

= Neighborhood Watch ( White Collar ) =

" Neighborhood Watch " is the 13th episode of the third season of the American comedy @-@ drama television series White Collar , and the 43rd episode overall . It was first broadcast on USA Network in the United States on January 31 , 2012 . The episode was directed by Andrew McCarthy and written by Jeff F. King .

The episode has been noted to draw many themes from Alfred Hitchcock 's Rear Window . When Elizabeth Burke ( Tiffani Thiessen ) overhears a neighbor ( Joe Manganiello ) discussing a future crime , she , Mozzie ( Willie Garson ) , and Neal Caffrey ( Matt Bomer ) work together to prove his guilt .

According to the Nielsen ratings system , an estimated 3 @.@ 042 million household viewers watched the original broadcast of the episode , with 1 @.@ 0 million in the 18 ? 49 demographic . " Neighborhood Watch " received mostly positive reviews , with many complimenting Thiessen 's performance .

= = Plot = =

After Peter Burke ( Tim DeKay ) leaves a scanner at home , Elizabeth overhears plans for a robbery . Peter visits the scene of the alleged crime , but finds nothing to suggest that the robbery exists . Neal and Peter attribute Elizabeth ? s actions to paranoia stemming from her recent kidnapping by Matthew Keller . However , Mozzie believes that the robbery was real , and begins helping Elizabeth monitor Peter ? s scanner . Mozzie and Elizabeth soon hear the same voices from the original transmission , and discover that they are the voices of the Burke ? s new neighbors , Ben ( Manganiello ) and Rebecca Ryan ( Lola Glaudini ) . Elizabeth immediately visits their house , coercing an invitation for dinner that night . While at dinner , Elizabeth excuses herself from the table in order to search the house . She discovers nothing , but soon finds herself locked in a bedroom . Neal , speaking to her through a window , walks her through picking the lock . However , she is soon found by an annoyed Peter .

Peter finally agrees to investigate the Ryans , quickly being informed by Diana Berrigan ( Marsha Thomason ) that Ben has an armed robbery conviction . As Peter phones Elizabeth to let her know that she was correct , Ben visits the Burke home and vaguely threatens Elizabeth . Clinton Jones ( Sharif Atkins ) follows Ben and discovers the identity of Ben ? s partner : Connor Bailey ( Will Chase ) . In order to get closer to the suspects , Neal visits Ben ? s parole office under the alias Nick Halden . Using information gathered by Neal , Peter quickly realizes that the target of the heist is a luxury hotel . Peter and Neal hurry to the hotel , barely missing Ben and Connor . At the Burke home , Elizabeth and Mozzie follow Rebecca as she leaves the house . Realizing that Peter will not reach them in time , Elizabeth approaches the Ryans as an FBI agent . Her attempt fails just as Peter and the FBI arrive .

= = Production = =

It was first reported on June 30 , 2011 that Joe Manganiello would appear in an episode of White Collar as an ex @-@ con and the Burkes ' new neighbor at some point during the second half of the season . A day after Manganiello 's casting was announced , it was reported that Will Chase would appear in an episode with Manganiello as Connor Bailey , another ex @-@ con . On July 11 , 2011 , series creator Jeff Eastin announced via Twitter that Andrew McCarthy would direct the episode . It was his first directing credit , though he had previously portrayed Vincent Adler during the second season .

" Neighborhood Watch " was written by Jeff F. King , his first writing credit after directing " Power Play " in the second season . Eastin has acknowledged that the episode contains various themes from Alfred Hitchcock 's Rear Window , and that the idea had been in development for multiple seasons ; many reviewers mentioned the theme as well . Tiffani Thiessen announced on July 26 , 2011 that production had recently wrapped on the episode . On August 26 , 2011 , USA Network

announced simultaneously with the fourth season renewal that Lola Glaudini would appear in the series ; she ultimately appeared in " Neighborhood Watch " as Rebecca Ryan .

= = Reception = =

= = = Ratings = = =

The initial broadcast of " Neighborhood Watch " was viewed by 3 @. @ 042 million viewers , which at the time was the second @-@ lowest of the series . It received 1 @. @ 0 million viewers in the 18 ? 49 demographic , down by approximately 0 @. @ 1 million viewers from the previous week . The episode ranked eleventh overall in the 18 ? 49 demographic for the night and finished fifth in its timeslot , after Teen Mom 2 , Tosh.0 , The Game , and Justified .

= = = Reviews = = =

" Neighborhood Watch " received positive reviews , with many critics praising Tiffani Thiessen 's larger role . Kenny Herzog of The A.V. Club gave the episode a mostly positive review , noting that Thiessen was " great as a catalyst for the action . " He also compared the episode to the previous week 's " Upper West Side Story " , calling it " a nice reprieve after the previous 10 @-@ plus episodes ' high drama . " He ultimately gave the episode a B. C. Charles of TV Fanatic heavily praised the episode , calling it " a great hour " and " the Rear Window of the 21st century . " Jessica Rae mentioned that the episode was " well thought @-@ out and delightful , " and praised Elizabeth 's more prominent appearance . Brittany Frederick of Starpulse.com gave the episode a more mediocre review , calling it " fairly run @-@ of @-@ the @-@ mill . " She stated that Manganiello " has the glower down pat " and complimented the additional scenes between Thiessen and Willie Garson ; however , she said that she hoped that the episode would mark the end of Elizabeth 's recovery after her kidnapping .