Patrick Jane Season 1 Episode 6 Strategy

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Information on Case

A severed hand is found on the California-Nevada state line. Patrick Jane deduces that the hand belonged to a white male in his mid-50s. He wrote on his right hand, indicating he's a lefty (the number 43 was written on his hand). Choe says, "Maybe the killer wrote it, some kind of message." Jane responds, "Too faded, and a killer would write it bigger." Jane starts smelling the hand and also deduces that it smells of almond-oil moisturizer, musky cologne, and tobacco. The palms are supple, and the nails are professionally maintained, suggesting a wealthy man. There's a faint tan line on the little finger from a missing pinkie ring, which suggests an extrovert in a job where extroverts thrive.

Basically, what he's saying is that he's upper management in the hotel or gaming business. The prints say it's James Quincy Meier, who runs the Calida Resort and Casino.

(If you want to watch the episode to see the info about the case just watch it here https://www.cineby.app/tv/5920/1/6 because am going to be skipping stuff to get to the point about Jane's Strategy)

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Strategy

The killer is Dan, the son-in-law. The reason Jane thought this is because when they first met, Dan was more focused on the college football scores than on his father-in-law's murder. So, when searching for a killer, the degenerate gambler in the room is a good person to look at. Another reason is that the dead man had a $100,000 poker chip as a necklace, and whoever killed him took it. We know this person had to be close to the father because he ran a casino, and the only motive to kill him is something personal. It's less likely to be someone like a stranger because people don't typically notice poker chips and their value unless they've played before. We also know this person dumped the body in the freezer of the guy who worked at the casino, meaning he wanted to frame him for a reason he knows the police will find, something he knows too.

After learning this, Jane asks Dan to join him in one of his poker matches with Cal Trask, a whale. (A whale in poker refers to a player who is less skilled, plays a loose-aggressive or loose-passive style, and frequently loses big.) Dan agrees.

The reason he did this is because Dan lost to Cal big time and was constantly losing. Eventually, this degenerate gambler bet his wife (a night with her). Cal agrees, and Dan loses. You know what happens next. What I'm trying to say is that Dan suffered a huge loss with Cal, so he would want to make his comeback. Jane knows this, so he asks Dan.

Cal goes all in, and Dan calls. Jane also calls. Cal has three eights, Dan has a full house, while Jane has trip nines. Full house wins, but it turns out Jane and Dan were obviously in cahoots, taking

his money and giving Dan the win, a win for each of them.

The reason Jane did this was to make him confident and fired up. The conversation goes like this.
Dan - “Man we took him for a lot of money”

Jane - “Yes we did, i took most of it, but you didn't do too bad”

Dan - “Horse pucky, dude. It was me who skinned him”

Jane - “whatever kid”

Jane calls him "kid" because it offends Dan. Cal also called him a kid as a way to mock him.

Dan - “lets go, heads up”

Jane - “oh, no, no, rain check for me”

Dan - “What's the matter my friend? you scared?”

Jane - “open up a fresh pack, Nancy would you?”

Now, obviously, this is just a trick to manipulate Dan into playing him. Jane's aim is to expose Dan as the killer with this match. He does this by making him bet the poker chip that was stolen from the dead man.

He first says he did most of the work, and Dan disagrees, saying it was him who did it. Jane calls him a kid and says, "whatever." This is to manipulate Dan into playing, because earlier he teamed up with Dan to take down Cal, who was “up” against Dan, as a tactic to fire him up.

Jane cleans him out by taking almost all of his poker chips in the match. He does this because he wants to make Dan bet the poker chip, making him think it's his trump card or something. Jane knows Dan would do this because he is an addicted gambler, degenerate enough to bet his own wife.

Jane goes up for a glass of water. There was a glass cup with ice in it, so Jane takes one and places the cup near the edge of the table, putting the ice under the cup. This is to make the ice melt and cause the glass to fall and smash. It's a tactic to distract them while he swaps out the cards for the ones he wants. Jane's calculations follow: he gets three 7s, an 8, and a 9, while Dan gets three kings, a 2, and an ace. Jane calculates that Dan will want to swap the 2.

Jane checks, and Dan checks. Jane bets 2k, and Dan calls. Jane reaches for a wipe and intentionally reveals his cards to Dan: three 7s, while the other two are hidden.

As Jane anticipates, Dan replaces one of his cards. Jane also replaces two of his cards, specifically two of the 7s. Dan now has four kings and an ace, a strong hand. This is meant to make him think he can't lose.

Once again, this is to manipulate him into betting his poker chip. If Dan has a strong hand and believes he "can't lose" after seeing Jane's three 7s, he will assume his hand easily beats whatever Jane has. Since he thinks he can't lose, he will be more prone to betting higher amounts, ensuring he makes a lot of money.

Jane confronts him, saying, "It's that good, huh? It's a shame you've got diddly-squat to bet with." This goes back to why Jane cleaned him out in the first place. Dan thinks for a moment, then finally gives in and bets his $100K poker chip. Jane also bets

$100K. Dan’s confidence is through the roof as he reveals his four kings.

Jane smirks and says, "That's pretty. Not as pretty as this." He then reveals a straight flush—7, 8, 9, 10, and Joker—beating Dan’s four kings and winning the $100K poker chip. As Dan steps out, Rigsby and Cho are waiting at the door to arrest Him.



Lemme know if i missed something 🙂