

10 Seconds

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Inspired by the Imagination Stage Police and Youth Program

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Characters

Ray Henderson, 14 years old, Jimi's friend. Also plays: Grandma, Mom and Dad; student 1. African American

Jimi Roberts, 14 years old, Ray's friend; chorus. African American

Craig Leland, police officer. Also plays: Jimi's Dad; teen boy; student 2; chorus. African American

Samantha Kent, police officer. Also plays teen girl; Annie, 15 years old; Drama teacher, Ms. Martin; chorus. White/European American

Setting: Washington, DC; current day.

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RAY watches from a distance.

RAY (cont'd)

It happened so fast, too fast -- ten seconds maybe.

Pace is FAST here. (/ indicates lines overlap).

KENT

HEY! What the hell/ --

(grabs JIMI's arm hard)

JIMI

/leave me alone!

KENT

Where you goin' in such a hurry, where you been?

JIMI

(with attitude)

I dunno!

(looks madly around for LELAND)

KENT

(pointing at phone)

Where'd you get that?

JIMI

(pulls his arm away from KENT's grasp)

It's mine, man!!

KENT

--Yea -- it's you all right.

(pushes JIMI against the wall, frisks him)

Okay, it's over. All your little fun, pickin' pockets, stealin' phones/

JIMI

What?!?!/

KENT

/y'all punks think this is a game, huh?/

JIMI

(winces as KENT shoves him)

/You crazy!! I didn't do/ --

