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Series from *Wolf Reality* and *Magical Elves* Expands TNT's Hit *Cold Justice* into Real-Life Investigation Franchise

TNT is expanding its real-life investigation series ***Cold Justice*** into a franchise. The network has given the greenlight to an untitled spinoff from ***Wolf Reality*** and ***Magical Elves***. Like its predecessor, the new series will follow a pair of crime experts as they travel the country to assist local law enforcement in closing long-unsolved cases. Rather than tackling homicides, however, the new series will focus on sex crimes.

TNT has ordered **10 episodes** of its *Cold Justice* spinoff, with plans to launch the series in **spring 2015**. Emmy® winners **Dick Wolf** (*Law & Order*, *Chicago Fire*), **Dan Cutforth & Jane Lipsitz** (*Top Chef*, *Time of Death*) and **Tom Thayer** (*Hitchcock*, *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*) serve as executive producers on both series, with *Cold Justice* expert **Kelly Siegler** also serving as an executive producer on the new show.

TNT's new *Cold Justice* spinoff is an extremely timely series, especially in light of the sobering statistics for sex-related crimes in America*:

Each year, there are approximately 240,000 survivors of sexual assault in America, including men, women and children.

Every two minutes, someone is sexually assaulted in the United States.

Across the country, 400,000 rape kits are going unprocessed because of a lack of funding necessary to test them.

Approximately 97% of sexual assailants never spend a day in jail.

To combat these numbers and bring justice to the survivors of sexual assault, former Harris County, Texas, prosecutors **Casey Garrett** and **Alicia O'Neill** are travelling to small towns around the country to help local law enforcement close cases that have sat dormant for years.

Garrett, a protégé of *Cold Justice*'s Kelly Siegler, has been first chair in more than a hundred criminal trials as both a prosecutor and defense attorney. She is also a recipient of the C. Chris Marshall Award for Excellence in Training by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. O'Neill, who also worked with Kelly Siegler in Harris County, is a forensics expert with specialized training in DNA analysis. Both O'Neill and Garrett succeeded in having a pair of wrongful convictions overturned in the high-profile

cases of two men who had been imprisoned for years for sexual assault.

"This new *Cold Justice* series on sex crimes is about the healing that can come for survivors and their loved ones when an assailant is finally brought to justice," said Kelly Siegler. "But it's also about the bravery it takes for survivors of sexual assault to come forward and tell their stories, which in turn helps investigators close cases that can prevent the assailant from abusing others. As one of our detectives puts it, 'When you kill someone, you take their life. When you rape someone, you take their soul.' We hope that Casey, Alicia and their team of investigators are able to bring first-hand justice and maybe even a small sense of peace to the survivors of sexual assault."

TNT's *Cold Justice* premiered in September 2013 and follows former prosecutor Kelly Siegler and former crime-scene investigator Yolanda McClary as they look into murder cases in which the trail to find the culprit has gone cold. Since the show's premiere, Siegler and McClary have assisted local law enforcement in securing a total of **19 arrests, 10 criminal indictments, four confessions, three guilty pleas** and **two convictions**.

In the ratings, *Cold Justice* averaged **more than 2.2 million viewers in Live + 7 delivery** this past summer, a remarkable **+17%** increase over the show's winter episodes. In key demos, *Cold Justice* averaged 838,000 adults 25-54 (**+3%** vs. winter).

TNT's *Cold Justice* spinoff is now seeking Law Enforcement Agencies who could benefit from additional resources for their unsolved sex crime cases and possibly be featured on the new show. Law Enforcement Agencies that would like to submit a case please send a short synopsis and your contact information to info@coldjusticesexcrimes.com. The series can only review cases that are submitted directly from Law Enforcement. If you are a survivor of a reported sex crime and would like the series to consider your case, please ask the local Law Enforcement Agency handling your case to submit to info@coldjusticesexcrimes.com.

If you or someone you know has been affected by sexual violence, it's not your fault. You are not alone. Help is available 24/7 through the RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-HOPE and www.rainn.org.

* Sources: RAINN: Rape Abuse & Incest National Network, The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)'s National Crime Victimization Survey, The DOJ's Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties Survey and The Joyful Heart Foundation.

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