# [Why is Kelli Giddish leaving Law & Order: SVU in season 24?](https://cartermatt.com/496349/why-is-kelli-giddish-leaving-law-order-svu-in-season-24/)

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U,{80103845-73fd-40ac-824d-2550d246eb87}{44},13,8.666666666666666Why is Kelli Giddish leaving [*Law & Order: SVU*](https://cartermatt.com/tag/law-order-svu)at some point during season 24? This is the big question out there, and it is certainly a hard one to answer.

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Let’s just start with this: We’ve absolutely heard a lot of rumors, including that it was not Giddish’s decision to go. None of that has been confirmed, and the only thing NBC has provided so far is a statement from Kelli herself (which you can read over [here](https://cartermatt.com/496332/kelli-giddish-leaving-law-order-svu-during-season-24/)). What we can do is give you an interesting quote from the actress last October. She was asked by [Smashing Interviews Magazine](https://smashinginterviews.com/interviews/actors/kelli-giddish-interview-svu-star-talks-engagement-and-23rd-season) if she had heard “rumors” that she was leaving the show, and here was her response:

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No. I didn’t. But I hope not! I’ve got house payments (laughs). That’s not an option right now. No. We’re having too much fun.

Obviously, a lot can change in a year, but nowhere in Giddish’s statement does she say that it was her decision to leave. Meanwhile, new showrunner David Graziano has praised both Giddish and the Amanda Rollins character on multiple occasions since arriving on the scene, so we have a hard time believing that this was a creative decision on his end, either.

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The only answer that we can give to all of this is somewhat nebulous: Sometimes exits happen for reasons that go beyond an individual actor or producer. They can be at times financial or due to a wide array of other factors. It’s a big, unfortunate part of this business, and let’s be honest: This isn’t the first unusual exit we’ve had from *SVU.* Just look at what happened at the start of last season! These things do happen on network television, but that does not make them any less frustrating.

The only thing that we can hope for is that there is closure for Amanda’s story; we all deserve that after investing in her journey over the course of the past year.

### Are you still shocked that Kelli Giddish is leaving *Law & Order: SVU* after season 24?

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