻ ...some inside information on a fixed boxing match or race.
- ◻ ...some pain-killers and some coke.

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LOCATIONS...

1 GANGLAND

- ◻ • 3rd and Height St. — Hooker Hangout
- ◻ ◦ Chopshop behind legitimate Paint and Spray on Elm
- ◻ ◦ Dark Alley behind Morris Paint Supply — Pusher's Corner
- ◻ ◦◦ Crackhouse on Amethyst Court
- ◻ ◦◦ Patrick's poolhall with gambling in the back
- ◻ ◦◦◦ Questionable pawn shop near the Post Office

2 FOOD

- ◻ • Baker's Dozen Donut House where all the cops go
- ◻ ◦ The Doghouse between a pawn shop and an abandoned lot
- ◻ ◦ El Taqueria Mexicana Taco Truck with two flat tires
- ◻ ◦◦ Milosh's Pizza and Subs run by Serbian family
- ◻ ◦◦ The Pantry Diner on 5th — the one missing a letter from the sign
- ◻ ◦◦◦ Waffle Hut just outside city limits

3 HOME

- ◻ • Attic filled with a miasma of hidden relics
- ◻ ◦ Backyard that faces into an old parking lot
- ◻ ◦◦ Forgotten baseball field where teenagers score dope and make out
- ◻ ◦◦◦ Locked and secured storage shed in aging mother's backyard
- ◻ ◦◦◦ Sound-proof basement
- ◻ ◦◦◦◦ Unlit neighborhood park with irregular patrols

4 LOCAL HAUNTS

- ◻ The Beaver Tale (perhaps ironically misspelled)
- ◻ Lock n' Load Supply Outlet (with basement firing range)
- ◻ Old VFW Hall that's been converted into a dive bar
- ◻ The Peep Show (where cops don't pay a cover)
- ◻ The Rib Joint (where cops eat, but don't drink, for free)
- ◻ Scenic and secluded location to drink in car/public

5 THE STATION

- ◻ Evidence locker with poor security
- ◻ Holding cells supervised by "one of the guys"
- ◻ Lab run by easily manipulated technician
- ◻ Motorpool with sloppy check-in/check-out procedures
- ◻ Private office that's been empty since last budget cuts
- ◻ Weapon's range devoid of security cameras

6 SPECIAL

- ◻ Abandoned Industrial Complex
- ◻ Office of Police Psychotherapist
- ◻ Old Railyard Tunnel
- ◻ Pier 15 at the Docks
- ◻ Storage Unit off Route 88
- ◻ Underpass at Carlyle and Quay Bridge

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OBJECTS...

1 EVIDENCE LOCKER

- ☐ Confiscated drug dealer's black SUV
- ☐ Counterfeit plate (top half)
- ☐ Credit card making machine
- ☐ Suitcase of cash
- ☐ Truck full of cigarettes and booze
- ☐ Ziplocked evidence bag of photos and fingerprints

2 IRRATIONALLY ATTACHED ITEMS

- ☐ Body parts
- ☐ Blood-stained clothes
- ☐ Cold case file relative worked on
- ☐ Dated Polaroid of a missing person
- ☐ Expired antidepressant pills in unopened bottle
- ☐ Spent brass casing from a crime scene

3 CONTRABAND

- ☐ Counter-signed DUI ticket
- ☐ Dossier of criminal operation
- ☐ Heroin kit with black tar heroin
- ☐ Key to evidence locker
- ☐ Poker chips from well-known and illegal gambling operation
- ☐ Unused Metro citation pad

4 BLACKMAIL

- ☐ Audio recording of civic-minded leaders planning a crime
- ☐• Ballistics report revealing to a shooting gone wrong
- ☐• Cellphone with compromising photos
- ☐•• Fingerprint and/or dental records linked to stolen identity
- ☐•• Laptop filled with illegal porn or other damning evidence
- ☐••• Video recording of police brutality

5 SENTIMENTALITY

- ☐ Cigarette lighter from an old flame
- ☐• First-year service revolver
- ☐• Framed picture of family
- ☐•• Old accommodation medal or citation of valor
- ☐•• That one special bullet
- ☐••• Whiskey flask marking 10 years of service

6 THINGS THAT CAN GET YOU FIRED

- ☐ Another cop's badge
- ☐• Compromising photos of another cop's spouse
- ☐• Illegal wire-tap set-up still in use
- ☐•• Misplaced Internal Affairs files
- ☐•• Poster from bigoted or racially-charge rally
- ☐••• Unregistered weapon

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A DIRTY COP INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS

For three players...

- * Dirty Cop presently under review/Tight-lipped partner
- * Dirty Cops with questionable C.I. relationship
- * Lack of advancement leads to resentment and privilege

For four players, add...

- * Life-long friends who always back one another's plays, even when they shouldn't

For five players, add...

- * Often work drunk, high, loaded, or all of the above

NEEDS

For three players...

- * To Avoid Going To Prison: by finding a scapegoat.

For four or five players, add...

- * To Get Your Hands On: some pain-killers and some coke.

LOCATIONS

For three or four players...

- * Gangland: Chopshop behind legitimate Paint and Spray on Elm

For five players, add...

- * Special: Old Railyard Tunnel

OBJECTS

For three or four players...

- * Blackmail: Video recording of police brutality

For five players, add...

- * Evidence Locker: Credit card making machine