

= Tiffany Doggett =

Tiffany " Pennsatucky " Doggett is a fictional character in the Netflix series *Orange Is the New Black* , portrayed by Taryn Manning . Manning was offered the role without needing to audition . The character of Doggett is based on a real life prisoner ; a " young woman from western Pennsylvania who proudly called herself a redneck " . She is originally from Waynesboro , Virginia . Prior to her imprisonment , she is shown to be exchanging sexual favours for soda or money . Doggett is also known to have had five abortions . She is charged with shooting an abortion doctor and decides to hire a Christian lawyer ; this leads to Doggett becoming a born @-@ again Christian .

Doggett makes her first appearance in the fifth episode of the first season and is initially an antagonist . In her debut episode , she unsuccessfully attempts to hang up a cross in the prison chapel and expresses homophobic views . She has conflict with Alex Vause and Piper Chapman throughout the first season . In the second season , Doggett 's storyline revolves around her friendships with Sam Healy and Carrie " Big Boo " Black . This friendship with Big Boo continues into the third season . Big Boo comforts Doggett when she is feeling remorse for her abortions and when she is raped by a correctional officer . The character of Doggett has received mixed reviews from critics , though Manning 's performance has received positive feedback .

= = Creation and casting = =

Tiffany Doggett 's nickname " Pennsatucky " is derived from Pennsylvtucky ; a pejorative term for the people from the rural western and central parts of Pennsylvania . The author , Piper Kerman , of the book , *Orange Is the New Black : My Year in a Women 's Prison* , which inspired *Orange Is the New Black* describes the real life version of Pennsatucky as " a young woman from western Pennsylvania who proudly called herself a redneck " . Kerman further describes her as someone addicted to crack cocaine and dealing with the loss of custody of her child .

Taryn Manning , already an established actress , did not have to audition for the role of Doggett and was offered it . Manning , when speaking about this to Joshua Rotter of *Download.com* , said that she immediately accepted the offer " I loved it and didn 't need to look any further . I was sold . " To prepare for the role , Manning did some research on faith healing and evangelistic ceremonies . She also states that her inspiration for Doggett at least partly comes from the White family in the 2009 documentary film *The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia* . The only make @-@ up that Manning wears for her role as Doggett , in the first season , is on her teeth to create the effect of receding gums and missing teeth . From the second season onwards , however , Doggett has false teeth in place and so the teeth seen are Manning 's own .

= = Fictional background = =

Doggett is from Waynesboro , Virginia . After Doggett has her first period , her mother gives her advice about sex : " go on and let them [referring to men] do their business . " This leads to her , later in life , to have sex with men in exchange for soda or money . Her perspective of sex changes when she meets Nathan . Jonathon Dornbush , of *Entertainment Weekly* writes " [Nathan] wants them both to enjoy the experience [of sex] , and it opens Tiffany 's perception of relationships . " Nathan and his family move away , causing their relationship to end , and , almost immediately afterwards , Doggett is raped by an ex @-@ boyfriend .

Doggett has had five abortions . After having her fifth abortion , which takes place at an abortion clinic in Fishersville , Virginia , the nurse remarks " we should give you a punch card , get the sixth one free . " Doggett is so offended by this joke that she shoots the nurse with a shotgun . She agrees to have a Christian lawyer as it was likely to lead to a lighter sentence and her legal bills being paid for . Since she shot an abortion nurse , she became a ' hero ' of the pro @-@ life movement . Although her Christian faith was initially fake , at some point Doggett did become a Christian ; this was confirmed by Manning in an interview . Manning describes Doggett 's faith as " a hybrid of Christianity , Baptism , Presbyterian " .

= = Storylines = =

= = = Season 1 = = =

Doggett first appears in the fifth episode . She wishes to hang up a cross in Litchfield Penitentiary 's chapel but is refused permission . She ignores this and hangs her cross up on a light fixture ; this causes the entire fixture to fall down and hence damages the chapel 's ceiling . She also displays transphobia ; calling the transgender woman Sophia Burset (played by Laverne Cox) an ' abomination ' and ' it ' and blaming her for the damage to the chapel . Doggett has numerous clashes with Alex Vause (played by Laura Prepon) ; firstly Vause threatens to rape Doggett after growing tired of her complaining about Piper Chapman (played by Taylor Schilling) ; Doggett locks Vause in a dryer while she is helping Chapman to fix it and , lastly , Doggett snitches on Chapman and Vause for dancing provocatively with each other ; resulting in Chapman being placed in solitary confinement .

Chapman and Vause get revenge on Doggett and trick her into believing that she has faith healing powers , eventually culminating in her being sent to the psychiatric ward . Although Chapman aids in Doggett 's release from the psychiatric ward , Doggett still bears a grudge against her . Doggett 's lawyer encourages her to evangelize to Chapman instead and this leads to Chapman ' converting ' but then refusing to be baptized . Doggett sees this as disrespectful and expresses a wish to kill Chapman . The two have a confrontation at the end of the season 's final episode . Doggett attacks Chapman with a shiv made from a wooden cross ; Chapman throws Doggett to the ground and hits her repeatedly .

= = = Season 2 = = =

It is revealed in the third episode that Suzanne Warren (played by Uzo Aduba) is also involved in the fight at the end of season one . She punches Chapman in the face twice and knocks her unconscious (Doggett is already unconscious at this stage) . This gives the impression that Doggett and Chapman were evenly matched and therefore equally responsible . Following Doggett 's return to full health , she finds that her previous best friends , Leanne Taylor (played by Emma Myles) and Angie Rice (played by Julie Lake) , no longer want to be associated with her . This leaves Doggett seeking prison counsellor Sam Healy (played by Michael J. Harney) for comfort .

Following her friendships with Taylor and Rice continuing to deteriorate , Doggett forms friendships with Healy and Carrie " Big Boo " Black (played by Lea DeLaria) . Healy and Doggett unite to form " Safe Place " , a therapy group where prisoners can share their feelings in a confidential and supportive environment . " Safe Place " is short @-@ lived , however , and Healy decides to cancel the group indefinitely after Doggett fails to attend one of the sessions ; when he investigates her reason for non @-@ attendance , he finds her getting a hair cut from Burset . Doggett initially talks to Big Boo , an openly lesbian inmate , during a blackout in the prison as she believes that there is a secret ' gay agenda ' and she believes that Big Boo will give her the answers that she is seeking . Doggett 's physical appearance also changes in this season ; she has white false teeth , neater hair and her skin looks smoother .

= = = Season 3 = = =

In the first episode , Big Boo and Doggett 's friendship continues to develop . Seeing that Doggett bears strong feelings of guilt relating to the six abortions that she has had , Big Boo makes reference to the book Freakonomics , which suggests that crime rates in the 1990s fell because of Roe v. Wade . Following Lorna Morello (played by Yael Stone) being relieved of her duty of driving the prison van , the role is given to Doggett . She comes into contact with one of the new correctional officers called Charlie Coates (played by James McMenamin) . Coates is initially

friendly towards Doggett . Despite relationships between prison staff and prisoners being forbidden , Coates kisses Doggett , against her will , after feeding some ducks . Following another outing , Coates gets in trouble with his boss Joe Caputo (played by Nick Sandow) for being late for count and is placed on probation . Doggett apologises for having caused him trouble , and he rapes her in the back of the prison van .

When Big Boo learns of the rape , she encourages Doggett to take revenge on Coates by making him unconscious and then raping him with a broomstick . Whilst they successfully drug Coates , neither of them are willing to violate him with the broomstick . In order to end contact with Coates , Doggett fakes a seizure on her next outing with him and is declared unfit for driving a van . She is replaced as prison van driver by another inmate , Maritza Ramos (played by Diane Guerrero) .

= = Critical commentary = =

Doggett was widely perceived to have been the series ' main antagonist in its first season . She was seen to be homophobic and racist ; one Cosmopolitan critic described her as ' vile ' . A critic for TV Insider described the first season Doggett as " terrifying , manipulative and so entirely unlikable " but also " hypnotic to watch " . Horatia Harrod 's review in the Daily Telegraph described Manning 's portrayal of Doggett as " brilliantly unhinged " . Other critics have praised the character , especially in the final episode of season one ; calling her " fantastic " , a " solid character " and " one of the best characters on the show " . Some also felt that Manning 's performance was worthy of an Emmy nomination .

Following the release of the first season of Orange is the New Black , Doggett received some criticism from different media . Writing for The American Conservative , B. D. McClay claimed that Doggett was a poor and inaccurate representation of American Christians ; " Pennsatucky is such an aggressively terrible character " and " her faith is neither well @-@ understood nor well @-@ drawn " . Laura Leonard of Christianity Today , supports Clay 's view and goes further to say " it was frustrating to see this one painful narrative represent Christian faith on OITNB , a show that masters other aspects of the melting pot so well " , speaking about Doggett 's background story and conflict with Chapman . Two critics for The A.V. Club also gave negative reviews of Doggett ; Todd VanDerWerff says that " Pennsatucky never really comes together as a character in the same way as some of the others on the show " and Myles McNutt opted to criticize the storyline of the final episode of the first season specifically , saying that it " [treats] her like a cartoon villain instead of a real character " . Betsy Leondar @-@ Wright accused the series ' creators of classism and said that Doggett was an " outrageous Redneck stereotype " .

Doggett 's rape storyline in the third season garnered much reaction , both positive and negative . Jada Yuan of Vulture described the rape scenes (both the one in the flashback and the one involving correctional officer Coates) as " heartbreaking " and praised episode director Jesse Peretz 's decision to keep the camera focused on Manning during the scenes . Megan Vick praised the ' transformation ' of the character of Doggett , calling it " the season ? s breakout storyline and performance " . McNutt , who had been critical of Doggett in the first season , spoke positively about the rape storyline .

Marissa Higgins , writing for xoJane , contended that the show " didn 't accomplish anything with their portrayal of sexual assault " and said that she disliked the way that the story ended with Doggett effectively quitting her job as van driver in order to avoid further contact with Coates . Emma Eisenberg , of Salon , criticized the scenes depicting Doggett growing up in Waynesboro , as being " riddled with excessive Appalachian clichés " . She went further by calling Doggett 's mother unrealistic in her attitude towards sex : " the mothers I met [near Waynesboro] wanted their daughters to understand sex and to make informed choices " . Eisenberg claimed that , therefore , Doggett 's mother 's speech about sex ? " it ? s like a bee sting , in and out , over before you knew it was happening " ? was not representative of people in Waynesboro at that time . Chloe Stillwell completely disagreed with Eisenberg and insisted that the character of Doggett was realistic : " Eisenberg 's argument completely misses the point that perhaps the show is trying to be as real as possible , and acknowledging that there are real life Pennsatuckies in this world isn 't to

disenfranchise Appalachia . "