# [**Here’s When Law & Order: SVU’s Olivia Benson Will Address Her Feelings for Elliot Stabler**](https://www.eonline.com/news/1355588/heres-when-law-order-svus-olivia-benson-will-address-her-feelings-for-elliot-stabler?cmpid=social&medium=link-post&content=organic&source=twitter-tv-scoop)

## *Law & Order: SVU* EP Julie Martin has revealed when fans will finally get answers in Olivia Benson (Mariska Hargitay) and Elliot Stabler (Christopher Meloni)'s will-they/won't-they relationship.

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This is a confession like no other.

According to [***Law & Order: SVU***](https://www.eonline.com/news/law_and_order_special_victims_unit)'s executive producer **Julie Martin**, Olivia Benson ([**Mariska Hargitay**](https://www.eonline.com/news/mariska_hargitay)) will *finally* acknowledge her lingering romantic feelings for Elliot Stabler ([**Christopher Meloni**](https://www.eonline.com/news/christopher_meloni)) in an upcoming episode of the series. But, after 24 seasons, don't expect the two to get together *that* easily.

"She will talk to Rollins about her feelings for Stabler in Episode 9, Dec 8th," Martin teased in a [**Nov. 21 tweet**](https://twitter.com/JulieMartinNY/status/1594807144301338648?r). "#ATraumaInAPearTree."

Coincidentally, the holiday episode "A Trauma In a Pear Tree" will also be the last episode for Detective Amanda Rollins (**Kelly Giddish**), who is hanging up her badge after 12 seasons on the show. But, unlike Benson and Stabler, Rollins *was* able to articulate her feelings for a coworker: In a [**teaser for her final episode**](https://www.eonline.com/news/1355198/law-order-svus-detective-rollins-ties-the-knot-in-first-look-at-her-final-episode), we see Rollins donning a wedding dress, presumably for her vows to Dominick "Sonny" Carisi Jr. (**Peter Scanavino**).



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Alas, while Benson may be admitting to some feelings, don't expect her and Stabler to lock lips so soon.

In Sept., E! [**exclusively asked Meloni**](https://www.eonline.com/news/1347119/christopher-meloni-reveals-the-likelihood-hell-share-a-kiss-with-mariska-hargitay) what it would take for fans to see a kiss between the two. His response? "You might as well win the Powerball."

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So why is this build-up so long, you might be wondering? Well, according to Meloni, Stabler has a lot of things he needs to work out before he can fully commit to a relationship with Benson.

"I think he's a man who needs to come to terms with a lot of his pains or just literally the death of his wife," the actor told E!. "I just think that's a tough thing. And I have a complicated relationship with my ex partner. I mean, these are real juicy, complicated things that I would think are very interesting to explore."

*Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* returns Dec. 8, at 9 p.m. on NBC.

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