Assignment...

What happened at Weed?

Setting
The scene is the interview room of the Weed County Sheriff's office. It is 4.00pm on a hot summer's day. There is a desk and two chairs. On the desk there are papers and a lamp and a wooden plaque which says 'Buford Hornabrook, Sheriff of Weed County, Ca.'

Two chairs have been placed together at the front of the desk. In the left hand chair sits Sheriff Hornabrook. In the right hand chair sits MaryLou Hobbs.

Characters
Sheriff Buford Hornabrook
He is forty-five years old and wears a sheriff's uniform with a six gun at his side in a holster. His Stetson is pushed back on his head. He has grey hair, blue eyes and a moustache. He is leaning forward on his knees and he smiles comfortingly.

MaryLou Hobbs
She is ___ years old and has ____ hair which is in ____. She wears a red velvet dress that has obviously been torn at the shoulder. She is very frightened and upset and she sobs as she speaks.

THE ASSIGNMENT
The assignment is to write the script for this short scene which is about Lennie's attack on the girl in Weed. In this scene the sheriff interviews the victim, tries to calm down the very distressed young lady and then tries to find out exactly what happened.

Before you begin you need to remind yourself of George's version of what happened. MaryLou's account might be a little different.

THE EVENTS – YOU DECIDE!
The events of the scene COULD be as follows:
1. Sheriff calms MaryLou down as she is obviously very upset.
2. By gentle questioning he tries to find out what happened.
3. He tries to get a description of the men, and where she thinks that they went.
4. He then organises a posse to go after them. The scene ends with the sheriff leaving with that posse.

REMEMBER ...
Please remember to put in stage directions for the actors and indicate how you want them to say the lines.

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