

“Internal Affairs. “

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Genre: 60 min Police Drama.

Logline: *The New Orleans Police have a history of racism and brutality, and when a newly formed investigation unit tasked with combating police corruption is formed, the team is obstructed and threatened by their fellow officers and the political establishment.*

Genera: *Police dramas like “Homicide Life on the Streets” or “The Wire.”*

John Ritter, a former FBI agent, forced to retire after a Tweeter war with the President, has been recruited to lead the revamped Internal Affairs, Special Investigations unit by the new Superintendent of Police Angela Gonzalez. A Biracial Lesbian, who fought her way up through the ranks of DCPD and was hired to shake up the New Orleans Police Department. SI Gonzalez has tasked Ritter with recruiting a diverse group of detectives, including, Juan Vasquez, a Hispanic Dreamer from the Swat team. Joe Montain, an ex-homicide detective who has some skeletons in his closet, Judy Tate, who quit NOPD due to sexual harassment and Tim Alona a local Creole Deputy Sheriff who is tired of standing by while cops get away with murder.

Pilot: Gonzalez convinces Ritter to join her quest for criminal justice reform. Ritter goes forth to recruit Joe, Juan, Judy, and Tim all of whom are reluctant to join his team as they have resigned themselves to the corruption of the NOPD and not thrilled to go after their own. A famous rapper and movie star JFK OG arrives in the French Quarter to celebrate his best friend's bachelor party. Veteran NOPD officer Bubby Dupre shows his rookie partner Tom Thibodaux the dark racist side of NOLA law enforcement. Ocha Montano and Josh Duggar, a group of local shoplifters, almost get busted during a sting operation causing Ocha to wonder if Josh is a rat. Just when Ritter is ready to give up on his new team Judy, Juan, Tim, and Joe show up to join the IA unit. JFK OG runs into Bubby and Thibodaux when he gives a stripper he met a ride home, and it ends with him being shot and killed.

The arc of the first season

After the Unit is up and running they investigate Bubby's shooting of JFK OG during a minor traffic stop bringing the new NOPD Superintendent, her IA unit and the city into the national spotlight and sparking the debate of Police shootings of unarmed Black men adding pressure to Ritter and his team to prove that they are up to the task. Ritter gets Thibodaux to testify only to have him flee after his fellow officers threaten to kill him. The IA unit finds another witness and evidence to prove Bubby executed OG, but they run up against obstruction from the DA who wants to demonize JFK for having drugs in his system. Gonzalez is targeted by a Christian group who want her out due to her sexuality.

The other detectives of the unit will investigate crimes of police corruption such as a sex trafficking Vice detective and shakedowns of drug dealers by street cops. A side story of a local crime ring that specializes in shoplifting and an undercover state police detective who is investigating them will converge with the IA unit. An ICE agent who has targeted Juan for deportation regardless of his DACA status. The season will end with Bubby being convicted of murder. The cliff hanger for the next season will focus on a body that is found by the local sheriffs turns out to have been a local criminal who was last seen in the custody of the NOPD homicide unit setting up the major investigation for the next season.

In the history of police shows Internal Affairs units have always been depicted as the bad guys, but in this reverse cop show, they are the heroes who investigate police abuse. This drama will represent how we would like to see real police departments respond to misconduct and Police brutality. The main characters like those in other successful police dramas are dedicated to protecting the innocent and investigating the bad cops. Our heroes will come under fire from fellow officers and even from those in city hall and the media trying to protect the status quo.