

= Dual Spires =

" Dual Spires " is the 12th episode of the fifth season of the American comedy @-@ drama television series Psych , and the 75th episode overall . The episode was directed by Matt Shakman and written by Bill Callahan and series star James Roday . It originally aired December 1 , 2010 .

The episode is a homage to the cult television series Twin Peaks and features seven cast members of the series , including Sherilyn Fenn , Sheryl Lee , Dana Ashbrook , Robyn Lively , Lenny Von Dohlen , Catherine E. Coulson , and Ray Wise . After receiving an e @-@ mail inviting them to a cinnamon festival , Shawn Spencer (Roday) and Burton " Gus " Guster (Dulé Hill) travel to the quirky small town of Dual Spires . Once there , they are caught up in the mysterious drowning death of teenager Paula Merral .

" Dual Spires " received generally positive reviews from critics . According to the Nielsen ratings system , it drew 3 @.@ 543 million viewers , with a 2 @.@ 2 / 4 share among all households and a 1 @.@ 3 / 4 share among those aged 18 ? 49 .

= = Plot = =

After receiving a flier by email inviting them to a cinnamon festival , private detectives Shawn Spencer (James Roday) and Burton " Gus " Guster (Dulé Hill) travel to the quirky small town of Dual Spires . Shawn and Gus eat cinnamon pie at the Sawmill Diner , an establishment owned by Robert " Bob " Barker (Dana Ashbrook) and his wife Michelle (Robyn Lively) and built on a sawmill that burned down in 1958 , killing eight people . Soon , the body of Bob and Michelle 's niece , Paula Merral , is found by a lake .

Sheriff Andrew Jackson (Lenny Von Dohlen) rules the death an accident , but Shawn receives the Dewey Decimal Classification number of a book , Reincarnation and Rebirth , the title of which parallels the revelation that Paula had supposedly drowned in Santa Barbara , California seven years earlier , though her body was never found . Bob reveals that Michelle 's unstable sister Lucy left Dual Spires , taking with her Paula , whom Michelle and Bob had all but raised . When Paula sent them a letter detailing the drug use and child abuse , they helped Paula fake her death so she could leave Lucy . Detectives Juliet O 'Hara (Maggie Lawson) and Carlton Lassiter (Timothy Omundson) reopen the case and leave to issue a warrant for Bob 's arrest .

Shawn and Gus continue the investigation and , finding an entry in Paula 's diary about meetings with " J " , are led to partially blind photographer Jack Smith (Ryan McDonald) . Jack reveals a photograph of Sheriff Jackson 's son Randy (Scott Lyster) , taken just before Jack was attacked during a walk with Paula . Randy reveals that after he attacked Jack , Paula confronted him about his ex @-@ girlfriend , who Shawn deduces is librarian Maudette Hornsby (Sherilyn Fenn) . However , Hornsby is found hanged at the library , and Sheriff Jackson and Dr. Donna " Doc " Gooden (Sheryl Lee) rule that Maudette killed Paula out of jealousy and committed suicide to keep the town from knowing about the affair . Shawn , however , deduces that Maudette was the one that led them to the festival and left clues for them to decode .

Suddenly , Shawn and Gus are locked in the library and it is lit on fire , but they are rescued by Father Peter Westley (Ray Wise) . Bob , who is revealed to be Paula 's biological father , explains that after World War I , his great @-@ grandfather established the town with two other soldiers , intending to create a secluded utopia . After the sawmill fire in 1958 , the town began to look at all outsiders as a threat . When Doc Gooden and Sheriff Jackson enter and hold him at gunpoint , Shawn deduces that they are the leaders of the other two founding families . Due to Gooden 's infertility and Jackson 's terminal cancer , Randy was the only known direct descendant and therefore the sole future leader . To stop Randy from leaving town with a paranoid Paula , the sheriff and doctor drowned her . After Lassiter and O 'Hara arrive and arrest Gooden and Jackson , the group celebrates at the diner , only to be repulsed by a number of oddities referencing Twin Peaks .

= = Production = =

" Dual Spires " was the fourth episode directed by Matt Shakman , the sixth to be written by producer Bill Callahan , and sixth to be written by series star James Roday , respectively . It originally aired in the United States on December 1 , 2010 , on USA Network as the 12th episode of Psych 's fifth season and the 75th episode overall . It was an extended episode , at 67 minutes including commercials or 50 without .

According to trivia on the " Dual Spires enhanced " video at the Psych website , a Twin Peaks tribute episode had been in the works since season one . Maggie Lawson was the one who suggested the episode 's title , a play on that of the original series . The episode aired 20 years to the day after the 17th episode of Twin Peaks , which answered the question of who killed Laura Palmer , after which , Mike Hale of The New York Times wrote , " there was really no reason to keep watching . " The episode features seven Twin Peaks cast members as guest stars . Sherilyn Fenn , who is best known for portraying Audrey Horne , guest stars as Maudette Hornsby . Sheryl Lee , who played Laura Palmer and Maddy Ferguson , guest stars as Dr. Donna " Doc " Gooden , Dual Spires ' psychiatrist , pediatrician , optometrist , gastrologist , podiatrist , dermatologist , orthodontist , forensic scientist , veterinarian , lawyer , and accountant . Dana Ashbrook , who played Bobby Briggs , guest stars as Robert " Bob " Barker . Robyn Lively , who played Lana Budding Milford , guest stars as Michelle Barker . Lenny Von Dohlen , who played Harold Smith , guest stars as Sheriff Andrew Jackson . Catherine E. Coulson , who played the Log Lady , Margaret Lanterman , cameos as a woman carrying wood . Finally , Ray Wise , who played Leland Palmer , reprises his Psych role as Father Peter Westley . Michael Ontkean , who played Sheriff Harry S. Truman , and Mädchen Amick , who played diner waitress Shelly Johnson , were also approached to appear in the episode . Twin Peaks co @-@ creator David Lynch was originally going to guest star in a speaking role as Mayor Douglas Fir , but Lynch was not asked due to Roday 's concern over what Lynch would think of the episode . Other guest stars include Scott Lyster as Randy Jackson and Ryan McDonald as Jack Smith .

Additionally , Julee Cruise , who recorded the theme for Twin Peaks , recorded a slower , extended version of the Psych theme song , " I Know You Know " by series creator Steve Franks 's band The Friendly Indians . The imagery that accompanies it is an almost shot @-@ for @-@ shot recreation of the Twin Peaks opening sequence , with a white horse that resembles the one in Sarah Palmer 's vision before the attack on Maddy Ferguson . Later , during a bicycle chase scene , " Baby Did a Bad Bad Thing " by Chris Isaak is heard . Isaak portrayed Special Agent Chester Desmond in Twin Peaks : Fire Walk with Me .

= = Cultural references = =

= = Allusions to Twin Peaks = = =

" Dual Spires " is presented as an homage to Twin Peaks , and CNN writer Katie McLaughlin noted several allusions the episode makes to the series . In the beginning of the episode , there is a chocolate bunny on Shawn 's desk . In Twin Peaks , Special Agent Dale Cooper (Kyle MacLachlan) delivered the famous line " Diane , I 'm holding in my hands a small box of chocolate bunnies . " Gus then asks , " Since when is the sound of opening and closing shades so disruptive that it needs to be alleviated ? " The character Nadine Hurley in Twin Peaks attempted to patent her silent drape runner invention . Someone from a website by the name of UnderTheNail.com sends Shawn and Gus an e @-@ mail that says , " Who killed Paula Merral ? " Twin Peaks famed the catchphrase " Who Killed Laura Palmer ? " The killer also purposely placed clues in his victims ' fingernail beds . The victim 's name itself is an anagram of " Laura Palmer " .

Dr. Donna Gooden acts as , among other things , the town 's veterinarian and medical examiner . On Twin Peaks , Laura 's best friend was named Donna , and Donna 's father , Dr. Hayward , was also the town doctor and medical examiner . While drinking a Cherry Coke , Maudette states , " Isn 't cherry the best ? " Sherilyn Fenn , the actress who portrays Maudette , famously tied a cherry stem into a knot with her tongue in Twin Peaks . Later , Ray Wise suddenly has white hair , just as his

Twin Peaks character Leland Palmer 's hair turned white overnight in one episode . Dual Spires is famous for its cinnamon pie and apple cider , as Twin Peaks was famous for cherry pie and " damn fine " coffee . The mayor of Dual Spires is named Douglas Fir , and the town of Twin Peaks was filled with Douglas @-@ fir trees . The local paper in Dual Spires is " The Great Northern , " while Twin Peaks had a hotel called the Great Northern . In both series , there are stacks of donuts at the police station . In both Dual Spires and Twin Peaks , a sawmill was the source of the town 's livelihood and burned down in a case of arson . Paula Merral is found wrapped in plastic by the lake , just as in Twin Peaks Laura Palmer 's body was found " dead , wrapped in plastic " on a rocky beach . The Barkers have a framed prom photo of their niece wearing a tiara prominently displayed , and a similar photo of Laura Palmer remains the iconic Twin Peaks image . Leo the cinnamon owl was the festival mascot , whereas the character of Leo Johnson was suspected of Laura Palmer 's murder in Twin Peaks . Owls were a major part of Peaks as well . The pet bird in Dr. Gooden 's waiting room was the same type of bird that bit Laura 's shoulder in Twin Peaks . There is similar camera work and sound effect focus on a ceiling fan whipping around at the top of the stairs at Sheriff Jackson 's house ; this happened often in Twin Peaks . The sheriff 's house also looks similar to the Palmers ' house . Paula secretly dated the sheriff 's son and shared " secret special lover earrings " with him , and in Twin Peaks , Laura and the nephew of one of the townsmen each had half of a golden heart necklace . A local teenage boy wears a jeweled crown . In Peaks , Audrey Horne 's older brother wore a Native American headdress . In both series , the sheriff 's deputy is a Native American who is very in tune with nature . Sheriff Andrew Jackson 's name references the seventh president of the United States , just as the name of the sheriff of Twin Peaks , Harry Truman , references the 33rd . Shawn and Gus find a book written by Earl Wyndam ; in Peaks , Windom Earle was a psychopathic ex @-@ FBI agent .

The " Dual Spires enhanced " video at the Psych website lists further references to Twin Peaks . Shawn 's name for Gus in this episode is " Lodge Blackmunn " , a direct reference to the Black and White Lodge . Leo the Cinnamon Owl is a reference to Killer BOB , who possessed Leland Palmer and often took the form of an owl . The sheriff 's deputy is Deputy Frost , named after Twin Peaks co @-@ creator Mark Frost . The doctors of both Dual Spires and Twin Peaks have coconuts in their offices . Both Paula 's and Laura 's diaries described meetings with " J " . Sheriff Jackson tells Bob he needs to be strong for his wife . Dr Hayward says the same thing to Leland Palmer in Twin Peaks . Upon entering the town Gus mentions that the residents are looking at him as if he were the first black man they had ever seen . There are very few black men in Twin Peaks . When they enter the Sawmill Diner Bob Barker says " Top of the morning to you . " In the first season of Twin Peaks , Pete Martell corrected Josie Packard on the saying . Maudette wears an orchid in her hair ; Harold grew orchids in Twin Peaks . In the library Shawn asks if they can " poke around " but he and Gus immediately say " peek " in correction . Thus " peek " , as in Twin Peaks , is spoken twice . A man wearing a hat in the Sawmill Diner gives Shawn and Gus a thumbs up . The older room service attendant did the same thing to Agent Cooper in Twin Peaks . A record player is featured prominently in both the Barker and Palmer homes . The Roadhouse was also a location in Twin Peaks . Both Maudette and Audrey Horne love to dance . Paula 's friend Jack is completely blind in one eye , referencing Twin Peaks ' brothel named " One Eyed Jacks " . In the library Shawn and Gus find a book entitled " Putt Your Way to a Better Future . " After Leland Palmer killed Maddy Ferguson he was seen putting golf balls around in his living room . When Randy is using the table saw it resembles the sawmill scene from the extended opening credits of Twin Peaks . When Maudette is placed in the body bag it is bent in such a way that it resembles a smile , like the smiling bag clue Agent Cooper found . On Maudette 's desk beside her computer is a roll of green tape like the kind used by Leland Palmer to tie up Jacques Renault . In the cabin Bob Barker lights a match and holds it up like Leland Palmer did when describing BOB to Agent Cooper . Bob Barker wears a gold ring on his pinky , something Agent Cooper did in Twin Peaks . In the cabin the walls are red with red drapes as an allusion to the " Red Room " in Agent Cooper 's dream .

The " enhanced " video states that there are 724 references to Twin Peaks in the episode 's closing scene . Among them , Jack Smith wears an eye patch and a red suit and dances funny , referencing not only the aforementioned " One Eyes Jacks " brothel and Nadine Hurley , but a dream sequence

in Peaks , where a character known as the Man from Another Place wore a similar suit and danced in a bizarre fashion . In the final scene Carlton is seen holding his hand up and stating " that is a damn fine cup of cider " . In the Twin Peaks pilot Agent Cooper holds his hand the same way and states " that is a damn fine cup of coffee . " Additionally , Carlton is later holding a cup of coffee on its side , displaying that the coffee is now solid in a fashion mimicking the same action by Agent Cooper in the final episode . A seven @-@ foot tall man (John DeSantis) wearing a bow tie looks much like the giant from Agent Cooper 's dream . Randy is seen at the end barking out the window like Bobby Briggs did to James Hurley in the holding cells . Bob Barker is seen dancing with a picture just as Leland Palmer did in Twin Peaks . The episode 's end credits are accompanied by soap opera @-@ type music and a shot of Paula 's prom picture ; Twin Peaks 's credits did exactly the same thing with Laura 's photo . The music is also very similar to the theme .

= = = Other references = = =

There are several other references in the episode . Upon seeing an African American for the first time , a child asks Gus if he is Frederick Douglass . When Shawn makes the observation that Dual Spires has " Bob Barker , Doc Gooden , and Randy Jackson , all living in the same inlet town with no cars , cell phones , or internet " , Gus replies that they should pitch the concept to Mark Burnett . Shawn and Gus later ride a tandem bicycle in what Shawn likens to a racially reversed Driving Miss Daisy . Randy reveals that the town gathers every week to watch Everwood . Shawn tells Maudette that they are having a Betty Boop Night at the Roadhouse .

= = Reception = =

According to the Nielsen ratings system , " Dual Spires " drew 3 @.@ 543 million viewers , with a 2 @.@ 2 / 4 share among all households , meaning that in the United States the episode was tuned into by roughly 2 @.@ 2 percent of all television @-@ equipped households and 4 percent of households watching television . The episode had a 1 @.@ 3 / 4 share among those aged 18 ? 49 .

The episode received positive reviews from critics familiar with Twin Peaks . Jonah Krakow of IGN gave the episode a score of 9 out of 10 , writing that it was " enjoyable enough on its own merits that I don 't have to apologize for gushing over every single subtle nod to Twin Peaks . " Although CNN 's Katie McLaughlin was initially worried , her fears were quickly alleviated . McLaughlin stated that Psych did a " damn fine " tribute episode , and that she had fun finding all of the Twin Peaks references . Simon Abrams of The A.V. Club gave the episode a rating of C- on a scale of A + to F. Commenting on reports that the episode has been in the works since the series ' first season , Abrams wrote , " [it] speaks to how patently unnecessary " Dual Spires " is conceptually but also how potentially endearing it could be , too . " JT Vaughn of Zap2it , however , gave the episode an A + rating , writing , " It was just an absolutely brilliant episode , one which paid a loving homage to a classic television show while also being a damn fine episode in itself . Psych has been in great form since it returned , and long may it continue . " In contrast , Starpulse writer Brittany Frederick , who was unfamiliar with Twin Peaks , enjoyed " Dual Spires " less than other episodes .