



PARENTAL
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Logline

Alana McKenzie an idealistic psychology grad discovers her purpose working in a juvenile prison. Thrown into a world of systematic corruption and rampant chaos, she soon realizes that the classroom was much easier than the real world.



Synopsis

Alana McKenzie, a new Mental Health Clinician at Long Meadow, struggles to fight against the daily oppression of corrupt institutional norms, ignorant staff, gang culture and unethical practices. In her quest to save the youth, McKenzie is presented with the daily challenge of new kids with complex issues, urgent dilemmas and various crisis situations that she must resolve.

As the story builds, McKenzie's own family struggles and relationship complexities create a host of interpersonal turmoil as she teeters between what is right and what is necessary. McKenzie's endearing persona and sarcastic wit is cleverly intermixed within a contrasting arena of pretentious coffee infused academia and the gritty sex appeal of hood life.



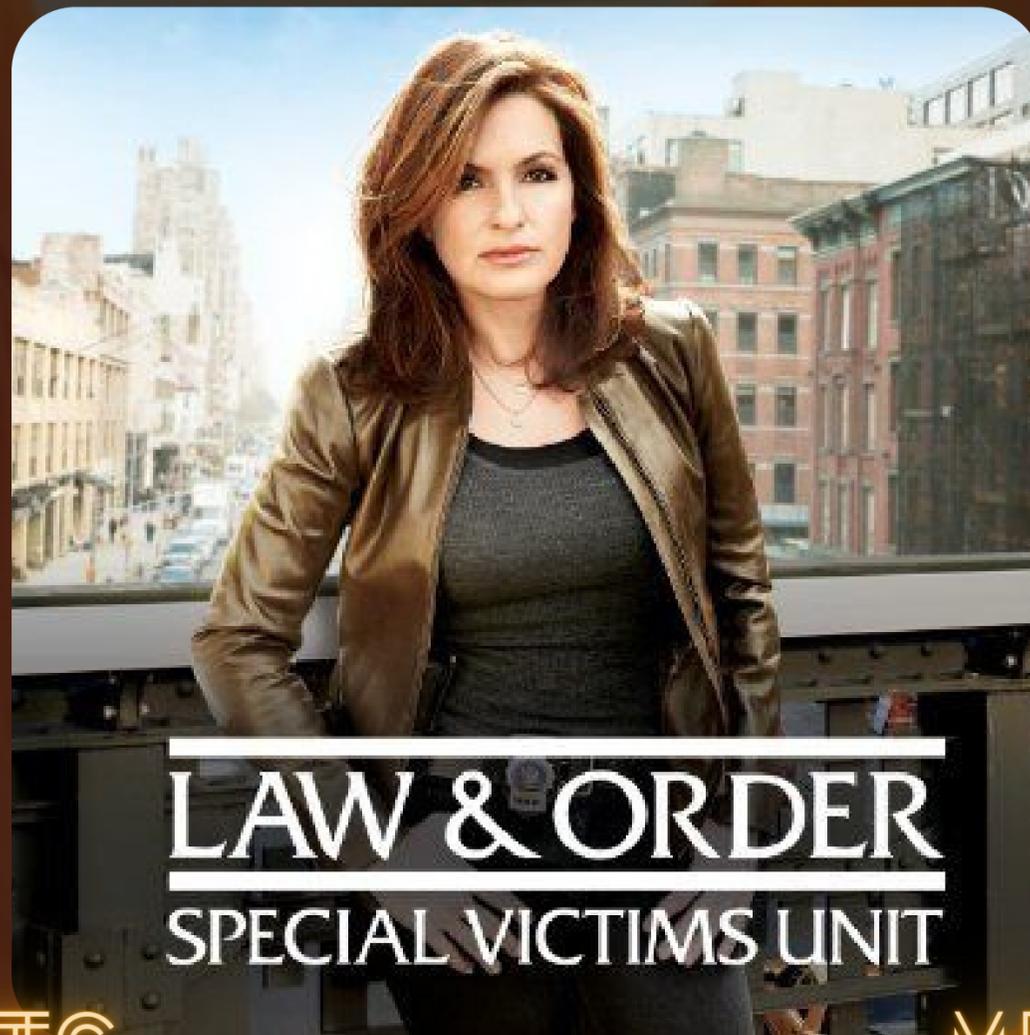
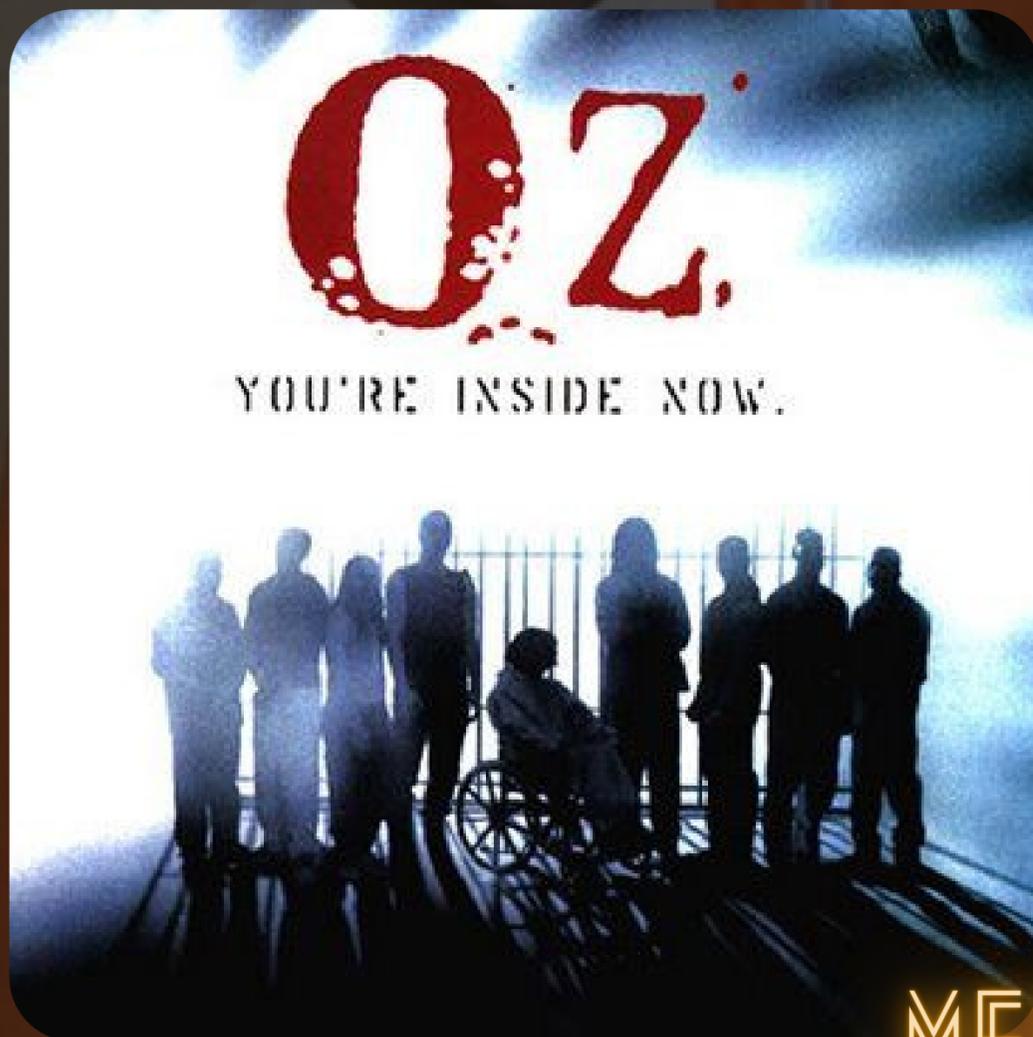
Teaser

"JUVIE is a procedural drama set in a fictitious juvenile prison- Long Meadow Juvenile Correctional Center situated on the urban outskirts of Baltimore Maryland. Each episode will give a brief inside peek of the institutional daily activity as it appears, and behind the scenes. A variety of episodes will provide an in-depth perspective of the main character's lives, habits, and personal challenges before and following incarceration while illustrating how they are intrinsic to the forward movement of the story.

Juvie is not just an institution, it's a society with its own code of conduct. The more involved McKenzie becomes, the deeper she sinks into the pit of chaos. Her dream to educate and rehabilitate youth is thwarted by the distractions of daily survival. She learns that jail is big business with investments that are protected from those highest up. No one is to be trusted, the gang culture and systematic corruption has become intangible. Does she have what it takes to survive and save the youth or will the jail ultimately destroy her.



Show Cross



MEETS

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ALANA MCKENZIE

AKA "Mickey" or "McKenzie"



"McKenzie" as she is referred to in the jail sector, is a 32 year old a newly licensed Mental Health Clinician. She's a delicate blend of power and insecurity, tenacity and anxiety.

She's headstrong and independent yet fragile and guarded, approaching relationships with a sense of indifference yet inwardly yearning to be loved. Strong willed and compassionate, she is often disillusioned by the world and its lack of genuineness and empathy for others.

Challenged with ongoing relationship and family issues, she often hides her emotions within her quirky sarcasm and romantic distractions.

Main Character

SAMANTHA NEWSOME

AKA "Sam"



“(17yrs old) Outspoken, tenacious Transgender female, and new inmate at Long Meadow. Sam is funny and engaging but fearless in her journey for respect and equality.

A victim of a mob assault, her emotional scars often trigger a ruthless wave of retaliation and aggression.

Main Character

NOAH GIBSON



“(16 yrs old) Highly precocious street- smart youth whose failed attempt at an impulsive robbery to support his family forces him to face his biggest challenge yet, Juvie.”

Main Character

ALECIA CRENSHAW

AKA "OFFICER CRENSHAW"



(25yrs old) Female Juvenile Correctional Officer, driven by greed and power.

Officer Crenshaw breaks every rule as she seeks to infiltrate gang knowledge, contraband and recruitment throughout the prison.

Main Character

DARNELL CRENSHAW

"CUDDY"



30 yrs old) Brother of Officer Crenshaw and OG for the ruthless street gang "Brick 9"

Cuddy utilizes his sister's connections to recruit young inmates and traffic drugs through the prison.

Main Character

SGT. LOGAN

AKA "SARG"

“(48yrs old) Bull dog disposition at work, but a compassionate loving husband and father. Head Sgt. for Long Meadow Juvenile corrections,

Logan is fueled by policy and structure and is taken for a loop when a street gang begins to infiltrate the prison with drugs, contraband and recruitment.

Main Character

JUVIE

CALEB VASQUEZ



“(34 yrs old) Childhood friend of McKenzie, Caleb is a Science teacher at Longmeadow and encourages McKenzie to take the job as a therapist.

His sensitive and receptive demeanor and handsomely imposing appearance creates a convenient and tempting avenue of support and friendship for McKenzie.

Main Character

OCEAN MATEEN



“(30yrs old) Sexy, exotic, impulsive. An electrician by trade and vocal artist at heart, he is always between jobs fighting to pay bills and feed his artistic passion much to the disappointment of his love interest,

McKenzie who feels he should invest his time with establishing secure and steady employment. Ocean struggles with the conflict of being “good enough” for his counterpart or seeking comfort in the familiar surroundings of an “around the way girl”.

Supporting Character

WARDEN BEVERLY LAMONT



(47 yrs old) Warden Beverly Lamont-Chief Warden for Long Meadow Juvenile Corrections. She runs a tight ship as the first Black female warden in Long Meadow history. She presents as somewhat detached and overly independent, barely leaving any emotional space for laughter or love. She is emotionally baffled when an impulsive affair with a corrections officer shifts her out of her comfort zone.

DR. SANDRA BERRY



(52 yrs old) Chief Psychologist for the Mental Health unit of the prison. She appears more interested in the Q & A of charts and passing audits than the actual therapeutic engagement of her staff.

Her perfectly pressed pant suits and expressionless Botox brows appear to convey her overall goal of orchestrating damage control and maintaining her impressive salary.

HARDY



(40 yrs old) McKenzie's colleague, fellow mental health therapist, Hardy is handsome and endearing yet annoyingly clueless in relation to cultural sensitivity or political correctness.

Dating his first Black girlfriend, he's often distorted in his perceptions, tipping the boundaries of what is accepted and appropriate in the Black community.

HUNTER

JUVIE

DREAM



(18yrs old) Juvie resident. Conflicted by the harsh rules of gang culture, he becomes a target when he reaches out to help the wrong person.



(16yrs old) Unyielding optimist with somewhat unrealistic plans and goal setting.

Dream keeps the audience laughing with his infectious humor and appreciation for finding the good and hope in each day.

DAHSHREEN AMIN



STACEYANN HENRY



SHOW CREATORS

Creator, Producer, Writer/Director and Licensed Mental Health Therapist.

Creator, Producer, Creative Director, and Youth Advocate/Mentor.

NAEEM LARGE



RE MIDY



Original Music/Lyrics By

Season 1

Samantha Newsome “Sam”, a 17- year- old transgender girl attracts the attention of a group of neighborhood boys on the basketball court. The boys, unaware that Sam is Transgender, surround her with a barrage of sexualized compliments competing for her attention. Once the boys are told that Sam is “a boy”, they engage in a vicious mob assault leaving her bruised and bloodied. Sam gathers herself and resurfaces moments later in dark sweats, a hoodie and brandishing a GUN. In a frenzied retaliation, she runs over to the boys and sprays a hail of bullets across the basketball court.

6 MONTHS LATER...

Alana McKenzie, “McKenzie” a new Psychology Grad prepares for her first day at Long Meadow Juvenile Correctional Center, one of the worst Juvenile prisons in all of Baltimore. McKenzie dresses in a sensible pantsuit, totes a new briefcase and reviews her most recent notes from grad school, but nothing can prepare her for the jail initiation she faces on her first day. Coming into the gate, she is “accidentally” groped by a security guard during search, stumbles into a gang riot in the school hall, and witnesses the physical abuse and cover up of an inmate.

McKenzie struggles to survive the constant challenges of jail life as she soon realizes that almost everyone is corrupt and orchestrating their own secret agendas.

Episodes/Concepts



EP.1

WELCOME TO LONG MEADOW

Alana “McKenzie” a new Psychology grad begins her first day as a Mental Health Therapist at Long Meadow Juvenile Correctional Center. After witnessing an inmate abuse and cover up, McKenzie learns very quickly to trust no one.

EP.3

OLD FRIENDS

McKenzie reunites with an old college friend, fellow coworker at Long Meadow, Caleb. An awkward, yet tantalizing connection begins to brew as Caleb helps her navigate through some of the daily challenges of jail culture.

EP.2

CALL ME SAM

McKenzie is assigned a new inmate, Sam, a 17 yr. old Transgender Female. McKenzie puts her safety and job on the line as she inadvertently connects with a gang affiliate in attempts to call off a “hit” on Sam.

EP.4

JAIL DEBT

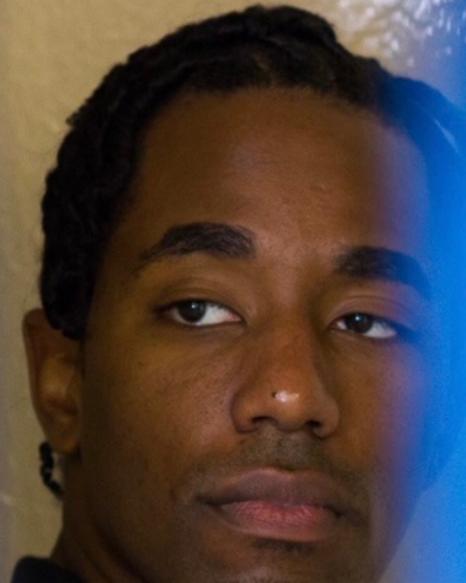
A sudden rise in gang recruits, violence and staff corruption reveals the truth about Long Meadow as McKenzie struggles in her new role of Therapist, confidant and protector.

THE WORLD OF JUVIE



Capitalizing on Mass Incarceration

U.S. Growth in Private Prisons



Gang Problems in Juvenile Detention and Correctional Facilities

Gangs clearly present significant problems in juvenile detention and correctional facilities. There is evidence that, in addition to contributing to institutional violence, ...

Protect all children even if they are not yours.

Nearly three-quarters of **youth** behind bars suffer from **mental health** issues. Most kids entering **juvenile detention** have been disadvantaged by poverty and lack of resources, and more than 70% have **mental health disorders** that often go unseen and untreated, experts say. Sep 4, 2020

1300% difference in sentencing

Chase Legleitner
Armed Robbery at 19
No contest plea
One misdemeanor prior
Total points: 138.2



2 Years in County

Same Judge



Lamar Lloyd
Armed Robbery at 21
No contest plea
One misdemeanor prior
Total Points: 138.2



26 Years in Prison

Three youth detention employees face felony charges relating to sexual abuse of underage inmates in Baltimore

Michaela Leggett

3 months ago





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