

The Thing About Pam Episode Guide

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Season One

She's a Good Friend

Season 1

Episode Number: 1

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Tuesday March 8, 2022
Teleplay: Jessika Borsiczky, Jenny Klein
Director: Scott Winant
Show Stars: Renée Zellweger (Pam Hupp), Katy Mixon (Betsy Faria), Judy Greer (Leah Askey), Josh Duhamel (Joel Schwartz), Glenn Fleshler (Russ Faria), Gideon Adlon (Mariah Day), Sean Bridgers (Mark Hupp), Mac Brandt (Det. McCarrick), Suanne Spoke (Janet)
Guest Stars: Adam David Thompson (Capt. Mike Lang), Patricia French (Minnie), Catherine Carlen (Bonnie), Michael Carollo (Officer Divozzo), Morgan Roberts (Evan), Barry Clifton (Jerry), William McGovern (Jim), Dickson Obahor (Sean Walker), Ricky Catter (Gus), Merah Benoit (Leah Askey's daughter), Jesse Scott Egan (Detective Merkel), Elton LeBlanc (Juror #5), Victoria Harris (CSI Tech)
Summary: Meet Pam Hupp, Betsy Faria's close friend and the last person to see her alive after dropping Betsy off at home on the night of her murder. Betsy's husband, Russ Faria, makes a distraught call to 9-1-1.



The episode opens with viewers meeting Pam Hupp, a real estate agent from Troy, Missouri. Betsy lives with her husband, Mark, and children, Travis and Sarah. She is best friends with Betsy Faria, her neighbor/co-worker who has cancer and is undergoing treatment. The scene then shifts to December 27, 2011. Betsy is at her mother's place spending time with her two daughters, her husband, Russ, and mother, Janet.

Pam calls Betsy and insists that Betsy should return home. She reminds Betsy of her health and offers to drive her home. Meanwhile, Russ spends the evening with

his friends playing some board games. Pam arrives at Janet's place and picks up Betsy. Together, they head to their neighborhood. Before dropping off Betsy, Pam calls her husband and establishes an alibi for herself. Although Pam and Betsy decide to spend some time together and watch a movie, Betsy never calls Pam. Pam becomes worried and calls Janet.

Later at night, Russ finishes his game and, after having a snack, returns home. He finds Betsy dead and is devastated. She has multiple stab wounds, and her wrists have been slit. Russ calls 911, but his distressful reaction to the death before his eyes leaves a wrong impression on the police. Captain Mike Lang and Detective McCarrick lead the investigation of the case. Despite the impression of suicide, the duo is convinced that there is a foul play angle to the crime. The multiple stab wounds indicate that the murder was a crime of passion. Thus, they suspect Russ of being the killer. After speaking to Pam, their suspicion of Russ solidifies, and the police arrest Russ on charges of murdering his own wife.

The first episode establishes the circumstances of Betsy's death, which are not only shocking but also very mysterious. For instance, Pam's activities are suspicious from the very start. Her over-attentive nature towards Betsy and her meddling in Betsy's personal life indicate that Pam

might not be the friend she projects herself to be in front of Betsy and others. Therefore, when the police arrive to talk with Pam, it is no surprise that she doesn't hold back on revealing details of Betsy's personal life.

According to Pam, Betsy, and Russ' marriage wasn't particularly good. Pam's words imply that Russ is to blame for their poor marriage and Pam's volatile mental state. However, we know this isn't true from Pam's conversation with Betsy. While the couple had issues in the past, Betsy was happy about the efforts Russ was making. Therefore, it is surprising to see Pam's testimony stacking against Russ. Pam also claims that she hardly knew Russ.

On the other hand, Russ thinks fondly of Pam and considers her Betsy's confidant. Russ' testimony allows the police to rule out Pam as a suspect. Instead, based on the forensics evidence and the 911 call made by Russ, the police suspect him of being the murderer. Pam paints Russ as a man with a temper, and his marital issues with Betsy make him susceptible to committing a crime of passion. Therefore, all the evidence thus far points towards Russ being the culprit.

In the episode's final moments, Lincoln County Prosecutor Leah Askey arrives at the police station. She obtains information about Betsy's murder and learns of Russ' potential involvement in the crime. Thus, it is clear that Russ will face legal actions, and the truth about his role in Betsy's death will be revealed soon. However, the ending also hints that the police are making a grave mistake by overlooking Pam as a potential suspect.

She's a Helper

Season 1
Episode Number: 2
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Tuesday March 15, 2022
Writer: Jenny Klein
Director: Scott Winant
Show Stars: Renée Zellweger (Pam Hupp), Katy Mixon (Betsy Faria), Judy Greer (Leah Askey), Josh Duhamel (Joel Schwartz), Glenn Fleshler (Russ Faria), Gideon Adlon (Mariah Day), Sean Bridgers (Mark Hupp), Mac Brandt (Det. McCarrick), Suanne Spoke (Janet)
Guest Stars: Jeff Ryan Baker (Louis Gumpenberger), Catherine Carlen (Bonnie), Ben Chase (Nate Swanson), Barry Clifton (Jerry), Randall D. Cunningham (Polygrapher), Jesse Scott Egan (Detective Merkel), Patricia French (Minnie), Sarah Stipe (Sarah Hupp), Adam David Thompson (Capt. Mike Lang), Rachael Thompson (Tina)
Summary: Pam becomes a source of support not just for Betsy's family, but for law enforcement and District Attorney Leah Askey as they build their case. Russ hires Joel Schwartz, a top criminal defense attorney from St. Louis.



The episode opens with Pam comforting Betsy's mother, Janet. However, Pam also makes some crude remarks about Betsy's relationship with Russ. Janet and Betsy discuss Russ' tendency to get angry quickly. Betsy's daughter, Mariah, grows concerned for Russ. On the other hand, her sister, Leah, reveals that Russ chased her ex-boyfriend out of their house with a baseball bat. Mariah heads to the police station to check in on Russ but can't meet him.

Meanwhile, Russ fails his polygraph test. He is detained by the police and questioned for 24 hours straight. How-

ever, the police fail to get a confession out of Russ, and he is allowed to leave. Nonetheless, Russ remains a prime suspect in the case. The police talk to Pam's husband, Mark, but Pam is also present during the conversation. She informs the police that Betsy was planning to send an email to her detailing an incident with Russ. Thus, the police narrow down on a possible cause and arrest Russ.

After Russ is arrested, he demands a lawyer. Joel Schwartz arrives in town to defend Russ in the case. In their first meeting, Joel is skeptical of Russ' innocence. However, he soon realizes that Russ has a solid alibi and becomes convinced that Russ is innocent. He begins to prepare the arguments he will present in court in Russ' defense. However, Joel's job becomes difficult due to the lack of other probable suspects in the case. Moreover, Leah Askey, the prosecutor Joel will be facing in court, restricts his access to crucial evidence. Nonetheless, Joel and his partner conduct their own research and prepare an argument to plead Russ' innocence.

Towards the episode's end, a shocking revelation comes to light that will change the course of the Betsy Faria murder case. Before her death, Betsy had changed the beneficiary of her life insurance policy from Russ to Pam. The policy worth \$150,000 is supposed to be used for the

welfare of Leah and Mariah. Thus, the policy's revelation provides two arguments — one for the defense and the other for the prosecutor.

Askey plans on highlighting the change of beneficiary in Betsy's insurance policy as a motive for Russ to kill Betsy. However, she will need a strong testimony to prove her point in front of the jury. Thus, she convinces Pam to become a witness in the case. Moreover, the judge and a few of the jurors are Askey's friends, which will make it difficult for Joel to swing the case in Russ' favor.

However, on paper, Joel seems to have a good chance of proving Russ is innocent. Firstly, Russ has a strong alibi, and no traces of blood were found on his clothes. No forensics evidence exists that directly links him to Betsy's murder. The only arguments against him are that the murder looks like a crime of passion, thereby making Russ a prime suspect.

Moreover, the change in Betsy's insurance policy gives him a strong motive to kill. However, Joel plans on using this argument in favor of Russ. He has evidence that Pam is in financial trouble and wants to prove that she killed Betsy to gain access to the money left behind by her friend.

She's a Star Witness

Season 1

Episode Number: 3

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Tuesday March 22, 2022
Writer: Kirk A. Moore
Director: Logan Kibens
Show Stars: Renée Zellweger (Pam Hupp), Katy Mixon (Betsy Faria), Judy Greer (Leah Askey), Josh Duhamel (Joel Schwartz), Glenn Fleshler (Russ Faria), Gideon Adlon (Mariah Day), Sean Bridgers (Mark Hupp), Mac Brandt (Det. McCarrick), Suanne Spoke (Janet)
Guest Stars: Galen Bryant Banks (Plastic Surgeon), Tom Cain (Bailiff), Ricky Catter (Gus), Lena Clark (Lisa), Jesse Scott Egan (Detective Merkel), Clayton Eustis (Young Sarah), Anthony Michael Frederick (Firefighter), Patricia French (Minnie), Chad Governale (Courtroom Baliff), Lara Grice (Cousin Mary), David Kors (Juror #3), Michael Krikorian (Greg Chatton), Olivia Luccardi (Lily Day), Heather Magee (Judge Mennemeyer), Ann Mahoney (Tammy), William McGovern (Jim), Dickson Obahor (Sean Walker), Cindy Pol (Whitney), Morgan Roberts (Evan), Jeff Robins (Juror #2), Billy Slaughter (Scott), Adam David Thompson (Capt. Mike Lang), Rachael Thompson (Tina), Alec Zais (Young Mark Hupp)
Summary: Pam gets her 15 minutes of fame when D.A. Askey calls her to the stand as a witness for the prosecution even as Joel tries to poke holes in the case against Russ.



The episode opens with Pam preparing for the trial of Russ Faria. She is listed as a key witness in the trial by prosecutor Leah Askey. However, defense attorney, Joel Schwartz, believes that Pam should be treated as a potential suspect in the murder of Betsy Faria. Schwartz realizes that Askey is using her contacts in the small town to bend the case's outcome in her favor. Meanwhile, Pam coaxes her neighbor into updating her about the events of the trial while she waits in the witness room.

Askey meets with Mariah and tries to guide her about the testification process.

Elsewhere, producer of 'NBC Dateline' Cathy Singer gets wind of the Betsy Farai murder case. She begins to prepare to cover the case for her show. Betsy and Pam discuss their approach to the trial while Schwartz receives the witness list for the trial. Schwartz talks with Russ and informs the step-father that his daughters have been called as witnesses. Schwartz believes that Askey will try to assassinate Russ' character in court, and they should use any dirt Russ has on his daughters. However, Russ is apprehensive of the idea.

At the trial, Askey systematically prevents Schwartz from sharing evidence that could implicate Pam as a suspect. Therefore, when Pam is called upon as a witness, Schwartz tries to get the judge, Chris Mennemeyer, to listen to his views on Betsy's life insurance policy that could provide a new direction to the case. Moreover, Schwartz tries to prove that Pam is not sticking to

her initial statement and is an unreliable witness. Nonetheless, Askey builds a solid case against Russ with the witnesses she has called. Thus, the chances of Schwartz proving Russ' innocence are bleak.

As the trial progresses, all of Schwartz's arguments are successfully countered by Askey. Moreover, it becomes evident that the judge is also in Askey's favor and is not allowing Schwartz to point the finger at Pam. After the testimony of Mariah, Russ' case becomes very weak. Mariah's testimony convinces the judge and the jury that Russ is capable of a crime such as murder. However, Schwartz tries to save the day by resting all his hopes on Russ' alibi. He calls Russ' friends with whom he spent the evening of December 27 to prove that Russ could not have reached home in time to kill Betsy. The witness testimonies confirm that Russ was away from home around the time of the murder. Schwartz reaffirms the same with the help of Russ' phone records.

However, Askey counters Schwartz's claim by suggesting that Russ' friends helped him commit the crime and established his alibi. Askey leaves a solid impression on the jury during the closing arguments, seemingly sealing Russ's fate. Ultimately, based on the jury's decision, Judge Mennemeyer finds Russ guilty of first-degree murder and armed criminal action. She sentences Russ to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. While Schwartz tries to comfort Russ, the courtroom cheers Askey for bringing Russ to justice. The episode ends with Cathy Singer approaching Schwartz for a statement about the verdict. Schwartz exclaims that he will not give up fighting to prove Russ' innocence. Schwartz adds that he will be appealing against the ruling. Meanwhile, Pam transfers the money from Betsy's life insurance policy from the trust fund to her personal checking account.

She's a Loving Daughter

Season 1
Episode Number: 4
Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Tuesday March 29, 2022
Writer: Matt K. Turner
Director: Logan Kibens
Show Stars: Renée Zellweger (Pam Hupp), Katy Mixon (Betsy Faria), Judy Greer (Leah Askey), Josh Duhamel (Joel Schwartz), Glenn Fleshler (Russ Faria), Gideon Adlon (Mariah Day), Sean Bridgers (Mark Hupp), Mac Brandt (Det. McCarrick), Suanne Spoke (Janet)
Guest Stars: Catherine Carlen (Bobbie), Ron Centanni (Russ's Family Member), Ben Chase (Nate Swanson), Didi Costine (Teenage Witch), Jesse Scott Egan (Detective Merkel), Anthony Michael Frederick (Firefighter), Patricia French (Minnie), Lara Grice (Cousin Mary), Harper Herrin (Sarah), Michael Hinson (Channel 2 Reporter), Michael Krikorian (Greg Chatton), Olivia Luccardi (Lily Day), Ann Mahoney (Tammy), Kyler Porche (Randy Gunderson), Jeff Robins (Juror #2), Drew Scheid (Travis Hupp), Sarah Stipe (Sarah Hupp), Rachael Thompson (Tina), Emily Topper (Young Pam Hupp), Skip Bolen (News Photographer)
Summary: Pam starts to lose control as Russ' new trial looms—facing money troubles, a relentless "Dateline" producer and difficulty caring for her sick mother. Askey realizes Pam isn't the star witness she thought. Joel makes a breakthrough.



The episode opens with Pam and her family gathering to celebrate the birthday of her mother, Shirley Neumann. Shirley and Pam have a difficult relationship as Shirley believes Pam is only looking after her for the money in her will. A series of flashbacks detail Pam's youth and how she became a mother at a young age, and how her relationship with her own mother shapes her treatment of her daughter, Sarah.

The scene then shifts to a few years after Russ Faria's conviction. Pam and her husband have been facing financial struggles, and Pam is avoiding 'Dateline' producer Cathy Singer. Meanwhile, defense attorney Joel Schwartz is still fighting to prove that Russ is innocent and has been wrongfully convicted in the Betsy Faria murder case. He reveals to Russ that they have been granted a retrial in the light of Lily and Mariah's civil lawsuit against Pam for the insurance money.

Pam's deposition in the insurance money lawsuit adds credibility to Schwartz's case for defending Russ. Moreover, Schwartz also receives the Luminol Test pictures that he was denied access to during the first hearing. The photographs clearly prove that there was no blood on the floor and kitchen sink. There is also no sign of a clean-up in the pictures. Although Schwartz is confident of proving Russ' innocence, Russ himself remains skeptical.

At the hearing, Schwartz presents all the newfound evidence to the court. With witness testimonies, Schwartz proves that the letter found on Betsy's computer had been copied from a different computer, thereby confirming that Betsy did not write the letter. Ultimately, DA Leah

Askey decides not to call Pam as a witness, and Schwartz also does the same. The judge arrives at his verdict and acquits Russ of both the charges against him. Russ is finally proven innocent, but Pam's story takes a new turn in the episode's final moments.

Schwartz visits the DA's office to have a word with Askey. He offers to share his research that could implicate Pam in Betsy's murder. However, Askey refuses, still believing that Russ is the culprit.

While leaving the office, Schwartz notices that the envelope in which the Luminol Test pictures were delivered to him is the same as the one Askey's assistant, Tina, is using. Earlier in the episode, Tina tries to persuade Askey to look at Pam as a potential suspect. However, Askey promptly turns her down. Thus, it is evident that Tina sent the photos to Schwartz. Her conversation with Schwartz also confirms the same.

The episode gives viewers a look at Pam's relationship with her mother, Shirley. As Shirley is old, she suffers from many ailments and lives in an assisted living facility for the elderly. However, her relationship with Pam has remained problematic over the years, and Shirley continues to taunt Pam over her life choices. Shirley is particularly unhappy with Pam's decision to buy a house that her daughter, Sarah, was bidding on to kick-start her real estate career. Shirley expresses her displeasure and also threatens to expel Pam from her will. After their argument cools down, Pam offers her mother a drink before heading home.

Pam also informs the reception that her mother is unwell and will not be having dinner or breakfast. Pam's actions suggest that she has executed something sinister. With her financial condition already dire, Pam is no longer willing to risk losing the money from her mother's will, thereby giving her a motive to murder Shirley. The episode's final scene shows that the dead body of Shirley is discovered on the grounds of her apartment building by two by-passers. Thus, Shirley's death adds a new angle to Pam's story and her wicked machinations.

She's Not Who You Think She Is

Season 1

Episode Number: 5

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Tuesday April 05, 2022
Writer: Adam Lash, Cori Uchida
Director: Adam Kane
Show Stars: Renée Zellweger (Pam Hupp), Katy Mixon (Betsy Faria), Judy Greer (Leah Askey), Josh Duhamel (Joel Schwartz), Glenn Fleshler (Russ Faria), Gideon Adlon (Mariah Day), Sean Bridgers (Mark Hupp), Mac Brandt (Det. McCarrick), Suanne Spoke (Janet)
Guest Stars: Ben Chase (Nate Swanson), Olivia Luccardi (Lily Day), Alice Barrett (Cathy Singer), Patricia French (Minnie), Drew Scheid (Travis Hupp), Kenny Alfonso (Bob Rivers), Rachael Thompson (Tina), Dane Davenport (Mike Wood), Susan Shalhoub Larkin (Luci), Lara Grice (Cousin Mary), Michael Hinson (Channel 2 Reporter), Samantha Beaulieu (Friendly Nurse), Bill Martin Williams (Judge Ted House), Rob Steinberg (Michael J. Kruse), Nicole Francis Miller (Teen Pet Shop Employee), Cindy Pol (Whitney), Rachel G. Whittle (Realtor Sally), Lorna Street Dopson (Zumba Instructor), Jackson Kelly (Big Shot Manager), Keith Morrison (Keith Morrison (voice)), Carl A. Chauvin (Attorney)
Summary: Pam gains notoriety once the "Dateline" episode airs. As she squares off against Betsy's daughters in a civil suit for the insurance money, public opinion turns against her. Leah Askey finds her seat as District Attorney challenged by Mike Wood, whose campaign centers around Pam's connection to Betsy's murder.



The episode wastes no time in getting straight to the point by implying that Pam could've had a hand in a few strange deaths over the years. It opens with the Hupp family in Florida in 2003 and how she wishes to relocate to Michigan as soon as possible (with a lot of cash) following the passing of an older woman she knew, Mrs. Fitzgerald. Then, not only does it fast forward to touch upon the public's reaction towards her owing to an incriminating 'Dateline' segment, but it also raises important questions around her mother's 2013 demise.

It's producer Cathy Singer who begins this line of inquiry for an updated coverage in the NBC series, yet although she receives no direct answers from anyone, the one constant factor is Pam's refusal to speak out. With that said, people do get a look into who the flipper on disability really is, thanks to her testimony during the case against her for the insurance money by Betsy's daughters. That's where Pam reiterates her claims of having memory issues due to a "traumatic brain injury," never answers any question directly, and even concedes she lies when people bother her.

This last remark shocks everyone, but Pam wins the civil lawsuit anyway because there's no evidence that Betsy left the \$150,000 under her friend's name for her daughters. The fact that she literally skips out of the courtroom and still refuses to talk to reporters despite her comments

inside doesn't sit well with anyone either, leading to her gaining more notoriety (not the good kind). Even Pam's neighbor/friend turns against her owing to a blend of some old and these new aspects. Plus, a subsequent encounter drives one of Betsy's daughters to move to California for a fresh start.

Coming to the connection between Pam and District Attorney Leah Askey, that goes a little cold as well, especially as prosecutor Mike Wood decides to run against the latter for office by making this case his entire campaign. He even has a conversation with a now-exonerated Russ Faria's defense attorney, Joel Schwartz, to get every piece of information he can on Pam to make the best of the situation for all parties. Moreover, Tina again plays a crucial role by simply shredding the confirmation document for the "destruction of evidence" order previously given by Leah.

Pam's husband and son try to suggest that maybe they should move due to the animosity they're facing in their small town. However, in the end, while "taking care" of her unwell neighbor Minnie, Pam explains that she won't relocate because when there are obstacles or people in the way, you don't run; you "get rid of it." The visual of her shooting at a tree marked with a big red "X" during this declaration makes things all the more ominous, suggesting that she plans to take matters to the next level. Yet, Pam's efforts to harm the people she named will be different.

After all, she has already proven that she can affect others in distinct ways — whether through a letter under someone else's name or taking complete advantage of her infamy to tarnish reputations. In this episode itself, upon noting Betsy's daughter Mariah Day's lingering affection towards Russ, Pam sends her a rude note at her workplace with his name signed at the bottom. She genuinely breaks the young girl's heart until the latter recognizes the handwriting just a short while later. Furthermore, Pam goes to one of Leah Askey's public events — as part of her re-election campaign — and seemingly, deliberately makes herself known to drive away the general public coming the DA's way.

She's a Killer

Season 1

Episode Number: 6

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Tuesday April 12, 2022
Writer: Jenny Klein, Travis Sentell
Director: Adam Kane
Show Stars: Renée Zellweger (Pam Hupp), Katy Mixon (Betsy Faria), Judy Greer (Leah Askey), Josh Duhamel (Joel Schwartz), Glenn Fleshler (Russ Faria), Gideon Adlon (Mariah Day), Sean Bridgers (Mark Hupp), Mac Brandt (Det. McCarrick), Suanne Spoke (Janet)
Guest Stars: Ben Chase (Nate Swanson), Olivia Luccardi (Lily Day), Alice Barrett (Cathy Singer), Cuyle Carvin (Detective Brian Hilke), Kerry Cahill (Carol Alford), Jeff Ryan Baker (Louis Gumpenberger), Patricia French (Minnie), Drew Scheid (Travis Hupp), Rachael Thompson (Tina), Dane Davenport (Mike Wood), Sarah Stipe (Sarah), Jeremy Dean (Officer Carrigan), Michael Hinson (Channel 2 Reporter), Jay Pennington (Bradford Kessler), Kurt McKinney (Judge Cunningham), Jessie Terbonne (O'Fallon 911 Operator), Liz Reinhardt Delsa (Reporter #1), Becki Davis (Louis' Mom), Luke Sexton (PV Fake Louis), Keith Morrison (Keith Morrison (voice))
Summary: Pam goes to shocking and absurd extremes to extricate herself from the web of lies she has spun. Some measure of justice, redemption and hope is finally found.



The episode picks up right from the ending of the previous installment to emphasize the way desperation can make people go to extremes. After all, having avowed to "get rid of" those in her way to divert the negative public, media, and legal attention from herself, Pam Hupp sets her carefully concocted plan into motion. The episode actually opens up with a look into her preparation for the same, which brings not just her deliberate intention but also her seemingly morbid fascination with crime-based books to light.

Once Pam is sure that her family is out of the house and everything else is in place, she poses as 'Dateline' producer Cathy Singer, knowing it would allow her to approach strangers while also affecting the latter's reputation. She then gathers the last few missing pieces before driving around town, planning to lure an unsuspecting individual into her home with an offer of \$1,000 to record a 911 call for the NBC show. Carol McAfee (also known as Carol Alford) is the first one she comes across, who gets into the vehicle despite having the gut feeling that something is very off.

That's why Carol disregards Pam's orders of not carrying any belongings and takes both her phone as well as a knife for protection while indirectly extracting information before making an excuse to get her to turn around. She actually manages to one-up Pam because she contacts the authorities as soon as she's alone back home to let them know of the strange encounter in complete detail. However, soon after, Pam picks up Louis Gumpenberger, who has mental and

physical disabilities, manipulates him into her home, and calls 911 before claiming self-defense to just open fire.

Pam's goal becomes clear in this process as she brings up Russell "Russ" Faria, painting a picture of him as a bad guy who hired Louis to kidnap her for the insurance money his late wife Betsy left in her name. For this, Pam even places \$900 and a handwritten note in his pocket, only for it to backfire because the former later gets traced back to the bills in her possession through the sequence numbers. Moreover, the officials in charge do a thorough job of securing the crime scene, and once they learn who she is, they follow the legal process meticulously.

It soon comes to light that Russ wasn't in town at the time of the incident, plus nothing connects him to Louis or the note recovered from his remains, clearing him for good. That's when Pam is apprehended for the latter's homicide, following which she seemingly tries to take her own life by using the tip of a pen to stab her neck and wrists. Pam had initially pleaded not guilty, but in the subsequent court proceedings, she enters into an Alford guilty plea rather than face a jury trial. In short, Pam Hupp maintains her innocence while still being convicted and sentenced to serve life in prison.

Through the Alford plea — a criminal plea wherein a defendant does not concede guilt but merely admits that the evidence the prosecution has will likely result in their conviction — Pam Hupp has managed to maintain her innocence for years. However, just as the series reveals, in July 2021, things changed a little as the jailbird (serving time for first-degree murder and armed criminal action in connection to Louis' death) was also charged with Betsy Faria's homicide. Therefore, as of writing, she's awaiting trial while already incarcerated in a state facility.

Coming to Betsy's then-husband Russ Faria, he has found love again with Carol McAfee, to whom he proposed in October 2021 after at least three years together. As for Betsy's two daughters, although neither of them is in touch with Russ anymore, they have their own happy little families to look after these days. Even Russ' defense attorneys — Joel Schwartz and Nate Swanson — get a seemingly happy ending as they continue to be successful in their field in the state of Missouri.

On the flip side, then-District Attorney Leah Askey has not only been facing some backlash for how she handled the Faria matter, but she has also become the subject of a prosecutorial misconduct investigation. With that said, though, she denies any wrongdoing and continues to stand by her past actions with no regrets. Coming to Pam's loved ones, her husband Mark Hupp filed for divorce in September 2020, describing their marriage as "irretrievably broken," and he has since remarried.

Actor Appearances

A

Kenny Alfonso 1
 0105 (Bob Rivers)

B

Jeff Ryan Baker 2
 0102 (Louis Gumpenberger); 0106 (Louis Gumpenberger)
 Gralen Bryant Banks 1
 0103 (Plastic Surgeon)
 Alice Barrett 2
 0105 (Cathy Singer); 0106 (Cathy Singer)
 Samantha Beaulieu 1
 0105 (Friendly Nurse)
 Merah Benoit 1
 0101 (Leah Askey's daughter)
 Skip Bolen 1
 0104 (News Photographer)

C

Kerry Cahill 1
 0106 (Carol Alford)
 Tom Cain 1
 0103 (Bailiff)
 Catherine Carlen 3
 0101 (Bonnie); 0102 (Bonnie); 0104 (Bobbie)
 Michael Carollo 1
 0101 (Officer Divozzo)
 Cuyle Carvin 1
 0106 (Detective Brian Hilke)
 Ricky Catter 2
 0101 (Gus); 0103 (Gus)
 Ron Centanni 1
 0104 (Russ's Family Member)
 Ben Chase 4
 0102 (Nate Swanson); 0104 (Nate Swanson); 0105 (Nate Swanson); 0106 (Nate Swanson)
 Carl A. Chauvin 1
 0105 (Attorney)
 Lena Clark 1
 0103 (Lisa)
 Barry Clifton 2
 0101 (Jerry); 0102 (Jerry)
 Didi Costine 1
 0104 (Teenage Witch)
 Randall D. Cunningham 1
 0102 (Polygrapher)

D

Dane Davenport 2
 0105 (Mike Wood); 0106 (Mike Wood)
 Becki Davis 1

0106 (Louis' Mom)
 Jeremy Dean 1
 0106 (Officer Carrigan)
 Liz Reinhardt Delsa 1
 0106 (Reporter #1)
 Lorna Street Dopson 1
 0105 (Zumba Instructor)

E

Jesse Scott Egan 4
 0101 (Detective Merkel); 0102 (Detective Merkel); 0103 (Detective Merkel); 0104 (Detective Merkel)
 Clayton Eustis 1
 0103 (Young Sarah)

F

Anthony Michael Frederick 2
 0103 (Firefighter); 0104 (Firefighter)
 Patricia French 6
 0101 (Minnie); 0102 (Minnie); 0103 (Minnie); 0104 (Minnie); 0105 (Minnie); 0106 (Minnie)

G

Chad Governale 1
 0103 (Courtroom Baliff)
 Lara Grice 3
 0103 (Cousin Mary); 0104 (Cousin Mary); 0105 (Cousin Mary)

H

Victoria Harris 1
 0101 (CSI Tech)
 Harper Herrin 1
 0104 (Sarah)
 Michael Hinson 3
 0104 (Channel 2 Reporter); 0105 (Channel 2 Reporter); 0106 (Channel 2 Reporter)

K

Jackson Kelly 1
 0105 (Big Shot Manager)
 David Kors 1
 0103 (Juror #3)
 Michael Krikorian 2
 0103 (Greg Chatton); 0104 (Greg Chatton)

L

Susan Shalhoub Larkin 1
 0105 (Luci)

Elton LeBlanc 1
 0101 (Juror #5)
 Olivia Luccardi 4
 0103 (Lily Day); 0104 (Lily Day); 0105 (Lily Day);
 0106 (Lily Day)

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Heather Magee 1
 0103 (Judge Mennemeyer)
 Ann Mahoney 2
 0103 (Tammy); 0104 (Tammy)
 William McGovern 2
 0101 (Jim); 0103 (Jim)
 Kurt McKinney 1
 0106 (Judge Cunningham)
 Nicole Francis Miller 1
 0105 (Teen Pet Shop Employee)
 Keith Morrison 2
 0105 (Keith Morrison (voice)); 0106 (Keith Morrison
 (voice))

————— O —————

Dickson Obahor 2
 0101 (Sean Walker); 0103 (Sean Walker)

————— P —————

Jay Pennington 1
 0106 (Bradford Kessler)
 Cindy Pol 2
 0103 (Whitney); 0105 (Whitney)
 Kyler Porche 1
 0104 (Randy Gunderson)

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Morgan Roberts 2
 0101 (Evan); 0103 (Evan)
 Jeff Robins 2
 0103 (Juror #2); 0104 (Juror #2)

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Drew Scheid 3
 0104 (Travis Hupp); 0105 (Travis Hupp); 0106 (Travis
 Hupp)
 Luke Sexton 1
 0106 (PV Fake Louis)
 Billy Slaughter 1
 0103 (Scott)
 Rob Steinberg 1
 0105 (Michael J. Kruse)
 Sarah Stipe 3
 0102 (Sarah Hupp); 0104 (Sarah Hupp); 0106 (Sarah)

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Jessie Terrebonne 1
 0106 (O'Fallon 911 Operator)
 Adam David Thompson 3
 0101 (Capt. Mike Lang); 0102 (Capt. Mike Lang);
 0103 (Capt. Mike Lang)
 Rachael Thompson 5
 0102 (Tina); 0103 (Tina); 0104 (Tina); 0105 (Tina);
 0106 (Tina)
 Emily Topper 1

0104 (Young Pam Hupp)

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Rachel G. Whittle 1
 0105 (Realtor Sally)
 Bill Martin Williams 1
 0105 (Judge Ted House)

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Alec Zais 1
 0103 (Young Mark Hupp)