

= Pilot (Hawaii Five @-@ 0) =

The pilot episode of the reimagined crime series Hawaii Five @-@ 0 premiered on CBS in the United States on September 20 , 2010 . The pilot 's teleplay was written by Peter M. Lenkov , based on a story developed by Lenkov , Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci , and was directed by Len Wiseman . The episode introduces the four main characters : Alex O 'Loughlin as series protagonist and Navy SEAL , Lt. Commander Steve McGarrett , Scott Caan as Steve 's partner Danny Williams , a former Detective from New Jersey who moved to Hawaii to be close to his daughter , Grace , Daniel Dae Kim as Chin Ho Kelly , a disgraced HPD cop and Grace Park as Kono Kalakaua , a former surfer @-@ turned @-@ HPD Academy graduate who is also Chin 's cousin . In the pilot , McGarrett returns to Hawaii to find Victor Hesse (James Marsters) , a terrorist who murdered his father , John McGarrett . The Governor of Hawaii , Pat Jameson (Jean Smart) offers McGarrett to head a new task force to fight serious crimes by any means .

Since the end of the original Hawaii Five @-@ 0 series , there had been a number of attempts to create a remake , but ultimately none went beyond the pilot stage . CBS later hired Lenkov to pitch a pilot story . Kurtzman and Orci were approached ; while originally hesitant to participate in the project , they were impressed with Lenkov 's pitch . The episode was filmed in March 2010 and took over two weeks to shoot . When the episode became too long certain sequences were cut from the final product , including the funeral scene with Taryn Manning as McGarrett 's sister ; the character would be introduced in a later episode . Almost 14 @.@ 2 million Americans viewed the pilot , increasing to 17 @.@ 59 million when Live + 7 @-@ day digital video recordings (DVR) are taken into account , and was also considered a ratings success in other countries . Critical reactions were generally positive .

= = Plot = =

The episode begins in Pohang , South Korea , where Navy SEAL commander Steve McGarrett (Alex O 'Loughlin) is transporting prisoner Anton Hesse (Norman Reedus) . Anton 's brother , Victor (James Marsters) calls McGarrett to announce he is holding his father , John McGarrett (William Sadler) , in Honolulu , and wants to make an exchange . However , Victor is in fact tracking McGarrett 's convoy ; two helicopters arrive and ambush it . In the midst of the skirmish , McGarrett is forced to kill Anton when he brandishes a weapon . In response , Victor executes John .

McGarrett returns to Hawaii to attend his father 's funeral , where he meets state governor Patricia Jameson (Jean Smart) . Jameson offers McGarrett to lead a new task force to apprehend Hesse and clean up the criminal underworld in the state by any means . However , McGarrett initially refuses and goes to his father 's home to investigate the crime scene . While searching the house he finds that Hesse has an accomplice , and also notices a tool box marked " Champ " (in the beginning of the episode , John referred to his son as " champ " despite never calling him that before) . As he takes the box , which has evidence on a case John must have wanted his son to solve , he is confronted by the lead detective in the case , Danny Williams (Scott Caan) , a divorcee from New Jersey who moved to Hawaii to be close to his daughter Grace (Teilor Grubbs) after she moved with her mother and her new husband . Despite initial friction between the two , McGarrett decides to accept Jameson 's offer , and appoints a reluctant Danny as his partner . They find a lead in suspected gun runner Fred Doran (Jonathan Clarke Sybert) ; ballistics evidence suggests it came from a gun once owned by Doran . When they arrive at his quonset hut , he attempts to flee , but is killed by Danny following a standoff .

Initially dismayed that Danny shot the only lead to Hesse , McGarrett finds Chen Chi (Allison Chu) , a smuggled immigrant from China who was sold to Doran , leading McGarrett to believe human traffickers smuggled Hesse to Hawaii . In order to find out who , McGarrett and Danny turn to Chin Ho Kelly (Daniel Dae Kim) , one of John 's proteges . He left the Honolulu Police Department disgraced after he was accused of corruption . After Chin Ho asserts his innocence , McGarrett offers him to join his task force . The trio meet with Chin Ho 's friend , former police informant and current owner of a shave ice business Kamekona (Teila Tuli) . Kamekona believes the snakehead

leader is Sang Min (Will Yun Lee) . In order to apprehend Sang Min , Chin Ho decides to appoint his cousin , Kono Kalakaua (Grace Park) as a plant . Kono was a former professional surfer turned police academy graduate . She goes undercover as a Chinese immigrant to meet with Sang Min . The conversation is monitored by the rest of the team through up @-@ to @-@ date laser audio surveillance , eliminating the need for a wire . However , it has emerged that Sang Min has a mole in HPD , who identifies Kono as a cop . The team storm the warehouse , and McGarrett apprehends Sang Min .

In the interrogation , McGarrett informs Sang Min that if he goes to prison , his Rwandan wife and son will be deported , leaving his son at the mercy of the Hutu militias . If he cooperates , McGarrett will ensure they stay in America . Sang Min reveals that Hesse is going to leave the island on a Chinese freighter . Danny and McGarrett hastily drive to the docks . They then proceed to assault the freighter , where they dispatch several of Hesse 's guards . McGarrett confronts Hesse , and shoots him off the boat . At the end of the episode , the new team settle into their new office space , and cannot settle on a name for their new unit .

= = Production = =

= = Background and writing = =

The idea for a remake of Hawaii Five @-@ O first came about in 1996 , when CBS commissioned a sequel starring Gary Busey and Russell Wong , along with a cameo appearance by James MacArthur , who portrayed the original Danny Williams , as Danny who was promoted to the state governor . Though the pilot was produced , it was never released . Twelve years later , on August 12 , 2008 , CBS commissioned another sequel to Five @-@ O , with Criminal Minds executive producer Edward Allen Bernero appointed to write the pilot . The sequel would center on Steve McGarrett 's son . However the sequel was never produced .

Later , CBS approached CSI : NY writer Peter M. Lenkov to pitch a reimagined pilot of the show , as Lenkov himself was a fan of the original . When executive producers Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman known about the remake , the two were originally hesitant to participate , but were impressed by Lenkov 's pitch , since the story had " such a great kind of paradigm for the show and how to really get into the characters that he really talked us into it . " All three developed the story of the pilot , though Lenkov was the one who wrote the script . On February 19 , 2010 , CBS ordered the production of the pilot , with Len Wiseman chosen to direct . It was the first time Wiseman worked on a television program , and it was also the first time he used digital cinematography rather than film .

The producers discussed changing Kono to a female character . Lenkov noted that the producers did not have reservations as he initially though , but instead embraced the idea , as it would empower women in the remake by including them as main characters and not just victims or other minor characters . The pilot episode of the original series already established the Five @-@ O task force , and when writing the pilot Lenkov wanted to give a proper introduction to the characters so that the audience can get to know them . Another difference in both the original and reimagined shows was the genre ; the original was more police procedural , whereas the remake would be more action orientated , as well as some comedy mixed in , particularly from the banter between McGarrett and Danny . In the original script , there was no fighting between the two main characters , but the producers felt this would launch their partnership . Lenkov also included the return of an iconic catch phrase from the original series , " Book ' em , Danno " . A table read @-@ through of the pilot took place on February 19 , 2010 .

= = Casting = =

The first principal actor to be cast was Daniel Dae Kim for the role of Chin Ho Kelly . Before he was cast , Dae Kim worked on the final season of Lost , in which he portrayed regular character Jin @-@

Soo Kwon . The actor wanted to find more work after he finished , and was offered a chance to appear on Five @-@ 0 . Dae Kim spent some time with HPD officers , as well as viewing some episodes of the original series as " homework " for the character . Alex O 'Loughlin was next to be cast as the main protagonist Steve McGarrett . Despite playing two series on CBS , Moonlight and Three Rivers , that were cancelled in their first year , CBS was still interested in having O 'Loughlin headline another series . However , the producers initially had reservations casting the actor , until they realized his dedication towards the role . Grace Park was later cast as Kono Kalakaua . It is the second time she starred in a re @-@ imagined television series in which her role was previously portrayed by a male in its original incarnation , the first being Battlestar Galactica in which she portrayed Sharon " Boomer " Valerii , a part that was played by Herbert Jefferson , Jr. in the original series . The producers had Park in mind because of her previous role on Battlestar . The producers also felt that another male Kono would be boring for the show . Scott Caan was the last principal cast member to be cast on the show , as Danny Williams . Being cast at " the eleventh hour " , the first time Caan and O 'Loughlin met was during rehearsal .

In addition to the regular cast , a number of recurring characters were introduced in the pilot . Teila Tuli (credited as Taylor Wily) was introduced as confidential informant and shave ice entrepreneur Kamekona . Lenkov , who initially designed the character from Huggy Bear on Starsky and Hutch , took a liking to the actor following his audition , and was given the role . In March 2010 it was announced that Jean Smart would play state governor Pat Jameson . In the same month it was announced that James Marsters would appear in the pilot as the nemesis to McGarrett . After some speculation , in July Lenkov announced that Marsters would " most likely " return later in the season . In one of the deleted scenes of the pilot from the first season DVD boxset , an alternate ending featured Hesse swimming ashore after McGarrett shot him . Will Yun Lee was cast as Sang Min . The character was originally a one @-@ off , but because the producers were impressed by Yun Lee 's performance , he would appear in a further three episodes in the first season . In February 2010 , Taryn Manning was cast as McGarrett 's sister , Mary Ann , who was originally intended to appear at her father 's funeral . However , her scenes were cut . Mary Ann would later be formally introduced in the fourth episode , " Lanakila " .

= = = Filming = = =

Filming began two weeks after the readthrough , on March 5 , 2010 , and took over two weeks to shoot . Wiseman 's direction was to film the episode like a " postcard of Hawaii , " but at the same time show its darker side when the team fight the antagonists . Dae Kim 's schedule overlapped between the Five @-@ 0 pilot and Lost , although at the time his character in the latter show was in the process of being killed off . The first few days of filming was affected due to bad weather conditions , particularly strong winds and sudden sporadic rain showers . The first day was spent in Pearl Harbor , near the USS Missouri (BB @-@ 63) . Line producer Pat Crowley made an appearance as a helicopter pilot . The second day of filming took place at the North Shore , shooting scenes for Kono 's introduction . Before filming began , Park , who had never surfed before , was taught the basics , though the scenes in which Kono surfs were mostly done by a body double . Filming was severely hindered by bad weather , forcing the production team to reschedule . Day three was spent on Kamekona 's scenes .

March 10 and 11 were dedicated to the scenes in Sang Min 's warehouse . The team 's assault of the warehouse was filmed by three separate units . Kono 's fight sequence was included to assert to the audience that she would be a valuable asset to the team . In the scene where McGarrett shoots Sang Min 's Mercedes @-@ Benz before it crashes into a shipping container was done with two separate takes , the first of which involved O 'Loughlin shooting blanks into a car . The car would swerve away . The second take saw the car crash into the container with O 'Loughlin away from the shot as McGarrett was in close proximity to the car . The eighth day of filming was spent in a village of quonset huts where McGarrett and Danny chase Doran . In one part of the sequence , McGarrett jumps over the trunk of one car as it was hit from behind by another car . To make the scene a reality , the film crew made a three @-@ part composite shot to ensure no harm came to O

'Loughlin .

The tenth and eleventh filming days were spent shooting the scenes of McGarrett and Danny assaulting Hesse 's freighter . The fight scene between McGarrett and Hesse were shot with the portraying actors . Stunt doubles were on hand , but the production staff found they were not needed in the fight scenes until both characters fell into a boat below or the sea . The first " Book ' em , Danno " line was filmed several times as the staff wanted to pick out the right version . Some of the last scenes to be shot were the cold open scenes . Three days were spent on those scenes , and were filmed at Kualoa Ranch . In one scene of the episode , McGarrett goes to the garage of his father 's house and unravels a Mercury Marquis . The car was in fact used on the original show and was on loan to the production staff by its owner , who was the stand @-@ in for Jack Lord , who played the original McGarrett .

= = = Post @-@ production = = =

Some scenes of the episode contained backgrounds that were added with digital effects . One such scene was on Danny 's ex @-@ wife 's house , which did not have mountains in the background ; the mountains were digitally added in post @-@ production . The same technique was used again on the village of quonset huts , and again on the freighter assault scenes , only with the background of the sea when Hesse and McGarrett fight . After the episode was filmed , the producers discovered that it was too long and spent two weeks deciding what to cut out . One of the scenes involved the team deciding on a name of their task force , but that scene was cut in favor of another episode . Manning 's scenes were also cut due from the final broadcast to the length , though viewers could still make out the top of her head in the finished episode .

= = Reception = =

= = = Ratings = = =

The pilot aired on CBS on September 20 , 2010 , during the 10 to 11 pm (ET) timeslot . It was on the 42nd anniversary of the airing of the original Hawaii Five @-@ O pilot in 1968 . The pilot episode was seen by 14 @.@ 199 million viewers , with a total household rating / share of 8 @.@ 9 / 15 , and a 3 @.@ 9 / 11 ratings / share among those aged 18 through 49 . The pilot came first in its timeslot , beating the third season premiere of ABC crime comedy @-@ drama Castle , and the series premiere of the NBC crime series Chase . However , the 18 to 49 ratings for the pilot fell ten per cent against the eighth season premiere of CSI : Miami , which occupied the timeslot in the previous year . Regardless , the pilot became the eleventh most viewed show on American television the week it aired . Ratings for the pilot was also given a significant boost in Live + 7 @-@ day digital video recording (DVR) ; the 18 to 49 ratings / share went up to 5 @.@ 0 , whereas total viewership increased to 17 @.@ 587 million viewers , the largest increase of the week .

In Canada , the pilot aired on the Global Television Network on the same day and timeslot , and was watched by 2 @.@ 136 million viewers , placing eleventh for the week . In Australia it was seen by 1 @.@ 25 million viewers across the five major cities . It helped achieve a strong night for Network Ten . In the United Kingdom , the pilot aired alongside the following episode " ?Ohana " on February 6 , 2011 on digital channel Sky1 . The pilot was watched by 1 @.@ 024 million viewers , placing it as the second most seen show for the channel , and sixth on all digital channels .

= = = Reviews = = =

Critical reaction towards the pilot were generally positive . Eric Goldman of IGN rated the pilot eight out of ten . Goldman admitted that while he " never had any interest in the many stories of forensics investigators and the various bodily fluids they can use to solve crimes , " he found " new series engaging and fun . " Goldman particularly praised Caan 's performance in the episode , stating he "

is very good , bringing a lot of humor to the part and finding an easy chemistry with O 'Loughlin . Per usual for this type of story , McGarrett and Danny don 't get along initially and Caan is able to add a lot of charm to small moments like Danny saying to himself , " I hate him . I hate him so much . " However , the reviewer also enjoyed the main cast in general , stating they were a " very well cast and likable bunch and make this an easily accessible series . They 're a group you want to spend more time with . " Adam Sweeting of The Arts Desk stated " The refreshing thing about Five @-@ 0 (revisited) is that while it has been given a brisk 21st @-@ century spring clean , with international terrorism , people @-@ smuggling and a blast of ultra @-@ modern spook technology , its uncomplicated heart still belongs to the 1970s . " Sweeting added that " the good guys (and girl) are clearly identified , " and " the baddies are unambiguously despicable . "

A reviewer from The Honolulu Advertiser called it " A smart script , " with " slick production values and maybe a splash of nostalgia got the remake of Hawaii Five @-@ 0 placed on the CBS prime @-@ time lineup this fall , but it will take more than beefcake and a remixed theme song to keep the show on the air . " The piece also pointed out that times have changed since the original series left the air , citing other shows that were set in Hawaii which have come and gone . It expressed a hope that the producers will succeed in bringing a new life to the title with this remake . Ken Tucker of Entertainment Weekly graded the episode B + , calling it an " unexpected pleasure , " and praised Caan for being " terrific as the moody but excellent " Danno . Tucker also believed that Kim and Park " play off each other nicely . " Mary McNamara of the Los Angeles Times felt that the script was " neatly balanced between action , clever banter and serious issues , " adding that it " seems poised to hold its own in the modern age . " McNamara also liked O 'Loughlin 's performance , stating that his " limpid @-@ eye woodenness " worked well for the role . Hanh Nguyen of Zap2it stated that it was " damn entertaining " and " visually stimulating , " and enjoyed the chemistry between McGarrett and Danny .

Not all reviews were positive . David Hinkley of The New York Daily News rated the pilot three out of five stars , stating " The story and the chemistry work , but periodically the action feels rushed , as if we all know the drill and we might as well get it over with . Future episodes may correct that , because they 'll need less setup work . " Brian Lowry of Variety stated " On paper , " Hawaii Five @-@ 0 " appears destined for can 't @-@ miss success , offering a pre @-@ sold name , an attractive cast and a stunning location , " but felt the millions spent on the pilot " doesn 't necessarily indicate smooth sailing , relying as it does on playful banter (more like frat @-@ boy hazing) between the leads that grows tiresome even before the hour 's over . " Ellen Gray of the Philadelphia Daily News felt it was " a huge let down , " and was critical of the cast 's performance , in particular O 'Loughlin and Caan .

= = Home video release = =

The pilot , along with the other 23 episodes from the first season , was released on a six @-@ disc DVD and Blu @-@ ray Disc set in the United States on September 20 , 2011 . The box @-@ set had a series of deleted scenes from most episodes , including the pilot . The deleted scenes shown included Mary Ann during John 's funeral , Chin Ho interrogating an underaged shoplifter , and Hesse waking up on shore . The episode also contained an audio commentary track by Peter M. Lenkov , Len Wiseman and Roberto Orci , along with its own featurette entitled Picture Perfect ? The Making of the Pilot .