

= Missing ( Body of Proof ) =

" Missing " is the third episode of the second season of the American medical drama Body of Proof . It was originally broadcast in the United States on ABC on October 4 , 2011 . The episode was directed by Eric Laneuville and written by Matthew V. Lewis .

Following Megan Hunt ( Dana Delany ) , a former neurosurgeon turned medical examiner at Philadelphia , in this episode , Helen Martin ( Nicole Callender ) is run over by a speeding truck whilst trying to stop the kidnapping of Noah Parker ( Anthony Pierini ) . With the help of FBI agent Derek Ames ( Cliff Curtis ) , Detective Bud Morris ( John Carroll Lynch ) tries to find the culprits of the kidnapping before the child dies . Meanwhile , Megan has to relive the death of her father , when her mother Joan ( Joanna Cassidy ) visits .

The episode received positive reviews , and was watched by 9 @. @ 95 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings , on the Tuesday night it aired in the United States . Critics praised the scenes which involved Bud , Joan as well as Megan and Derek ; " the banter " and " opposites attracting " , calling the episode " tense " and saying that it was the " most gripping episode of this season so far " . Christine Orlando from TV Fanatic said , " Having been a bit bored with last week 's episode , I was glad to see Body of Proof step up its game " .

= = Plot = =

Helen Martin ( Nicole Callender ) , a nanny , is run over by a speeding truck whilst trying to stop the kidnapping of the six @-@ year @-@ old child she was caring for , Noah Parker ( Anthony Pierini ) . Detective Bud Morris ( John Carroll Lynch ) is assisted by Special Agent Derek Ames ( Cliff Curtis ) of the FBI , who takes a call from Noah , but the kidnapper hangs up before the phone can be traced . Bud questions Jason Peterson ( Stink Fisher ) , when his truck matches that of the kidnapping vehicle . Bud turns off the cameras whilst interrogating , and later on , Jason is found dead , which causes Bud 's reputation to be questioned , but is later cleared . Megan Hunt ( Dana Delany ) finds several clues which reveal that Jason knew where Noah is , but the detectives are worried that Noah may die as he is asthmatic and is without his inhaler . Megan 's mother Joan ( Joanna Cassidy ) offers to help with the case , but only to help her re @-@ election as a judge . Joan is using pamphlets , for her campaign , with a picture of Megan at the funeral of her father . Megan dislikes the photo , but Joan likes the picture as it shows " strength and survival " . A ransom is made , with the kidnappers wanting one million dollars for the return of Noah . A picture of Noah is sent , with Megan stating that he looks extremely sick . Bud and Derek , with the help of Joan , search many places associated with Jason , despite Bud knowing that Internal Affairs is considering voluntary manslaughter charges against him due to Jason 's death .

Curtis Brumfield ( Windell Middlebrooks ) and Ethan Gross ( Geoffrey Arend ) begin to believe that Noah is being held by fresh water , so the search is narrowed . Bud is also cleared of voluntary manslaughter , and him , Curtis , Megan and Kate Murphy ( Jeri Ryan ) suspect that the kidnapping may be an inside job , meaning that someone close to Noah kidnapped him . Bud checks his parents , Tom ( Stephen Barker Turner ) and Jennifer ( Keira Naughton ) but they are not the culprits . They then find that Helen 's friend , Jason 's girlfriend , Rena Talbot ( Wrenn Schmidt ) looked after Noah whilst Helen was on taking care of her boyfriend Oscar Mendez who had been injured badly in a fight . They find Rena , and result in finding Noah , who is sick but alive , and is reunited with his parents . Whilst Rena is arrested , Derek asks Megan to have a ride on her motorbike , to which she rejects and instead goes to see Joan , having a conversation about her father .

= = Production = =

" Missing " was written by Matthew V. Lewis and directed by Eric Laneuville . Laneuville is best known for directing episodes of Ghost Whisperer and is also an actor . Daniel Licht who has worked on the series since its inception , returned to compose the music for the episode . Actor Stephen Barker Turner and actress Keira Naughton guest starred in the episode as Tom and Jennifer Parker

. Stink Fisher appeared as Jason Peterson and Slaine starred as Kevin Roban , a drug dealer . Slaine said of his role in the episode , " As a lot of people know I have branched out from hip @-@ hop to acting and this will be my first venture into network television . I ? m really looking forward to working on this , as it ? s a great show with a fantastic cast " . This episode marked the first appearance of Cliff Curtis , who plays Special Agent Derek Ames , a love interest for Megan Hunt ( Delany ) . Curtis was reported to have a role in Body of Proof in November 2010 . Curtis was originally meant to be appearing towards the end of the season . Delany said , " We do have a very dashing FBI agent coming on for the end of the season , played by Cliff Curtis . [ Cliff is ] an old friend , so I wanted him for the role " . Afterwards , Curtis appears in one more episode ; " Hard Knocks " . " Missing " marked the first appearance of Joanna Cassidy since the first season . Cassidy , who plays Joan Hunt has appeared in season one episodes , " Society Hill " and " Buried Secrets " . Delany said that Megan 's relationship with Joan in the second season would be " tough " because it has been " going on for a long time and most people don ? t change after a certain age " . Regular cast member Mary Mouser who plays Lacey Fleming , did not appear in this episode .

" Missing " , 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 4 October 2011 , " Missing " was seen by 9 @. @ 95 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings . Among viewers between ages 18 and 49 , it received a 2 @. @ 0 rating / 11 share . This means that it was seen by 2 @. @ 0 per cent of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds , and 11 per cent of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds watching television at the time of the broadcast . This episode achieved a significant higher number of viewers than the previous episode , " Hunting Party " , as well as the subsequent episode , " Lazarus Man " . Body of Proof came fifth in the ratings on Tuesday night ; it was outperformed by one episode of ABC 's Dancing with the Stars , one episode of CBS 's NCIS and Unforgettable and NCIS 's spinoff , NCIS : Los Angeles . However , the episode came second in the timeslot it aired in , being beaten b Unforgettable . " Missing " was watched by 1 @. @ 35 million viewers upon its airing on Channel 5 in the United Kingdom .

= = = Critical response = = =

The episode received positive reviews . The episode was described as " tense " , with Christine Orlando from TV Fanatic , saying that " " Missing " upped the emotional intensity when the autopsies weren 't about finding a killer , but about finding a kidnapped little boy " . Orlando said that the scenes with Bud were a highlight , as well as the scenes with Megan and Derek . Orlando said , " I enjoyed the banter between Megan and Derek . He 's the optimist to her pessimist . When they get the photo of the boy , Derek pointed out that at least he 's alive and not alone . Megan said yes , but he 's sick and possibly coughing up blood . The amateur nature of the photo gave Derek hope that the kidnapper wasn 't a professional . Great , said Megan , that meant he was incompetent and desperate . Was anyone else seeing a case where opposites attract ? " . She said it was a " pity " that Megan turned Derek down ; " Megan could use a bit of a love life and I 'm hoping we see more of Agent Ames in the future " . She said she was " thankful " that there was not a storyline with Lacey ( Mary Mouser ) , saying that the storyline with Megan and Kate arguing over Lacey had gotten " old " , " I 'm happy they seem to be moving on " . Finishing , she praised the scenes with

Megan and Joan and added , " Having been a bit bored with last week 's episode , I was glad to see Body of Proof step up its game . The only thing lacking was a bit of the humour I 've grown to love " .