# [LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT Recap: Elliot and Olivia Have a Big Moment in ‘Blood Out’](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2023/01/26/svu-olivia-elliot-almost-kiss-blood-out-recap/)

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**[Warning: This post contains spoilers for the Thursday, January 26 episode of LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT, “Blood Out.”]**

To quote [Fox Mulder](https://youtu.be/UwLIy2o4YKk?t=54): “World didn’t end.”

On the Thursday, January 26 episode of LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT, SVU’s Olivia Benson ([Mariska Hargitay](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2021/06/04/svu-organized-crime-benson-stabler-romance-mariska-hargitay-christopher-meloni/)) and LAW & ORDER: ORGANIZED CRIME’s Elliot Stabler ([Christopher Meloni](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2021/04/02/mariska-hargitay-christopher-meloni-elliot-olivia-reunion-svu-organized-crime/)) *almost* locked lips. (For those keeping score at home, that’s 569 episodes—combined between the two shows and including Stabler’s decade-long absence from the franchise—from the time they made their debut on SVU in 1999 to now.)

The duo had their moment as the BX9 arc came to an end. While Olivia was able to get Oscar Papa (Goya Robles) dead to rights, it came at quite the cost: Duarte ([Maurice Compte](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2023/01/05/law-order-svu-bx9-trilogy-duarte-olivia-maurice-compte/)) was brutally murdered.

With it finally safe to bring Noah (Ryan Buggle) home—and Oscar Papa’s assurance he won’t be targeted—Olivia asked Elliot to pick up her son from [his half-brother’s house](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2022/12/09/about-last-night-law-order-law-order-special-victims-unit-law-order-organized-crime-and-more/). (A sizable step for the trio, given we haven’t seen Noah and Elliot interact on-screen since [their accidental Mother’s Day official meeting](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2022/05/10/law-and-order-svu-pratibha-parmar-directing-did-you-believe-in-miracles/).)

After Noah was safely back at Olivia’s (new) apartment, Elliot wanted to know why Olivia hadn’t reached out to him [when she was attacked](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2023/01/06/about-last-night-ghosts-law-order-special-victims-unit-law-order-organized-crime-and-more-3/). She tried to deflect, noting he would have tried to protect her. “Is there something wrong with that?” he asked. “I care for you.”

Olivia tried to deflect, but Elliot asked her to look at him. The duo got *very* close and Elliot nearly kissed Olivia…until she pulled back.



***Credit: YouTube screengrab***

“Elliot. Elliot, I want to, but I can’t,” she told him.

“Why not?” he asked.

Olivia expressed concern it wouldn’t work out, and Elliot had a quick reply: “What if things worked out?”

“I’m not ready for this,” she said, repeating herself and backing away.

**What did you think of Olivia and Elliot’s encounter?**

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