

= Dead Man Walking ( Body of Proof ) =

" Dead Man Walking " is the fifth 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 19 , 2011 . The episode was directed by Matthew Gross and written by series creator Christopher Murphey .

In the episode , Megan ( Dana Delany ) investigates the murder of Ted Harbison ( Kevin Kaine ) , who dies shortly after surgery and has to face up to her past , by going back to her former hospital ; and Ethan ( Geoffrey Arend ) and Curtis ( Windell Middlebrooks ) autopsy Jessica Archer ( Christina Hendricks ) , a woman who died from a blood clot , and meet her twin sister Karen ( Hendricks ) , for whom Ethan begins to develop feelings .

The episode received positive reviews , and was watched by 11 @. @ 30 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings , on the Tuesday night it aired in the United States . Critics praised Hendricks , with one stating that " guest stars like this should help keep up the quality " , saying her role was " lovely " . Christine Orlando from TV Fanatic called it " one of its most entertaining episode 's yet " due to the partnership between Ethan and Curtis .

= = Plot = =

Ted Harbison ( Kevin Kaine ) is found dead in a park . Dr. Megan Hunt ( Dana Delany ) investigates into his death and whilst investigating , it is revealed Ted had surgery just before he died , and Megan finds three surgical staples that weren 't closed fully , causing him to bleed out internally , causing Megan to think that Ted was murdered . Megan visits her old hospital , where she was once a neurosurgeon . Ted 's surgeon , Doctor Chandler ( Marc Blucas ) has a reputation for recklessness whilst performing surgeries and Megan finds out that the video was never turned on , meaning the surgery was never recorded . Whilst at the hospital , Megan meets her old friend and the hospital administrator Gwen Baldwin ( Carolyn McCormick ) and whilst there Gwen reveals her son died of an overdose . Meanwhile , in Philadelphia , Ethan ( Geoffrey Arend ) and Curtis ( Windell Middlebrooks ) autopsy Jessica Archer ( Christina Hendricks ) , with both Ethan and Curtis unsure how she died . Jessica 's twin sister arrives , Karen ( Hendricks ) , and Ethan and her are attracted to each other .

Meanwhile , Megan discovers that the surgical staple gun was tampered with . The guns come in packs of three but the pack was broken up between three surgeries , one was given to Ted , another to George White ( Dan Amboyer ) who Megan has to perform emergency surgery on after finding him near @-@ dead , and the third staple gun was not used . Megan finds traces of fungus found on bonsai trees on the staple guns and Megan realizes that Gwen has bonsai trees . When her son died , he was pledging for the fraternity where George is president . Gwen tampered with the staple guns to kill George , not realizing that the pack would be broken up . Ethan and Curtis find out that Jessica had a genetic mutation that caused a blood clot , so Ethan warns Karen that she might also have one . Megan confronts Gwen , who confesses to Megan . Gwen is eventually taken away by the police , after admitting to George 's attempted , and Ted 's accidental murder .

= = Production = =

" Dead Man Walking " was written by series creator Christopher Murphey and directed by Matthew Gross , best known for directing Dirty Sexy Money and Day Break , and films such as Fired Up ! and Joe Somebody . This was Gross 's first episode as a director , but he wrote the second episode of season one , " Letting Go " , alongside Murphey . Daniel Licht who has worked on the series since its inception , returned to compose the music for the episode . Actresses Christina Hendricks ( best known for her role in Mad Men ) and Carolyn McCormick ( best known for her role in Law & Order ) guest starred in the episode as Jessica / Karen Archer and Gwen Baldwin , respectively . It was reported that that Hendricks was to make a guest appearance in Body of Proof , in September 2010 by the Daily Mail . In addition to Hendricks and McCormick , actor Marc Blucas ( best known for his role in Buffy The Vampire Slayer ) played Dr. Chandler , as well as actresses Milena Govich and

Meta Golding also guest starring in the episode . Regular cast member John Carroll Lynch who plays Detective Bud Morris , did not appear in this episode , although was credited .

" Dead Man Walking " , 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 19 , 2011 , " Dead Man Walking " was seen by 11 @.@ 3 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings . Among viewers between ages 18 and 49 , it received a 2 @.@ 4 rating / 9 share ; a share represents the percentage of households using a television at the time the program is airing . This episode achieved higher viewers than the previous episode , " Talking Heads " , but a lower amount of viewers than the subsequent episode " Society Hill " . Body of Proof came seventh in the ratings on Tuesday night , it was outperformed by the CBS police procedural drama NCIS , as well as ABC 's Dancing with the Stars . " Dead Man Walking " was watched by 1 @.@ 75 million viewers upon its airing on Channel 5 in the United Kingdom .

= = = Critical response = = =

" Dead Man Walking " received positive reviews . Jessica Banov from FayObserver said that Body of Proof was finding its " groove " due to this episode , as well as highly praising Hendricks guest role , saying that " guest stars like this should help keep up the quality " . Christine Orlando from TV Fanatic also praised the episode , calling it " one of its most entertaining episode 's yet " . She also praised the character development between Megan and Peter ( Nicholas Bishop ) , as well as praising the partnership between Ethan and Curtis , saying that they " made up for " the fact Bud was not in the episode . She said , " This partnership just keeps getting better and the visual of the two of them in bio @-@ hazard suits was so comical . I look forward to more of these two as the show continues " . She was also " glad " that Dr. Kate Murphy ( Jeri Ryan ) had a bigger role , summarising that the " character interaction sells this show " . Like Banov , Orlando praised Hendricks guest role , saying it was " lovely " and that " she and real life husband Geoffrey Arend had a sweet sort of chemistry " . She also hope that Hendricks would reprise her role as Karen , stating that it would be " wonderful " . Finally , Orlando said that her favourite scene was with Kate in , when she and " an entire team of cops going in to a hospital and shutting it down " . She called it , " Dramatic , but effective " .