

= Buried Secrets (Body of Proof) =

" Buried Secrets " is the eight episode of the first season of the American medical drama Body of Proof . It was originally broadcast in the United States on ABC on May 10 , 2011 . The episode was directed by David Platt and written by Sunil Nayar and series creator Christopher Murphey .

In this episode , Megan Hunt (Dana Delany) investigates when Joe Salerno (Derek Russo) , a friend of Samantha Baker (Sonja Sohn) , is found dead , after being run over . However , Megan concludes that he was dead before the car hit him . Bud Morris (John Carroll Lynch) finds out that Joe was doing freelance work on a cold case involving Lizzy Adler (Rebecca Blumhagen) , a student athlete who was murdered . After getting Lizzy 's body exhumed , Megan realizes the same person killed Joe and Lizzy . Meanwhile , Megan asks her mother Joan (Joanna Cassidy) to help with the case .

The episode received positive reviews , and was watched by 10 @. @ 11 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings , on the Tuesday night it aired in the United States . Critic Christine Orlando of TV Fanatic praised the scenes between Samantha and Ethan Gross (Geoffrey Arend) calling them " sweet " , as well as praising the scenes between Megan and Joan , adding that Joan was " a real piece of work " in this episode .

= = Plot = =

Detective Joe Salerno (Derek Russo) , a very dear friend of Samantha Baker (Sonja Sohn) , is found dead , after being run over by Sara Gonzales (Diane Guerrero) . When Megan Hunt (Dana Delany) arrives on scene , she concludes that he was dead before the car hit him , having been thrown off the bridge above the road . A distraught Samantha and Megan visit Joe 's wife Helen (Kathryn Meisle) and their daughter Becky (Fátima Ptacek) . Helen says that Joe had been distant before he died , after he was under review for assaulting Chuck Foster (John Magaro) . Bud Morris (John Carroll Lynch) discovers Joe was doing freelance work on a cold case involving Lizzy Adler (Rebecca Blumhagen) , a student athlete who was murdered , with Chuck being the prime suspect . Megan , Bud , Samantha and Peter Dunlop (Nicholas Bishop) talk to Lizzy 's lacrosse coach , Hal Davis , who states that Joe had been visiting the team recently . Megan exhumes Lizzy 's body , without her boss , Kate Murphy 's (Jeri Ryan) , permission . Megan gets her judge mother , Joan (Joanna Cassidy) to sign the request , who tells Megan that Lizzy is buried in the same graveyard as Megan 's father David , who committed suicide when Megan was twelve . Megan and Peter later visit David 's grave .

Megan receives backlash from Kate for not following procedure , but clay found in both Lizzy and Joe 's pockets match . Samantha realizes that Joe found the crime scene of Lizzy 's murder ; the tennis courts at her school . Kate and Megan study her body and find a hand impression on her back , which matches one of her friends Heather Clayton (Meg Chambers Steedle) . Heather killed Lizzy after she broke her finger during a lacrosse game . Lizzy 's body was found elsewhere , meaning Heather had help moving the body , so Megan finds out that Lou helped Heather . Lou also admits killing Joe , as he was getting too close to the truth . After they arrest them , Megan revisits her mother Joan , asking to exhume her father 's body . Joan declines the request , telling Megan to leave him be . Megan and Samantha revisit Helen and Becky , revealing that Joe had an undiagnosed brain disorder , causing the emotional distance from the two , telling them that Joe helped solve the Lizzy Adler case .

= = Production = =

" Buried Secrets " was written by Sunil Nayar and series creator Christopher Murphey and directed by David Platt , most known for directing television series such as Law & Order and its spinoff Law & Order : Special Victims Unit . Platt has been nominated for three Emmy 's whilst working on Law & Order . Daniel Licht who has worked on the series since its inception , returned to compose the music for the episode . Actor John Magaro ? best known for his role in the film My Soul to Take ?

guest starred in the episode as Chuck Foster . Recurring cast member Joanna Cassidy returned in this episode , with this being Cassidy 's first appearance since season one 's sixth episode " Society Hill " , however she was mentioned in this episode 's previous episode , " All in the Family " . Radio Times listed Mary Mouser as appearing as Lacey Fleming , however she did not appear in this episode .

" Buried Secrets " , 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 May 10 , 2011 , " Buried Secrets " was seen by 10 @.@ 11 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings . Among viewers between ages 18 and 49 , it received a 2 @.@ 1 rating / 9 share . This means that it was seen by 2 @.@ 1 percent of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds , and 9 percent of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds watching television at the time of the broadcast . This episode achieved a lower number of viewers than the previous episode , " All in the Family " , as well as a lower amount than subsequent episode " Broken Home " . Body of Proof came seventh in the ratings on Tuesday night , it was outperformed by CBS 's NCIS , NCIS : Los Angeles , an episode of The Good Wife , two airings of ABC 's Dancing with the Stars and NBC 's The Voice . " Buried Secrets " was watched by 1 @.@ 77 million viewers upon its airing on Channel 5 in the United Kingdom .

= = = Critical response = = =

This episode received positive reviews . Christine Orlando from TV Fanatic said of the episode ; " Buried Secrets " left me wondering if there was even more to Megan 's father 's death than a simple suicide . There must be a story there and I hope we get to hear more of it . It would be nice to see Megan get her answers , no matter what they may be " . Orlando called Joan " a real piece of work " saying that she could not understand why Joan would not allow Megan to exhume her father 's body . She added that Joan was " cold " saying this adding , " I suddenly understood why Megan avoids Mom like the plague " . Of the conversation between Samantha and Ethan Gross (Geoffrey Arend) she said , " Ethan 's story about losing his guinea pig as a child was sad and sweet . In his own strange way he was trying to relate to Samantha and the death of her friend . Plus , it painted a heart @-@ breaking picture of a sad , lonely boy " . She added that the death of the episode " caused a ripple effect , touching everyone who came near it " , including Kate , who she said that she admired Megan for exhuming the body , as " she 's not allowed to flaunt the rules the way Megan is prone to do .