

= Hunting Party (Body of Proof) =

" Hunting Party " is the second episode of the second season of the American medical drama Body of Proof . It was originally broadcast in the United States on ABC on September 27 , 2011 . The episode was directed by Paul Holahan and written by series creator Christopher Murphey .

The episode follows Megan Hunt (Dana Delany) , a former neurosurgeon turned medical examiner at Philadelphia , who investigates the murder of Julie Loeb (Isabella Grace) , who is shot during a hunting expedition . Accompanied by Peter Dunlop (Nicholas Bishop) , Bud Morris (John Carroll Lynch) and Samantha Baker (Sonja Sohn) , they question Julie 's family , until Megan is forced to leave the case . Megan begins to investigate the death of Patrick Deline (Brad Standley) , leading her directly back to her former case of Julie 's death .

The episode received positive reviews , and was watched by 9 @.@ 19 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings , on the Tuesday night it aired in the United States . Critics praised the storyline , calling it " genuinely surprising " , with the plot having a " merry go round of suspects " . They also praised Megan 's dialogue with Peter and the " cute " scenes with Lacey Fleming (Mary Mouser) .

= = Plot = =

Julie Loeb (Isabella Grace) is found shot dead during a hunting expedition in the woods . Megan Hunt (Dana Delany) and Peter Dunlop (Nicholas Bishop) , begin to examine Julie . Megan notices a scratch on Julie 's husband Martin (Jay Karnes) beginning to suspect he is her killer . After interviewing Martin , her step children Thomas (Joey Adams) and Erika (Natalie Floyd) , their financial manager Alan Wright (Alex Fernandez) , and Martin 's ex @-@ wife Alexandra (Jessica Tuck) , she accuses Martin of the murder . Kate Murphy (Jeri Ryan) tells Megan that Martin has phoned the mayor , and made a complaint about Megan 's behaviour who accused him of Julie 's death . Megan is taken off the case , but gets Ethan Gross (Geoffrey Arend) to test a tissue found on the scene . Kate defends her actions to Peter , stating that she did not take her off the case due to her grudge with Megan , as she is dating Megan 's ex @-@ husband Todd Fleming (Jeffrey Nordling) . Meanwhile , Curtis Brumfield (Windell Middlebrooks) interviews people to become a driver ; a person who carries the bodies from the crime scene to the autopsy , and is ultimately unsuccessful . Bud Morris (John Carroll Lynch) and Samantha Baker (Sonja Sohn) interview Martin once again , but are interrupted by Megan , who gets back the results from the scratch , once again accusing Martin of fighting with Julie , which he denies , as his blood matched some which was on her fingernail . Kate issues a final warning to Megan , so Megan takes another case . Bud and Samantha interview Alan , and find out that Julie was pregnant when she was shot .

Meanwhile , Megan spends time with her daughter Lacey (Mary Mouser) , who is upset about having Kate in her father 's life . Megan comforts her , and Lacey reassures Megan that Kate will not replace her . Megan visits the new crime scene , investigating why Patrick Deline (Brad Standley) , is found dead . On the other case , it is revealed that Martin is not the father of Julie 's child , but after much evidence is checked , it is in fact Patrick , the person who was killed in Megan 's case . Julie had asked his old school friend Patrick to be the father of her child , as she wanted someone that she knew . Her request made both Patrick his partner , Steve Turtell (Michael Dean Connolly) cry . The couple and Julie had not told Martin , as Martin divorced ex @-@ wife Alexandra after Patrick introduced Julie to Martin , when he was decorating the Loeb 's house . It is revealed that Alan , the financial director , killed both Patrick and Julie . Alan kept stealing from Martin , and was found out by Patrick , so he beat him to death . Julie also found out , so he panicked , and shot her . Alan begs for forgiveness towards Martin , who in anger , shoots Alan , in front of Bud and Samantha and is consequently arrested , whilst Alan dies .

= = Production = =

" Hunting Party " was written by series creator Christopher Murphey and directed by Paul Holahan . Holahan is best known for directing episodes of Ugly Betty , White Collar and Shark , the latter

starred Jeri Ryan , who plays Kate Murphy on Body of Proof . Daniel Licht who has worked on the series since its inception , returned to compose the music for the episode . Actor Jay Karnes (known for his role in The Shield) guest starred in the episode as Martin Loeb . Jessica Tuck appeared as Alexandra Loeb and Alex Fernandez starred as Alan Wright , the episodes murderer . This episode marked the second , and final , appearance of Jenn Korbee , who played Bethany , the girlfriend of Peter (Bishop) . She made her first appearance in the previous episode , " Love Thy Neighbor " . This also marked the first appearances of Adrian Alvarado , who plays Detective Dave Lopez and Ransford Doherty , who plays Detective Tim Bell . From this episode , they appear in two more , " Your Number 's Up " and " Shades of Blue " , and only Doherty appears in " Falling For You " .

" Hunting Party " , along with the nineteen episode 's from Body of Proof 's second season , were released on a four @-@ disc DVD set in the United States on September 18 , 2012 . The sets included brief audio commentaries from various crew and cast members for several episode 's , the webisodes entitled " Outbreak " , five " featurettes " on the making of the show , detailing on the fashion , bodies and special effects throughout the season , as well as a " Body of Goofs " blooper reel .

= = Reception = =

= = = Ratings = = =

In its original American broadcast on 27 September 2011 , " Hunting Party " was seen by 9 @.@ 19 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings . Among viewers between ages 18 and 49 , it received a 1 @.@ 8 rating / 10 share . This means that it was seen by 1 @.@ 8 percent of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds , and 10 percent of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds watching television at the time of the broadcast . This episode achieved a much lower number of viewers than the previous episode , " Love Thy Neighbour " , as well as the subsequent episode , " Missing " . Body of Proof came seventh in the ratings on Tuesday night ; it was outperformed by two episodes of ABC 's Dancing with the Stars , two episodes of CBS 's NCIS and Unforgettable and FOX 's New Girl . However , it came second in viewers in the timeslot the episode aired , behind Unforgettable . " Hunting Party " was watched by 1 @.@ 19 million viewers upon its airing on Channel 5 in the United Kingdom .

= = = Critical response = = =

This episode received positive reviews . Christine Orlando from TV Fanatic praised the episode saying , " Body of Proof threw just enough curves to keep me guessing this week and provided enough personal interaction between our characters to make me want to tune in for more " . She praised the interaction between Megan and Lacey calling their conversation " cute " , adding " It 's nice to watch Megan make extra time to spend with her daughter " . She called the Alan 's actions " pathetic " for trying to apologize to Martin for killing his wife saying , " You 've got to be kidding ! " . Orlando added that she did not " see coming " Martin 's reaction to the apology ; he shot Alan , stating " I could understand the sentiment " . She praised the interaction between Megan and Peter , highlighting their conversation over Peter 's girlfriend . Orlando said that she could not understand Megan 's facial expressions to Peter 's girlfriend , whether it was one of jealousy or tease . She said , " Megan was certainly giving Peter a lot of ribbing about his new girlfriend . Was Megan just having fun with him or did it bother her a little ? I couldn 't quite tell " . She finished in saying , " A " Hunting Party " led to a tragic death and a merry go round of suspects on Body of Proof this week " .