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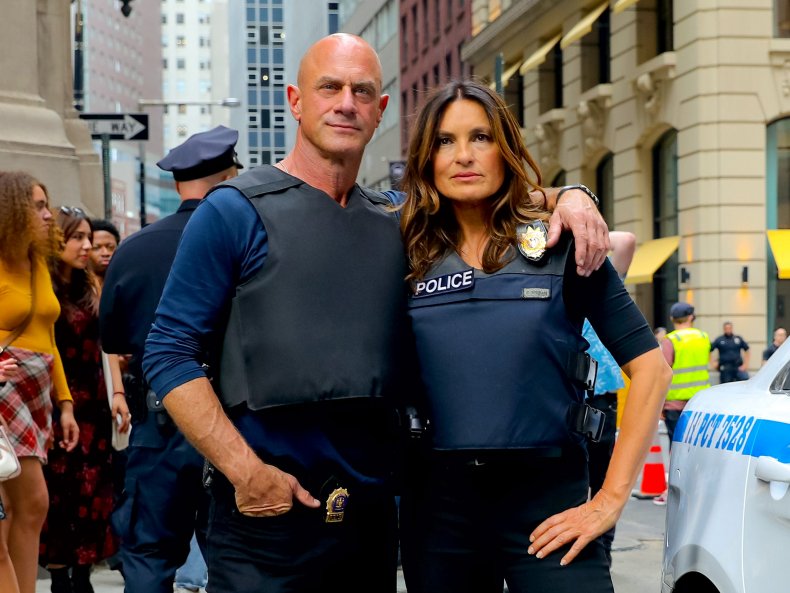
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Olivia Benson (played by Mariska Hargitay) and Elliot Stabler (Christopher Meloni) first crossed paths back in 1999, during the pilot episode of *Law & Order: SVU* and have been an unstoppable team over the years.

In 2020, [NBC](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/nbc) announced *Law & Order: Organized Crime* was in the works, with Meloni reprising his role as Elliot Stabler, 10 years after he left the role in the original *Law & Order: SVU.*

If the news of Meloni's return was not big enough, it was revealed Olivia Benson and Elliot Stabler would meet again in several crossover episodes between *Law & Order, Law & Order: SVU*, and *Law & Order: Organized Crime.*



Christopher Meloni and Mariska Hargitay are seen on the film set of the 'Law and Order: Special Victims Unit' TV Series on August 18, 2022 in New York City.JOSE PEREZ/BAUER-GRIFFIN/GC IMAGES

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Ever since *Law & Order: Organized Crime* aired in April 2021, Benson and Stabler have been reunited in several crossovers and fans are certain that romance is on the cards for the crime-fighting duo.

*Newsweek* has a recap of all of the clues *Law & Order's* Stabler and Benson may actually get together below.

## **All of the Clues Benson and Stabler Will Get Together**

### **1 *Law & Order's* Team Share Their Thoughts**

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The biggest clue of all that romance is on the cards comes down to comments made by the team behind the *Law & Order* franchise.

In an interview with *Today*, *Law & Order* showrunner Rick Eid, *SVU* executive producer and head writer Julie Martin, and *SVU* showrunner David Graziano all addressed the potential of romance between Benson and Stabler in the upcoming *Law & Order, Law & Order: SVU* and *Law & Order: Organized Crime* crossover event.

The highly-anticipated crossover that will serve as the season premiere for all three shows will air on Thursday, September 22 at 10 p.m. ET on NBC.

Graziano shared that the concept of romance between Benson and Stabler is something the team behind the show "hotly debate back and forth here every day."

He also teased there is a whole load of "stuff" to be unpacked between Benson and Stabler before a full-on romance can play out.

He said: "We have a responsibility to Benson as a character, too. There have been a lot of events that have happened in the *OC* and also on our show, *SVU*, that would seem to preclude an easy relationship with the two of them. And so I think there's a lot of stuff that needs to be unpacked first.

"I'm a firm believer in true love prevailing dramatically if not in real life. But before you can have a healthy relationship like that, if you have some monsters under your bed, you have to slay those first. Otherwise, they're going to follow you into that relationship."

Graziano also shared that some of the factors influencing a romantic storyline are unrelated to the show's "narrative" and are simply down to the "logistics" of Hargitay and Meloni.

Martin said: "Everybody knows the storytelling of will they or won't they—we like to keep that question going as long as possible. So to answer, either way, is to sort of kill that anticipation."

### **2. Benson Has Been Unlucky in Love**

Although Benson and Stabler have never had a romantic relationship, Benson, in particular, has been unlucky in love.

After Stabler opted to take early retirement in 2011 following the fatal shooting of a teenage girl, Benson was left devasted by his exit and the fact that he did not say goodbye.

Ever since, Benson has been involved in numerous romantic relationships which have failed, with many fans thinking Stabler is actually the man for her.

One fan tweeted: "Elliot Stabler and Olivia Benson are in love and no one can tell me otherwise."

A second fan penned on Twitter: "Olivia Benson and Elliot Stabler have done more good for this world than most and yes they can end up happy together as a couple and still be who they always have been and that is saving the world! It is one of the most beautiful love stories ever done on a cop show! #SVU #OC"

A third fan wrote: "Stabler and Benson were meant to be together and nobody will ever change my mind."

### **3. Mariska Hargitay Is All for the Romance**

Speaking on the *Drew Barrymore Show* in January 2022, Hargitay spoke about Benson and Stabler's reunion and the state of their friendship going forward.

Hargitay disclosed Benson had been "in love" with Stabler for years and teased there were talks of "finding our way back to it."

She said: "We're trying to figure out what to do. He's free, and I think he's got eyes for me. But Olivia Benson is hurt, he left me in the lurch for 10 years. She's frightened.

"The energy is there, Olivia's been in love with him for many a year. And I think we are slowly finding our way back to it."



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### **4. The Letter**

In the first season of *Law & Order: Organized Crime*, Stabler and Benson are reunited after spending 12 years apart. The moment ultimately led to Benson confronting Stabler about abandoning her at the Special Victims Unit.

A tearful Stabler explained he had left without saying goodbye as he did not think he could leave if he had seen Benson's face when he broke the news.

Finally, in Season 2 of *Law & Order: Organized Crime*, audiences finally learned what was in the letter. In the end, it was a letter written by Stabler's late wife Kathy (Isabel Gillies), who wrote she hoped Benson found a loyal and faithful man and that she and Stabler were not good for one another.

However, Stabler, under the influence of alcohol, shares he did write one line in the letter, and it was the most romantic of all.

Stabler told Benson: "'In a parallel universe, it will always be you and I.' I wrote that. I slipped it in there before sealing the envelope."

Hopefully, that parallel universe can become a reality in Season 3 of the show.

*Law & Order: Organized Crime* Season 3 premieres as part of a *Law & Order* crossover event on Thursday, September 22 at 10 p.m. ET on NBC.