

= Talking Heads (Body of Proof) =

" Talking Heads " is the fourth episode of the first season of the American medical drama Body of Proof . It was originally broadcast in the United States on ABC on April 12 , 2011 . The episode was directed by Christine Moore and written by Diane Ademu @-@ John .

In this episode , Megan (Dana Delany) and her team investigate the murder of Callum O 'Donnell , but have much difficulty in finding his body , as it was dismembered . After finding the victim 's daughter , Jenny (Abigail Hawk) and her husband Dean (Tom Pelphrey) with the victim 's money , this leads them to suspect many of Callum 's acquaintances . Meanwhile , Megan 's daughter , Lacey (Mary Mouser) , goes to Megan 's work , for a school project .

The episode received positive reviews , and was watched by 11 @.@ 06 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings , on the Tuesday night it aired in the United States . Critics praised guest star Kathy Searle , who appeared as Irina Tomislava , who dismembered the victim , however did not murder him , calling it " impressive " and that it had a sense of " eerie coldness " , naming it " disturbing " .

= = Plot = =

Dr. Megan Hunt (Dana Delany) receives a call as a hand and a foot was found . Megan and Peter Dunlop (Nicholas Bishop) notice that the hand and foot are severed , leading them to search for the other body parts . Megan concludes that it is a single male and has rheumatoid arthritis . After finding a stamp on the victim , it leads them to a casino , they find out his name is Cal , and see him on the security footage . Megan , Peter , and Ethan Gross (Geoffrey Arend) find a knee and a thigh , and the team find out that the man had knee replacement surgery . Peter tracks the serial number for the knee replacement ; finding out the victim is Callum O 'Donnell . His daughter Jenny (Abigail Hawk) identifies the body parts of Callum , based on his scars and injuries . They find the rest of Callum 's body parts in his freezer , apart from the head . Megan and Detective Samantha Baker (Sonja Sohn) speak to Callum 's neighbours , Mira (Li Jun Li) and Frank Ling (Pun Bandhu) and the Ling 's nanny , Irina (Kathy Searle) .

The money that Callum won from the casino is missing , and Samantha finds it with Jenny and her husband Dean (Tom Pelphrey) , after they stole it . Jenny and Dean are brought into questioning ; however Jenny tells Megan that Callum was giving it to her , to go on an art course . Samantha talks to Frank again , but when they question him about Irina but he does not know her . They find out that Irina was Callum 's nurse , for his arthritis and that Callum was going to help Irina get her son from Belgrade to the US . Irina confesses that she did cut up Callum , but did not kill him . Irina found Callum dead , so cut him up so that she could forge the last immigration document to get her son to her as Callum had not finished it . Irina tells Megan where the head is , and they find a fracture on his head . Megan and Samantha go back to Callum ? s apartment , and Megan demonstrates why Irina couldn ? t have killed Callum due to the mark on the wall being too high to be Irina . Megan traces metal to Callum 's landlord , Mike Walsh (Kelly AuCoin) . Samantha infers that because Cal was under rent control , Mike killed him so a paying client could stay in the apartment . Meanwhile , Lacey Fleming (Mary Mouser) asks if she can go to Megan 's work , for a school project . Lacey arrives , and speaks with Dr. Kate Murphy (Jeri Ryan) , discussing her work . Lacey tries to get Kate to allow her to see the body , however she refuses . Lacey speaks to Ethan , Curtis Brumfield (Windell Middlebrooks) and later Megan , who shows her pictures of bodies , telling her about her job .

= = Production = =

" Talking Heads " was written by Diane Ademu @-@ John and directed by Christine Moore . Moore is best known for directing episode 's of The Wire , which starred Sonja Sohn who currently plays Detective Samantha Baker in Body of Proof . Daniel Licht who has worked on the series since its inception , returned to compose the music for the episode . Actor Kelly AuCoin (best known for his

role in Gossip Girl and The Good Wife) guest starred in the episode as Mike Walsh . Mary Mouser (best known for her role in Life Is Wild) made another re @-@ appearance as Lacey Fleming , Megan 's daughter . Regular cast member John Carroll Lynch who plays Detective Bud Morris , did not appear in this episode , although was credited .

" Talking Heads , along with the eight episode 's from Body of Proof 's first season , were released on a two @-@ disc DVD set in the United States on September 20 , 2011 . The sets included brief audio commentaries from various crew and cast members for several episode 's , a preview of season 2 and a 10 @-@ minute " featurette " on the making of the show , with commentaries from the medical consultants who helped with the script , as well as a " Contaminated Evidence " blooper reel .

= = Reception = =

= = = Ratings = = =

In its original American broadcast on April 12 , 2011 , " Talking Heads " was seen by 11 @.@ 06 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings . Among viewers between ages 18 and 49 , it received a 2 @.@ 5 rating / 9 share ; a share represents the percentage of households using a television at the time the program is airing . This episode achieved both a minimal lower amount of viewers than the previous episode , " Helping Hand " , and in the subsequent episode " Dead Man Walking " . Body of Proof came fourth in the ratings on Tuesday night , it was outperformed by the ABC 's Dancing with the Stars and two episode 's of CBS 's NCIS . " Talking Heads " was watched by 1 @.@ 75 million viewers upon its airing on Channel 5 in the United Kingdom .

= = = Critical response = = =

" Talking Heads " received positive reviews . Of Kathy Searle 's appearance as " steely " Irina , CelebrityNetWorth said , " Searle impressively took on a Russian accent with flying colors in the series Body Of Proof " . Orlando expressed her disappointment at John Carroll Lynch 's character Bud Morris not appearing in this episode saying , " The show lacked his sarcastic wit and his banter with Megan . We 're just a few episode 's into this show and I 've already been enjoying their chemistry " . She also praised Searle 's performance saying , " When Irina described cutting up Callum 's body it was with an eerie coldness . She liked the man and he cared for her . Yet , once dead he was no longer an asset to her but a problem that needed to be disposed of , literally . I could only imagine the parts of yourself you 'd have to shut down to be able to take a hacksaw to someone you were fond of " . Also praising Kelly AuCoin 's performance , she said that she wasn 't " sure who was more disturbing , Irina or the landlord who swung a hammer at the man 's head and then went on with his day as though nothing had occurred " . Finally , she praised the scenes between Megan and Lacey (Mary Mouser) .

TV Overmind 's Carissa Pavlica commented on Tom Pelphrey guest role saying " I adored Guiding Light and considering the roles Tom Pelphrey (my beloved Jonathan from GL) gets after his run as the bad @-@ boy , I immediately suspected he would be the killer . Turned out I was wrong , but he was still a class A jerk " . Of the episode she said , " The suspects pile up so fast and furious , that it 's difficult to figure out the perpetrator until they are ready to tell you . She added that she had " much respect for that method of storytelling " . She continued , " There is nothing I enjoy less than watching the crime being committed in the first minutes of a show and then watching the respective squad of police and detectives miss clues we already know . Body of Proof isn 't afraid to allow the audience to use their intellect " . Pavlica also enjoyed the relationship between Megan and Lacey , calling it " heart wrenching " saying that she had a tear in eye due to the scenes . " I 'm enjoying how the writers are piecing together the strained relationship they had , in a realistic , no holds barred way " . However , Pavlica was afraid to " jinx " the show , as she had " no idea of Body of Proof 's place in the ratings " , adding that she was " nervous " as it is up against shows such as The Good

