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Starz Film Fest: Before the Devil Knows You're Dead & Forfeit <http://dinnershow.blogspot.com/>

I saw Sidney Lumet's *Before the Devil Knows You're Dead* on Tuesday. For the most part this was a terrific movie - Phillip Seymour Hoffman is one of the great actors of our time. The story is a dark caper gone awry tragedy depress fest that is riveting until it becomes a blunt object beating you over the head with one horrific situation after another. Barring that it is a great work by Lumet. Tonight we saw *Forfeit* by Andrew Shea. I wasn't sure what to expect going into this, the ballots I saw coming out yesterday mostly gave it 4's and 5's out of 5, but there were some 2's thrown in there as well. I gave this one a 5. This dark comedic thriller had the perfect blend of clever dialogue, a serpentine story line, good acting, and dark religious psychosis. Yes. Andrew Shea was humble during the Q&A session, and almost seemed in denial and dismissive about the praise he was being given from those in the audience. There is no US distribution yet, but hopefully there will be. Look for this one in a video store near you.