

= Fish in a Drawer =

" Fish in a Drawer " is the seventeenth episode of the fifth season of Two and a Half Men and the 113th episode overall . The episode was written by Evan Dunskey , Sarah Goldfinger , Carol Mendelsohn and Naren Shankar , the writers of CSI : Crime Scene Investigation , who swapped shows with the writing staff of Two and a Half Men .

The episode revolves around Teddy Leopold (Robert Wagner) , who is found dead on Charlie (Charlie Sheen) ' s bed during his mother ' s wedding reception . A crime scene investigation crew searches Charlie ' s house , trying to find out who murdered Teddy . " Fish in a Drawer " aired May 5 , 2008 on CBS , and was watched by approximately 13 million viewers , making it the night ' s third most watched show , behind CSI : Miami and Dancing with the Stars .

= = Plot = =

At the reception of Evelyn and Teddy ' s wedding , Charlie still wants to marry Courtney , his new stepsister , and decides to go up to his room with her . When they lie down on the bed , in the dark , Courtney discovers that she is lying on something , when Charlie turns on the light he finds Teddy lying dead on his bed with his pants around his knees , and lipstick on his " Hoo Hoo " When Charlie tells Alan , they find out they have an even bigger problem : telling their mother . After pulling Evelyn away from the piano , they tell her and she then cashes in their honeymoon tickets for a trip for one to Fiji before calling the police .

After the police arrive and examine the crime scene , Charlie , Alan , Evelyn , Berta , Courtney , and Jake are brought to the station for separate questioning . Charlie ends up being more obsessed with his attractive interrogator (Jamie Rose) , Alan is afraid of going to jail and can not talk straight , Evelyn spends more time complaining about their coffee , Berta turns out to be a waste of time , and Jake talks about food . It gets clear pretty soon that Evelyn is an easy target , since almost all of her prior husbands had died . Evelyn mentions her first husband died from food poisoning , explaining she was a young bride and didn ' t know you couldn ' t " keep fish in a drawer " .

After the files of Teddy and his daughter Courtney come back , the crime team discovers that their real names are Nathan Krunk and Sylvia Fishman , and they are not even related . It turns out that Sylvia and Nathan actually were con artists . The crime team thought that Nathan was murdered , because of the bruise on the back of his head , but it was revealed that he died of a heart attack , while attempting to have sex with Sylvia . The bruise had occurred two days earlier , when he bumped his head while having sex with Sylvia . As the police lead Sylvia away , Charlie attempts to tell her off for conning him , but he can only manage to say " I ' ll wait for you . "

= = Production = =

In 2007 , Chuck Lorre , the creator of Two and a Half Men , contacted Carol Mendelsohn , the show runner of CSI : Crime Scene Investigation , about a crossover . The first reactions to this were that it was a stupid idea . CSI writer and executive producer Naren Shankar commented that when Mendelsohn first told him about the idea he replied : " What a nut " . However , that same year , the idea resurfaced , when Lorre and Mendelsohn met at the World Television Festival in Banff . Upon hearing this , the cast of both shows were surprised and not interested , but they eventually jumped aboard . In an interview with The New York Post , before the idea was fully worked out , Mendelsohn described the possible crossover as " a great challenge " .

When Mendelsohn was giving a talk , she accidentally mentioned the crossover , as a result Variety was already inquiring about the crossover episodes that same day . Mendelsohn eventually revealed the crossover at the Banff event in Canada . After the episode was taped , Lorre stated : " The biggest challenge for us was doing a comedy with a murder in it . Generally our stories are a little lighter . Would our audience go with a dead body in it ? There was a moment where it could have gone either way . I think the results were spectacular . It turned out to be a really funny episode . " " Fish in a Drawer " was written by Carol Mendelsohn and Naren Shankar and directed

by Jeff Melman . As an inside joke , George Eads , who plays crime scene investigator Nick Stokes on CSI made a cameo as a guest at the wedding reception . Three days after the initial airing of " Fish in a Drawer " , " Two And a Half Deaths " , the corresponding CSI episode , aired on CBS . However , in an early Zap2it interview , both Mendelsohn and Lorre stated that this might be the last time a crossover like this might occur .

= = Reception = =

" Fish in a Drawer " was broadcast on May 5 , 2008 on CBS , and was watched by 13 @. @ 61 million viewers , making it the night 's third most watched show , behind CSI : Miami and Dancing with the Stars . The episode was the fifth most watched program on CBS in the week of May 5 to May 11 , 2008 . Allison Waldman of AOL 's TV Squad , stated that she found the corresponding CSI : Crime Scene Investigation episode Emmy Award worthy , while she found " Fish in a Drawer " , " not rip @- @ roaring , but still good " . Andy Grieser of Zap2it , said that he was attracted to the episode due to the news about the crossover , he stated he found the Faux @- @ Catherine " brilliant " and that " the grainy flashbacks were the best parts " .

Conchata Ferrell submitted this episode for consideration for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards , but did not end up being nominated , being nominated the previous year . The director of this episode , Jeff Melman , also submitted this episode for consideration for Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series , but was neither nominated as well .