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Season One

Episode 1

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Summary: Police break down the door of the Millers' family home. Teenage Jamie is arrested and taken in for questioning but insists he's done nothing wrong.



The episode kicks into gear with a voice message on DI Luke Bascombe's phone. His son, Adam, insists that he is sick and unable to go to school. Bascombe briefly talks about it with his partner, DS Misha Frank. Moments later, they break into the Miller family residence with a contingent of armed police officers who arrest 13-year-old teenager Jamie Miller. Jamie's father, Eddie, berates the police for harassing his family, but their complaints are ignored, and Jamie is taken away in a police van. He arrives at the Heywood

Street Police Station, where he is processed and sent into a cell. Meanwhile, his parents are kept in the visitor's room, where Bascombe greets them and lets them know that Jamie has chosen Eddie as his appropriate adult.

The cops continue to process Jamie as his father is finally allowed to spend some time with him in the cell. The young boy repeatedly pleads his innocence even though the case details are scantily explained to the audience thus far. Meanwhile, a local solicitor named Paul Barlow arrives at the station to represent Jamie in the case. He consults with the Miller family before talking with Bascombe and Frank directly to get more specifics. However, he is told nothing, and Barlow accompanies Eddie to the medical room, where Jamie is brought in for some tests. Everyone waits around as the boy's headshots, biometrics, and blood samples are taken. Things get complicated when the police announce the need for a strip search. Although Eddie is against it, there is no other option. He watches the cops carry out a strip search on his son.

Barlow takes Eddie and Jamie into a separate room where he teaches the latter the importance of saying "No comment" for questions that feel slightly loaded. He tests Jamie on the concept and sees that he understands it quite well. Not long after, the trio are brought into the interrogation room, where Bascombe and Frank start recording the conversation. The latter questions Jamie about his school life and connection to one individual, Katie Leonard. She was murdered at a local car park, and Jamie is the main suspect. Based on social media records, Bascombe believes that Katie was Jamie's friend. When Jamie remains unhelpful to the conversation, Bascombe produces CCTV footage of the car park, which clearly shows Jamie stabbing Katie multiple times.

The interview ends, and Eddie comes to terms with his son's heinous crime, embracing him in shock.

Episode 2

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Guest Stars: Ashley Walters (DI Luke Bascombe), Faye Marsay (DS Misha Frank), Hannah Walters (Mrs Bailey), Jo Hartley (Mrs. Fenumore), Fatima Bo-jang (Jade), Kaine Davis (Ryan), Amari Bacchus (Adam Bascombe), Austin Haynes (Fredo), Adam Khan (Tau), Faraz Ayub (Mr Malik), Lewis Pemberton (Tommy), Alfie Ward (Moray), Charlie McSweeney (Shaun), Elodie Grace Walker (Georgie), Melissa Johns (Carla), Rob-bie O'Neill (Mr Garfield), Craig Cheetham (Mr Hutchinson), Jonathan Ojinnaka (Mr Curtis), Amelia Minto (Billie)
Summary: The police look for answers — and the weapon — at Jamie's school. They can't get any leads from his friends, until DI Bascombe's son offers to help.



After establishing the basic details of the case and the main suspect in the crime, DI Luke Bascombe takes a trip to Bruntwood Academy, the school attended by Jamie, Katie, and his son, Adam. He and DS Misha Frank meet up with school teacher Mrs. Fenumore, who helps them get into the school's premises to spread the word to different students and also get to the bottom of the missing murder weapon. Bascombe believes that someone from the school might have info on the murder weapon, which is crucial in pin-

ning Jamie to the crime. However, it proves more difficult than he imagines as the chaotic atmosphere of the school interferes with the detectives' desire to rationally approach the case. This is particularly exacerbated during their talk with Jade, Katie's best friend in school.

During the exchange, Jade gets annoyed with Bascombe and Frank for asking her obvious questions and storms out of the room. The two detectives then start calling into separate classrooms to announce brief details about the case and the need for help from certain students. Meanwhile, Bascombe skirts around the issue that his son, Adam, also attends the school, albeit two years senior to Jamie and Katie. The detective inspector runs into his son while announcing the case's details in his classroom, where he sees Adam being heckled by a boy named Fredo. Before any headway can be made into the case, the school alarm goes off mysteriously, and every student is sent out into the yard in an orderly fashion. Bascombe and Frank have no choice but to follow the standard protocol.

Outside, an angry Jade punches Ryan straight in the face and walks away. Ryan and Tommy are two of Jamie's closest friends, and Jade decides to take out her frustration about her friend's death on one of them. Ryan is led to the infirmary, which springs Bascombe into action. He and Frank follow the boy to the nurse's room, where they sit down to talk to him about Jamie. Although his answers remain unhelpful, Bascombe realizes that he may be hiding something

important. The mystery remains unanswered as Ryan leaves the room in a haste to rejoin his classes. Meanwhile, school teacher Mrs. Bailey talks with Jade about her angry outburst. Jade reveals that she feels lost now that Katie is dead. However, the young girl does not intend to speak to a social worker and flees again.

Adam flags DI Luke Bascombe right outside his school classroom. The latter is surprised that his son is not in class. Adam says that there is something important Bascombe must learn, and he is willing to tell him about it privately. Mrs. Fenimore helps father and son find an empty room. Inside, Adam explains that Bascombe and his people are misunderstanding the social media posts linking Jamie and Katie. He states that Katie's use of specific emojis under some of Jamie's posts could be linked to incel accusations directed towards the boy. The detective works out that Katie might have been bullying Jamie, which could be the motive for the crime. He asks Adam if his reading is correct, but the latter refuses to confirm or deny it. He simply wants to help point his father in the right direction after watching him "blunder" around.

Bascombe breaks the news to Frank after stepping outside the room while Adam heads back to class. The two detectives then head back to one of their already visited classes with the express intention of questioning Ryan, who they believe is still hiding something. Ryan starts running as soon as Bascombe enters the room. The detective chases him out of the school's premises until he finally gets his hands on him. He applies more pressure on Ryan until he finally reveals that the knife Jamie used to murder Katie belonged to him. However, he insists that he no longer knows where the knife is. Bascombe and Frank put Ryan under arrest, accusing him of conspiracy to murder as they take him back to the station. The former decides to stay back for a while as he has other matters to attend to.

After a slow walk back to the school grounds, Bascombe flags Adam down, asking him if he is willing to join him for food. Although Adam is hesitant at the start, he softens after hearing his father say that he loves him and wants to spend more time with him. The two get in the car and decide to head to a Chinese restaurant for some chips at Adam's suggestion. We notice an upset Jade walking away from the school after an emotional day, coming to terms with her friend's passing. The camera zooms away, hovering over the neighborhood until it reaches the car park where Katie was murdered. People lay down bouquets to show respect for the young girl. A man exits a car to place flowers on the memorial site. The man is Eddie. The camera zooms on his pained expression before he leaves the place.

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Episode 3

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Guest Stars: Erin Doherty (Briony Ariston), Douglas Russell (Victor), Tajinder Singh Chana (Charlie), Claudius Peters (Frank)
Summary: Jamie meets with a psychologist. He's reluctant to speak at first, but eventually he opens up about his complex feelings towards Katie.



The third episode kicks straight into gear seven months after Katie's murder. Jamie is now held at the Standling Secure Training Center, a sort of mental institute for kids who have been involved in difficult situations. Psychologist Briony Ariston enters the facility with the express intention of conducting a session with Jamie. The two have been in conversation with each other for a while, but it is evident that Briony still has unfinished business with him. She brings him some hot chocolate with his favorite toppings

and a sandwich for him to enjoy. As soon as they sit down, Briony begins questioning him about a variety of topics, albeit centering on the subject of masculinity. The conversation swings back and forth, with Jamie feeling slightly uncomfortable about the prospect of being tricked by Briony.

Briony asks Jamie several questions about his dad, which clearly agitates him. His defensiveness only increases until he has a major outburst, shouting at Briony for her tactics. A small break is arranged, and the psychologist heads out to get a breather. She watches Jamie on the security footage, trying to glean more through his body language and actions. Back in the room, the two reestablish the protocols of their doctor-client relationship, and Jamie accepts her next round of questioning. They once again talk about the topic of masculinity. Jamie recounts a sexual encounter he had with two girls of his age and how he touched their chests. He also states that they touched his privates. However, it seemingly made him uncomfortable. The young boy is unwilling to divulge more, stating that he believes himself to be "ugly."

Jamie has another outburst at Briony, angry at the control she is exerting in the room. Once his anger is put in check and he sits down, Briony addresses the crux of the conversation, the social media stuff that happened between Jamie and Katie. She asks him to explain what Katie did to him and what he thought he was doing when he showed up to meet her with the knife. The boy constantly showcases a confused state of mind whenever Briony pronounces Katie as "dead," almost as if he does not recognize the extent of his actions, which is understandable given his age. Once the answers are out, Briony informs Jamie that this is their final session, which agitates him even more. He tries asking Briony if she thought of him as a "good person" throughout their time. Briony is unable to answer as he is led away. She cries in the empty room before leaving.

Episode 4

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Guest Stars: Austin Haynes (Fredo), Bidi Iredale (Eileen), Kaya Moore (Terry), Joe Barber (Quint), Liam Hawkins-Finnegan (Paul)
Summary: On Eddie's birthday, the Millers try to celebrate like everything is normal. But a series of upsetting events threatens to send the family over the edge.



Thirteen months after the incident, Eddie Miller is having his birthday with his wife Amanda and daughter Lisa at the Miller residency. Eddie unpacks a birthday card from Jamie, which contains a portrait of his father drawn by the latter. While there is a slightly upbeat tone in the household, it is destroyed when Lisa informs her father that someone has vandalized his van outside with a slur. He goes out and sees the word "Nonce" graffitied on the side of the plumbing van. He gets some soap water and tries to rub it out instantly, agi-

tating his wife and daughter. The community watches in fascination at the Miller's antics. Eddie learns that the culprits behind the vandalization are a couple of schoolboys looking to prank him. When the word doesn't come off, Eddie informs his family that they are heading to Wainwrights to find something that will get the paint off the van.

Lisa is unsure why she has to accompany her parents as well. Eddie explains that after the vandalization, he feels it is dangerous for any of them to stay alone in the house. They get in the car and head out, with Eddie finally managing to calm down a little while he talks with his wife about how they were back in school—unfortunately, the terrible mood returns once the family enters the supermarket to get their own things. Eddie runs into a local shop worker who recognizes him as Jamie's father. The boy makes a series of insensitive comments that make Eddie highly uncomfortable. He gets his hand on some paint thinner and heads out as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, his daughter and wife are unaware of the stress he is trying to grapple with on all sides.

On the way to the van in the parking lot, Eddie realizes that the young boys who vandalized his car are watching him from a nearby fence hole. He charges them down and catches one of them. He pushes the boy around, asking his reasons for coming after him and his family. The whole incident was their attempt at having some fun at the Miller's expense. He is disgusted by their behavior, especially considering what he has to put up with. He lets the boy go after threatening him to stay away from him and his family moving forward. Eddie then goes back to the car and throws the fresh paint he bought from the store over his vandalized van. His wife and daughter watch in shock and tears as Eddie has a verbal spat with the mall security. The family backs out of the parking lot in total silence and shock over what transpired.

On the way home, the family receives a call from Jamie, who is still at the Standling Secure Training Center. Jamie wishes his father a happy birthday, although the tone inside the van

remains glum and depressed. Eddie tries to pick up a normal conversational tone with Jamie, keeping everything that just happened a secret from the boy. However, he is stunned when Jamie tells him that he has been reflecting a lot over the last few weeks and months and wishes to change his plea to guilty. Eddie is overcome with emotions, and his wife and daughter try to pick up the conversation with Jamie, who is surprised to learn that the call has been on speaker the whole time. He talks with Amanda and Lisa for a short while before cutting the call. Eddie parks the car outside the Miller house and heads inside while Lisa and Amanda take a moment for themselves.

Once inside the house, Amanda breaks down in tears at the uncontrollable factors tearing their family's peace and tranquility. She heads upstairs to meet up with Eddie, who has changed into a fresh shirt for the family's movie plans. However, Amanda insists that it is not necessary for them to head out anymore. Although disappointed, Eddie is relieved to learn the news. He and Amanda then start talking about everything that just happened and the conversation with Jamie. It is clear that Eddie is having a hard time expressing everything he is going through, especially with the pain of losing his son and not being able to stop him before he embarked on a destructive path. The mother and father share a poignant moment, reflecting on their parental responsibilities and the guilt they feel over not being there to course-correct Jamie.

Although Eddie and Amanda are aware that they could not have stopped Jamie, they still harbor an immense sense of guilt and remorse for taking their eye off the ball for just a moment. In their own way, they both feel individually guilty about what happened as a result. Eddie is even more stricken with pain that he could not protect Jamie more once he saw the tape in the police station. He admits that maybe Amanda would have fared much better if she went in as Jamie's appropriate adult rather than him. She reminds him that Jamie has always idolized him. In some ways, she believes that Jamie wanted Eddie to see it because he thought that the latter would always have his back. Now, they can do nothing except wallow in what they could have done to stop it while moving forward the best they can.

The family manages to regain some of their poise as Lisa heads upstairs to inform them that they can have their cinema plans at home. She also tells them that she does not want to move away just because of people's ostracization, stating that people will eventually find out who they are anywhere they go, and things will keep getting worse. Eddie prepares to join his wife and daughter for movie night and celebrate what is left of his birthday. However, first, he goes into Jamie's room and takes a moment to himself. He curls up on his son's bed and finally allows the emotions and grief to overwhelm him as he sobs uncontrollably. The poignant moment shows that, in a way, the Millers have also lost their son, which is going to leave a scar for the rest of time.

Actor Appearances

_____ A _____

Faraz Ayub 1
0102 (Mr Malik)

_____ B _____

Amari Bacchus 1
0102 (Adam Bascombe)
Joe Barber 1
0104 (Quint)
Neil Bell 1
0101 (Sgt Golding)
Fatima Bojang 1
0102 (Jade)

_____ C _____

Connor Calland 1
0101 (PC Jenkins)
Tajinder Singh Chana 1
0103 (Charlie)
Craig Cheetham 1
0102 (Mr Hutchinson)

_____ D _____

Kaine Davis 1
0102 (Ryan)
Erin Doherty 1
0103 (Briony Ariston)

_____ F _____

Jon Furlong 1
0101 (Derek)

_____ H _____

Jo Hartley 1
0102 (Mrs. Fenimore)
Liam Hawkins-Finnegan 1
0104 (Paul)
Austin Haynes 2
0102 (Fredo); 0104 (Fredo)
Emilia Holliday 1
0101 (Katie)
Anne Hornby 1
0101 (Tonia Simpson)

_____ I _____

Bidi Iredale 2
0101 (Eileen); 0104 (Eileen)

_____ J _____

Melissa Johns 1
0102 (Carla)
Jay Johnson 1
0101 (PC Grogan)

_____ K _____

Adam Khan 1
0102 (Tau)

_____ M _____

Faye Marsay 2
0101 (DS Misha Frank); 0102 (DS Misha Frank)
Faye McKeever 1
0101 (Erica)
Charlie McSweeney 1
0102 (Shaun)
Amelia Minto 1
0102 (Billie)
Kaya Moore 1
0104 (Terry)

_____ O _____

Robbie O'Neill 1
0102 (Mr Garfield)
Jonathan Ojinnaka 1
0102 (Mr Curtis)

_____ P _____

Lewis Pemberton 1
0102 (Tommy)
Claudius Peters 1
0103 (Frank)

_____ R _____

Douglas Russell 1
0103 (Victor)

_____ S _____

Mark Stanley 1
0101 (Paulie Barlow)

_____ W _____

Elodie Grace Walker 1
0102 (Georgie)

Ashley Walters.....2
 0101 (DI Luke Bascombe); 0102 (DI Luke Bascombe)
Hannah Walters..... 1
 0102 (Mrs Bailey)
Alfie Ward..... 1
 0102 (Moray)