

Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (2024 film)

Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead is a 2024 American coming-of-age black comedy film and remake of the 1991 film. It was directed by Wade Allain-Marcus, written by Chuck Hayward and stars Simone Joy Jones, Ms. Pat, Jermaine Fowler, June Squibb, and Nicole Richie.

The film was released in the United States on April 12, 2024.

Cast

- Simone Joy Jones as Tanya
- Nicole Richie as Rose
- Donielle Tremaine Hansley as Kenny
- Ayaamii Sledge as Melissa
- Carter Young as Zack
- Miles Fowler as Bryan
- Ms. Pat as mom
- June Squibb as Mrs. Sturak
- Tyriq Withers as Rock
- Tyshawn Jones as Jason
- Jermaine Fowler as Gus
- Gus Kenworthy as Bruce
- Danielle Harris as production executive
- Keith Coogan as Asher
- Joanna Cassidy as fashion show buyer

Production

A remake to Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (1991) was announced in May 2020 to be in development by Treehouse Pictures. It was reported to be written by Chuck Hayward with Bille Woodruff attached to direct and was described as a "present-day retelling centered on a black family". In April 2022, Tyra Banks signed on to play Rose.

In late February 2024, it was reported that the film was ultimately developed by BET+. Additionally, Wade Allain-Marcus replaced Woodruff as director. Banks was replaced by Nicole Richie to play Rose, reportedly due to a change in production schedule that did not align with Banks. She served as executive producer and creative advisor through her SMiZE Productions, where she consulted with the film's marketing strategy. June Squibb,

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Theatrical release poster

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| Directed by | Wade Allain-Marcus |
| Screenplay by | Chuck Hayward |
| Story by | Chuck Hayward Neil Landau Tara Ison |
| Based on | Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead by Neil Landau Tara Ison |
| Produced by | Juliet Berman Oren Segal Justin Nappi Juliana Maio |
| Starring | Simone Joy Jones Patricia "Ms. Pat" Williams |

Jermaine Fowler, Ms. Pat and Gus Kenworthy, Simone Joy Jones, Donielle Tremaine Hansley, Miles Fowler, Iantha Richardson, and Tyriq Withers round the main cast.^{[5][6]} Principal photography took place in Santa Clarita, California in June 2023.^[7]

Release

Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead was released theatrically in the United States by Iconic Events Releasing on April 12, 2024.^[6] It began streaming on BET+ on May 16, 2024.^[8]

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 56% of 25 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5.3/10. The website's consensus reads: "*Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead* has some fun with the original film's still-sturdy premise, but it's hard not to wonder whether a remake was really necessary."^[9] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 62 out of 100, based on 10 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews.^[10]

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| | <u>Jermaine Fowler</u> <div><u>June Squibb</u><u>Nicole Richie</u></div> |
| Cinematography | Matt Clegg |
| Edited by | Aric Lewis |
| Music by | Jonathan Scott Friedman |
| Production companies | <u>BET+ Original Film</u> <div><u>Spiral Stairs Entertainment</u><u>Treehouse Pictures</u><u>SMiZE Productions</u></div> |
| Distributed by | <u>Iconic Events Releasing</u> |
| Release date | April 12, 2024 |
| Running time | 95 minutes ^[1] |
| Country | United States |
| Language | English |

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