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Olivia rushes to the Adams police station after receiving a panicked call from her son, Asher, who is being questioned. The chapter opens with her frantic arrival, noting her lack of preparation in her haste. She explains her relationship to Asher to the officer at the front desk, emphasizing her fear and confusion. The scene shifts as Lieutenant Mike Newcomb, an old acquaintance from Olivia's past, intervenes to guide her inside. The tension builds as Olivia learns that Asher was found holding Lily's body, though Mike reassures her that the blood on Asher's clothes isn't his.

Inside the station, Olivia is reunited with Asher, who is visibly distraught and covered in blood. The emotional weight of the moment is palpable as Olivia embraces him, trying to shield him from the unfolding tragedy. Mike's warning—"It's not his blood"—hints at the gravity of the situation. The chapter then transitions to Asher's interrogation, where he recounts discovering Lily at the bottom of the stairs, unresponsive and bleeding. His confusion and desperation are evident as he struggles to articulate what happened.

Asher explains that he went to Lily's house after she failed to respond to his texts, finding the door open and Lily already injured. His account is fragmented, filled with uncertainty and shock. Mike presses him for details, particularly why he didn't call 911 immediately, which Asher seems unable to answer coherently. Olivia interjects, defending her son's state of mind, but Mike insists on proceeding with the questioning. The chapter captures Asher's growing distress as he grapples with the reality of Lily's condition.

The chapter closes with Asher's unresolved anguish and Olivia's protective instincts clashing with the need for answers. The narrative leaves lingering questions about Lily's fate and Asher's involvement, setting the stage for further investigation. The emotional intensity of the scene underscores the fragility of the characters'

relationships and the looming uncertainty of what truly happened to Lily.

