# [Everything We Know About 'Law and Order: Organized Crime,' the New 'SVU' Spin-off Series](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/a33433102/law-and-order-organized-crime-news-cast-spoilers/)

Detective Elliot Stabler is officially back on the case!



BY [HANNAH JEON](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/author/224161/hannah-jeon/)

Jul 29, 2020

**Law & Order: SVU Cast Then and Now**

by Country Living US

CLICK TO UNMUTE

It's time to welcome back Detective Elliot Stabler to the NYPD!

Nearly ten years after the iconic character departed [*Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/a32031688/christopher-meloni-comment-mariska-hargitay-instagram/), Elliot Stabler is officially [returning for his own spin-off show](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/a32005886/christopher-meloni-new-law-and-order-svu-spinoff-show/) on NBC, titled [*Law and Order: Organized Crime*](https://www.nbc.com/law-and-order-organized-crime)*,* and it's safe to say that we are all preparing ourselves for the most epic return-to-screen ever (I mean, how long have we all been hoping and *praying* for a possible Olivia Benson-Elliot Stabler reunion?!).

Luckily, if you're looking for all the juicy details on this exciting new spin-off series — including what to expect of a certain long-awaited reunion — here's everything to know about *Law and Order: Organized Crime*, including the latest information on the show's premiere date, cast, spoilers, and more.

## When will *Law and Order: Organized Crime* premiere?

There's no word on an official date yet, unfortunately, but *Law and Order: Organized Crime* is **expected to premiere sometime in fall 2020**. The new Dick Wolf crime drama series will air on NBC **on Thursdays at 10 p.m. ET**, right after[*Law and Order: SVU*](https://www.amazon.com/Law-Order-Special-Victims-Season/dp/B000V7RGAO?ots=1&linkCode=ogi&tag=goodhousekeeping_auto-append-20&ascsubtag=[artid|10055.a.33433102[src|[ch|[lt|)*,* which will take over a new time slot at 9 p.m. for its record-breaking 22nd season. The spin-off has also been confirmed to have a total of **13 episodes in the season**.

## Who will be inthe *Law and Order: Organized Crime* cast?

[**Christopher Meloni**](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/a26961108/chris-meloni-wife-kids-doris-sherman-williams/) is set to reprise his role as Elliot Stabler, a character he played for a total of 12 seasons alongside Mariska Hargitay (Olivia Benson) on *Law and Order: SVU* from 1999 to 2011*.* The 59-year-old actor will thus be returning to the *Law and Order* universe nearly a decade after he exited the show (though he's since appeared in more recent TV shows such as [*The Handmaid's Tale*](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/a28196206/christopher-meloni-handmaids-tale-season-3-commander-reddit-reactions/), *Pose* and *Veep*).

As for the who else we can expect to see on *Organized Crime*,NBC has not released any further details, but it's likely that we'll see a good mix of new and (hopefully) old faces in the official cast.



**NBCGETTY IMAGES**

Advertisement - Continue Reading Below

## What will *Law and Order: Organized Crime* be about?

Longtime fans of *Law and Order: SVU* may remember that we last saw Elliot Stabler at the end of season 12, when he was involved in a deadly shoot-out with a young girl who opened fire in the SVU precinct; later, in the season 13 premiere, we learn that the detective had abruptly retired from the force. Now, nearly a decade after his retirement, the new spin-off series will find Stabler returning to the NYPD to lead the Organized Crime unit after suffering a "devastating personal loss," according to the [official synopsis from NBC](https://www.nbc.com/law-and-order-organized-crime).

"The city and police department have changed dramatically in the decade he's been away, and he must adapt to a criminal justice system in the midst of its own moment of reckoning," the synopsis continues. "Stabler will aim to find absolution and rebuild his life while leading an elite new task force that is taking apart the city's most powerful crime syndicates one by one."

## So, will there be a Stabler-Benson reunion?

Fans of Elliot Stabler and Olivia Benson have only been waiting for about a decade for this (literally), but yes, there *will* be a reunion between the two ex-partners! As revealed by *SVU* showrunner **Warren Leight** on [The Law and Order: SVU Podcast](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-law-order-svu-podcast/id1480917617?i=1000473223139) — and then confirmed by the cutest reunion selfie from Chris and Mariska [on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/p/CC2EXmFniR6/) — Stabler will first appear in *SVU*'s season 22 premiere ahead of the premiere of the spin-off series, finally reuniting with his former partner (and now Captain) Olivia Benson. Reportedly, Stabler's return to the series was originally planned for *SVU*'s season 21 finale, but the plan was scrapped after the coronavirus pandemic forced the show to end its season early.

This content is imported from Instagram. You may be able to find the same content in another format, or you may be able to find more information, at their web site.

Advertisement - Continue Reading Below

## Are there any other *Law and Order: Organized Crime* spoilers*?*

There's unfortunately not much we know yet about the show's actual plot (Chris himself is staying tight-lipped on what "devastating personal loss" Stabler will experience), but fans can expect a lot of exciting possibilities in the spin-off series *—* including the possibility of several crossover episodes with *Law and Order: SVU,* and new developments in Stabler's and Benson's relationship,in the continuing future.

"Benson and Stabler are inextricably linked, locked and connected," explained Chris in a recent interview with the [*New York Post*](https://nypost.com/2020/07/06/christopher-meloni-on-returning-to-the-law-order-universe/)*.* "I think there is truly and deeply a worthwhile, inherent drama in exploring that relationship and the complexity of how Stabler left — the unresolved emotions both characters feel and how the fans feel." Speaking about the likelihood of crossover episodes between the two shows, Chris then continued: "How my character left was really unsatisfying, I think. It almost feels that we won’t do one or two [crossover] episodes and move on our merry way."

Well, we'll definitely have our fingers crossed for continuous crossovers between the two shows (one reunion episode is simply not enough, we say!).