# [***Law & Order: SVU Fans Will Swoon Over This Possible Benson-Stabler Kiss***](https://www.glamour.com/story/law-and-order-svu-benson-stabler-kiss-video?mbid=social_twitter_glamourmain&utm_brand=glm)

It took only 24 years.

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After a long, *looong* wait—24 years to be exact—fans of *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* are finally seeing their Bensler (Benson and Stabler) dreams come true. The addictive crime drama is a household name that's spanned 24 seasons, each one as riveting as the last. And over the years the show's loyal audience grew fond of [the relationship](https://www.glamour.com/story/law-and-order-svu-star-mariska-hargitay-says-olivia-has-been-in-love-with-elliot-for-years) between lead detectives Olivia Benson (Mariska Hargitay) and Elliot Stabler (Christopher Meloni).

The romance between the two detectives has been a slow burn, but not for much longer: A promo for the long-running television show's 24th season teases a possible Bensler kiss.

We've impatiently waited for Benson and Stabler to realize their true feelings for each other, but when Christopher Meloni stepped down from the cast in 2011, it seemingly ended all hope for a happy ending—until now. Meloni's character was [reintroduced](https://www.glamour.com/story/law-and-order-svu-stabler-finally-returned-and-fans-are-in-their-feels) in 2021, and fans started to hope that maybe they'd finally get the ’ship they deserve.

After years of building up [sexual tension](https://www.glamour.com/story/christopher-meloni-and-mariska-hargitay-teased-fans-with-a-steamy-benson-and-stabler-pic), a new promo for the 12th episode of season 24 has changed the game. The last few seconds of the clip shows the two “friends” in an intimate embrace, with Benson's hands cradling Stabler in a way that looks way more than friendly. Their mouths are *so close* that it can't *not* be a kiss.

The *Law & Order: SVU* episode is set to air at the end of the month on Thursday, January 26. In the show's lengthy history, this might be one of the most important episodes to date. The stories that weave between Benson and Stabler span [decades](https://www.glamour.com/story/mariska-hargitay-response-to-chris-meloni-bringing-back-elliot-stabler-will-make-your-day), and it's about time all of the chemistry pays off.