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City Primeval

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Director: Michael Dinner

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Guest Stars: Keith David (Judge Alvin Guy), Amin Joseph (Jamal), Kenn E. Head

(Lou Whitman), Alexander Pobutsky (Skender Lulgjuraj), Regina Taylor (Diane), Ian Bratschie (Barry Tenderbock), Rae Gray (Rose Doyle), Jalen Gilbert (Tyrone Power), Marc Grapey (Prosecutor), Jeanette O'Connor (Ms. Tenderbock), Scott Anderson (Bailiff), Adam Wesley Brown (Jim Welling), Jessie Camacho (Female Employee), Isaiah Gordon (Sheriff Sharp), Daniel Vaughn Manasia (Guard), Justin Melnick (Tactical Leader), Daniel E. Pfeiffer (Hunter Dude), Michael James Thomas (Maxfield), Kevin Lingle (Detective), Anthony Louis (Wayne County Sheriff), Giota Trakas (Casino Patron), Estavion White

(Sergeant)

Summary: Fifteen years after Raylan Givens left the hollers of Kentucky, a chance

encounter in the Florida swamps sends him to Detroit and places him on a collision course with a violent sociopath and a formidable defense

attorney.



It's been 15 years since the *Justified* series finale, and life in Florida isn't all sunshine for Raylan. His daughter Willa is now a young woman breaking people's noses. And there's the pickup truck that runs them off the road, only for Raylan to smoothly defuse the situation with a shotgun and his trademark matter-offact wit. It's a very quick set-piece similar to how Raylan got himself sent to Kentucky in the *Justified* pilot, serving the same purpose of establishing that this guy is not to be messed with.

Meanwhile outside Detroit, audiences meet Raylan's opposite number Clement Mansell, and Boyd Holbrook is a long way from The Sandman. Mansell, known as "The Oklahoma Wildman," decides to do some carjacking of his own to the tune of "Seven Nation Army." Then Judge Alvin Guy gets nearly blown up. This is the cauldron into which Raylan literally steps, having been called as a witness in the judge's court. One of the two men who tried to hold him up in Florida had Michigan warrants, and both of them were subject to an unpleasant road trip. Raylan's tactics – and Willa's inability to sit quietly in court – don't go over well in Detroit.

After both father and daughter spend time in a holding cell, Raylan discovers he doesn't get to put Detroit in his rear view mirror. Judge Guy has also requested he be placed on the new

joint task force to find the would-be killer. After Mansell reunites with girlfriend Sandy, the task force raids a house with "enough bomb-making paraphernalia for a small army." Raylan proves his worth by finding a door concealed in the floor, and one of the two suspects gets interrogated on site with help from a police dog. He claims the attack on Judge Guy was personal.

In a much quieter scene, defense attorney Carolyn Wilder – whom Raylan had squared off with in court – walks into a bar and meets her ex-husband Jamal. Carolyn gives him no sympathy since he defrauded the entire community, even when he suggests the people he owes may also dig up dirt on her. After he leaves, the bartender gives Carolyn an envelope for helping his son, who was the defendant in the earlier trial. "Why can't anybody just do the right thing?" she wonders aloud. But the bartender Sweety has a connection to Mansell.

Raylan and police detective Maureen Downey ask Judge Guy about the suspect's accusation that Guy slept with his mother. Guy shamelessly admits to the affair and threatens them for measure, before Mansell and Sandy arrive at Sweety's bar so he can retrieve a gun from the bathroom. After a truly uncomfortable moment in which the bombing suspects' mom tells her other son that she "loved every single minute" of her fling with the judge, Raylan talks the son into surrendering. But unfortunately for him and Barry, Maureen's aggressive colleague knocks the other man down the stairs and breaks his nose with the stereotypical, "That's how we do things in Detroit."

The episode circles back to Willa so Raylan can tell her she doesn't need to see Harlan. She also encourages him to talk to Carolyn, and doubles down by buying the defense attorney a drink and claiming it's from her father. Raylan is not amused and escorts her out without a word to the lawyer. At the casino, Mansell watches Sandy seduce another mark – but his plan to follow them is ruined by Judge Guy, who cuts him off in the parking garage. What follows is a full-on road rage sequence, which ends when "The Oklahoma Wildman" shoots Guy and steals his little black book.

He forces Guy's assistant to take him back to his home, but she tries to make a run for it at a red light, so he also kills her. The double murder reactivates the task force – and Maureen reveals to Raylan that assistant was her confidential informant as the Detroit Police Department was investigating the judge's aforementioned misconduct. As daylight breaks, Raylan reluctantly walks away from the crime scene and returns to his hotel, where he somberly looks at a sleeping Willa.

The Oklahoma Wildman

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(Rick)

Guest Stars: Paul Calderon (Raymond Cruz), Joseph Anthony Byrd (Trennell),

Taryn Asher Carr (News Anchor), Jaegen Ellison (Clay), Jared David Michael Grant (Deuce), Michael Hargrove (Jackson Lee), Brandon Hudson (News Anchor), Eddie Martinez (Hector), Justin Mobley (Street Vendor), Keenan Odenkirk (Waiter), Jordan Deon Stafford (Otis), An-

thony Louis (Wayne County Sheriff), Estavion White (Sergeant)

Summary: Raylan hunts a killer; Carolyn takes on a former client; Willa makes a

new friend.



The episode starts with a flashback to 2017 involving Sweety the bartender. Clement Mansell arrives to rob Sweety's drug-dealing buddies, and shoots all of them dead. But their relationship is much more complicated than that. Three days later, Mansell calls Sweety before a police officer identified as "R. Cruz" – in a nod to Elmore Leonard's source material – and his colleagues arrest Mansell for the murders. Audiences learn it was Sweety who put Mansell in touch with defense attorney Carolyn Wilder, explaining

the whole show's backstory in under five minutes.

Back in the present and on the right side of the law, Raylan is surprised by his daughter Willa having ordered far too much room service, and tells her not to leave the hotel room. Viewers know that Willa is very much Raylan's kid and so isn't going to pay attention. But that's a subplot for another time. Mansell is chewed out by his girlfriend Sandy for not showing up for their planned robbery, and lets her know he killed Judge Guy before Raylan and Detective Wendell Robinson show up on their doorstep. Sandy proves to be a terrible liar and Robinson tells Raylan that she was previously arrested with Mansell, which makes her suggest they leave. They do – but not before Raylan gives Sandy his card, putting himself on Mansell's radar.

Raylan and Robinson decide to wait and see if Sandy leaves the building, which allows Robinson to bring the Marshal up to speed on Mansell's exploits, including how Raymond Cruz "just had enough" after Carolyn got Mansell acquitted. They watch Sandy get into the Range Rover that Mansell was driving the night of the murder, and follow her out of the city to a bridge. While wondering if she's getting rid of something, Raylan is surprised to get a request for a timely meeting from Carolyn. Unbeknownst to him, the sound of a passing truck startles Sandy enough that she bottles her attempt to throw away the murder weapon.

The episode then cuts back to a predictably bored Willa, who follows the TV teenager trope and sneaks out of the hotel to wander the streets. It doesn't take long for her to wind up in a seedy part of Detroit where at least one shooting has taken place, as illustrated by bullet holes in a nearby car windshield. Meanwhile, a panicky Sandy arrives at Sweety's bar and decides to put the gun back in the same place that Mansell originally took it from. Robinson watches her leave while Raylan finds both Carolyn and Mansell waiting for him in the attorney's office. It's clear how these dots have been connected.

Mansell and Raylan have some brief banter that doesn't compare to Raylan and Boyd Crowder, sizing each other up before Carolyn intercedes on behalf of her client. She warns Raylan to walk away – which he does, but after Mansell leaves, he returns to the office to make sure that she is okay. "You know my job," she replies, "and I know yours." But it's obvious that there's more to the story between 2017 and 2023. Raylan has time to lecture Willa about returning to the hotel before he and Robinson visit the casino, asking Sandy what she was doing on the bridge. She continues to play dumb, even as Raylan advises her she's going to need to "get your hands on some really good shit" to avoid the stress that's coming her way.

Sandy calls Mansell, so Mansell goes to the hotel looking for Raylan. In another painfully obvious moment, he gets put on the phone with Willa and convinces her that he's a friend of her father's. She's veering into Kim Bauer from 24 territory. Elsewhere, Robinson introduces Raylan to Sweety, who makes a show of revealing to them almost all the guns in the bar before calling Carolyn, who accuses Robinson of harassment and tells Raylan to get a search warrant. Raylan returns to the hotel to discover his daughter having dinner with Mansell in the hotel restaurant, leading to the heavily-promoted moment of Raylan's death glare when the killer gets too close to Willa. Everyone's favorite U.S. Marshal yanks Mansell out of the building and onto the street, where he punches him several times before they threaten to kill each other. But somehow Willa has witnessed the whole beating, and Raylan turns around to see his daughter holding back tears.

Backstabbers

Season 1 Episode Number: 3 Season Episode: 3

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Show Stars: Timothy Olyphant (Deputy U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens), Aunjanue

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(Rick)

Guest Stars: Joseph Anthony Byrd (Trennell), Dominic Fumusa (Bill Downey), Kenn

E. Head (Lou Whitman), Alexander Pobutsky (Skender Lulgjuraj), Bri Ranae Short (Alyssa Downey), Emma Kathryn Onderko (Kyra Downey), Rachel Sullivan (Mansell's Mama), Wild Earp (Band Member #1 / Singer), Doc Brown (Band Member #2 / Singer), Alan Mayne (Band Member #3 / Singer), Jed Taylor (Band Member #4 / Singer), Colin

Mulhern (Band Member #5 / Singer), Jae Artell (Busker)

Summary: Raylan and the Detroit Police round up some promising suspects, pro-

voking Carolyn's ire; Mansell and Sandy move on the Albanian mark;

things with Willa reach a breaking point.



After calling her ex-husband to tell him to deal with an over \$100,000 tax lien they're facing due to his financial wrongdoings, Carolyn follows blasting music to discover Clement Mansell waiting in her front yard. After Mansell was beaten up by Raylan Givens, he drove right to Carolyn's house in Grosse Pointe to tell her all about it. But Carolyn tells him "maybe you deserved it" when he finds out the assault happened because he approached Willa Givens. She tells him explicitly to stay away from Raylan, Willa and her

home.

The next morning, Raylan tells Maureen Downey that his daughter has stopped talking to him after seeing what he did to Mansell. Willa keeps being her father's daughter, refusing to cooperate and giving him plenty of attitude. "He's a killer, Willa, and he enjoys it. Do you understand that?" he retorts – the answer is no. Meanwhile, Robinson arrests Sandy Stanton at the casino while other members of the Detroit Police trash Sweety's bar, looking for the gun she stashed there. "We've got a wrecking crew, too," Norbert says glibly.

Raylan is floored to hear that Willa thinks his life would be easier if she wasn't around. The sentiment might be more affecting if it wasn't then followed by another dose of attitude, with her saying he "better not be backstabbing me." Justified: City Primeval then segues to Mansell being interrogated in heavy-handed fashion by Norbert, which is an equally unproductive conversation. Robinson has Sandy in another room and Downey talks to Sweety in a third; Raylan is particularly interested in what Mansell has to say. Mansell, however, has figured out that Raylan is observing and makes a show of serenading him.

"If you stay on this road, you're going to get indicted," Raylan's boss at the U.S. Marshals Office warns him, while Carolyn meets Willa face-to-face for the first time. Willa reveals that she bought Carolyn the drink in City Primeval's opening episode and adds that her father isn't bad "for a white guy." Apparently the theme of this installment is awkward interactions. Raylan pulls Carolyn aside to tell him to get Mansell under control; she's more defensive of Mansell now than she was earlier. While she appreciates that he's upset, "Everybody doesn't get to be angry the way you do."

In the wake of Mansell's surprise visit to the hotel, Raylan and Willa are staying with Maureen and her family. Seeing Willa with Maureen's kids, Raylan continues to question her safety. Sweety and Marcus clean up the remains of his bar. "It's not how it had to be," Marcus reflects in another example of Justified utilizing police stereotypes, "but I guess that's how it is." Sweety pulls out Mansell's murder weapon and stashes it in the jukebox, while Sandy lies to Mansell and tells him that she tossed it in the river. And at the courthouse, Carolyn realizes her ex-husband's crimes will ruin her application for associate judge, leading her to walk into Judge Guy's courtroom and sit on the bench, lost in thought.

Raylan visits a hot dog joint to interview the Albanian that Mansell and Sandy are connected to. The man is clearly besotted with Sandy, as he's bought her a very expensive engagement ring, but when he mentions meeting Sandy's "brother" Raylan understands exactly what's going on. He passes this information on to Maureen before City Primeval transitions to this faux-family gathering. Mansell spins a tale about losing their mother in a tornado as a way of appealing to the Albanian's sense of family, before inquiring more about his finances.

Sweety comes to Carolyn's office to tell her he might have the murder weapon. She's not stupid and advises him to turn it in, saying it could get Mansell off their backs and that she'll talk to the prosecutor's office on his behalf. He agrees to let her try – before Raylan tells Willa that he has decided to send her home to her mother. When she repeats that he's "backstabbing" her, he retorts that he's not putting her or Maureen's family at any more risk. Willa believes that if he wanted her around, Raylan would find a way to protect her, still not comprehending much of what has been happening.

Sandy's would-be husband proposes and agrees to show a skeptical Mansell his ome. Robinson and Norbert are surveilling them, but realize too late that Mansell isn't in the shiny yellow convertible. He T-bones their car at an intersection before joining Sandy and the now very drunk Albanian. Mansell is not happy to learn that the only thing in the safe is a gun; there's no cash to be stolen. Raylan's goodbye with Willa at the airport is interrupted by a call from Maureen at another crime scene, but he's distracted by watching his daughter board her airplane, while she's once again in tears.

Kokomo

Season 1 Episode Number: 4 Season Episode: 4

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(Rick)

Guest Stars: Terry Kinney (Toma Costia), Jessika Van (Hina), Jalen Gilbert (Ty-

rone Power), Yosef Kasnetzkov (Besnik Darke), Alexander Pobutsky (Skender Lulgjuraj), Nick Druzbanski (Luka), Eddie Martinez (Hector),

Erin Minervini (Waitress), Evan Mulrooney (Agron Darke)

Summary: Raylan tangles with the Albanian mob; Mansell forms a new alliance;

Carolyn lets her guard down.



Clement Mansell has Skender, his Albanian mark, at gunpoint while Sandy Stanton begs Mansell not to kill him. She is further horrified when Mansell orders Skender to put his leg under the door of his panic room and tells her to flip the door switch, resulting in Skender's leg being crushed. Some time later, Raylan Givens arrives at a hospital to be briefed on both Skender's "accident" and the previous car wreck involving local detectives Norbert and Robinson. Everyone can put the pieces together – including how the

Albanians are now likely to come after Mansell.

When Raylan finds out Skender is related to a top-level member of the Albanian organization, he walks into Skender's hospital room and asks for a meeting about their "mutual problem." Raylan and Norbert are brought elsewhere to meet Toma. Toma knows exactly why they're there – and he's not interested. His idea of justice is "more than the law is willing, or able, to provide." It doesn't help that Norbert drops Mansell's name, making revenge that much easier for the Albanians.

Some of Skender's relatives appear at the casino looking for Sandy – and when her boss won't give up her address, they jump him outside his car and threaten to throw him off the roof of the parking garage. While he pleads for his life, Raylan arrives at Carolyn Wilder's office to find her talking to the client who brought him to Detroit in the first place. Luckily, the two don't get into it again. Raylan explains to Carolyn that the Albanians are targeting Mansell; she believes he's trying to scare her out of representing him. "This is different and I think you know that," Raylan insists, adding that he's afraid she might get hurt. Carolyn remains unmoved, telling Raylan to do his job and she'll do hers, and they'll see what happens.

As Raylan and his frenemy Norbert head off after the Albanians, Sweety tells Mansell and Sandy about the damage done to his bar while the Detroit Police were looking for Mansell's murder weapon. Mansell repeats that Sandy dumped the gun in the river; Sandy nervously admits she brought it to the bar. But that's bad news for Sweety, because now Mansell knows that

Sweety has it. Mansell agrees to pay for the costs to fix Sweety's bar in exchange for his continued silence, and shows him Judge Alvin Guy's black book. The Albanians break into Sandy's apartment and hold her roommate Tina hostage – mercifully Justified: City Primeval doesn't show them persuading her to call Sandy and persuade her to come home. Mansell is more concerned about his steak and refuses to go, leaving Tina at the Albanians' mercy.

Carolyn appears at Sweety's Bar to tell him that he needs to turn over the murder weapon and testify against Mansell. "Clement Mansell has held this Wrecking Crew murder shit over your head for years," she insists – but he thinks Judge Guy's black book has given him an opportunity to "get what's coming to me." She's shocked that the book is real, and hesitates when Sweety suggests the incriminating details therein could help her get a judgeship after all. "I'm tired of waiting in line for the right thing to happen," he comments and Carolyn looks like she empathizes with that statement.

The sound of Tina screaming while the Albanians rip her teeth out with pliers prompts Raylan to kick in the door of Sandy's apartment. He and Norbert try to get them to surrender peacefully, but an understandably very angry Tina decides to move, causing the situation to dissolve into total chaos. Norbert is forced to shoot one of the Albanians outside in the street, while Raylan arrests the other. Mansell and Sandy finally show up just to observe Raylan and Norbert standing over a dead body and an enraged Albanian, with poor Tina bloodied in the background. Mansell gives Raylan a finger-gun like an immature child.

Carolyn finds herself being followed home from her office and calls Raylan for help. He startles the two Albanians in the follow car and tells them to inform Toma that Raylan Givens says she's off limits. After they drive away, Raylan tells Carolyn what the Albanians did at Sandy's apartment. He also lets her know that there will now be someone keeping an eye on her house – whether she likes it or not. Sweety visits Mansell to discuss their new alliance and the two of them wind up singing The Beach Boys' "Kokomo," before Carolyn discovers Raylan is the officer protecting her house. The two of them share a drink in the front seat of his car, though she insists that it doesn't change their professional relationship – and the episode cuts to black after Carolyn makes an unknowingly spot-on comment about Raylan "shooting from the hip."

You Good?

Season 1 Episode Number: 5 Season Episode: 5

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Director: Kevin Rodney Sullivan

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(Rick)

Guest Stars: Boyd Holbrook (Clement Mansell), David Cross (Burt Dickey), Paul

Calderon (Raymond Cruz), Amin Joseph (Jamal Wilder), Kenn E. Head (Lou Whitman), Regina Taylor (Diane), Joseph Anthony Byrd (Trennell), Ronald L. Conner (Chief Briggs), Penelope Walker (Mary Alice),

Greg Collins (Wayne County Deputy)

Summary: Carolyn's past becomes Raylan's present; Mansell puts a plan into

action.



Raylan Givens and his frenemy Carolyn Wilder end up in bed together after their heart-to-heart in the front seat of his car. Carolyn quickly lays some "ground rules" and tells him the tryst was "about what I expected," while Raylan literally walks out the door and into her ex-husband Jamal. The two have an icy first meeting, but no colder than Sandy Stanton is being toward her partner Clement Mansell as they meet Sweety to discuss who to target in Judge Alvin Guy's incriminating black book. They agree on an ex-con

turned real estate mogul nicknamed "Bulldozer Burt" Dickey.

Raylan arrives at the Detroit Police Department to find the police being lambasted for their lack of results – and Maureen Downey being made the sole lead on the case. After a conversation in which Carolyn plots to get Mansell's murder weapon away from Sweety, Raylan and Wendell Robinson discuss their next moves, and Justified introduces Bulldozer Burt. He is not pleased when Sweety forces him into an afternoon meeting.

Carolyn discovers that her friend Diane is now her competition for the vacant judgeship, as Raylan contemplates the merits of shooting Mansell. Then he decides it'd be easier to go home and see his daughter instead. Robinson is not a fan of either option. After a failed attempt to find Raymond Cruz at his ex-wife's home, Raylan returns to DPD to discover that Mansell has sent him flowers. The killer known as "The Oklahoma Wildman" comes with Sweety to meet Bulldozer Burt, passing himself off as Sweety's "half-brother." Mansell wants \$50,000 to take Burt out of the book, but Sweety settles for \$10,000... not a wise move in Mansell's eyes.

Raylan waits for Carolyn with the flowers Mansell sent him and the two leave the courthouse together (albeit in separate cars). But Raylan doesn't notice that Jamal is watching them, in a moment not that far off from Amin Joseph's work as Franklin Saint in Snowfall. Jamal crashes Carolyn and Raylan's dinner to explain their shared history. Carolyn is not impressed with either

Jamal's assertion that they have things to work out or Raylan's willingness to show his firearm in an attempt to get Jamal to leave. She leaves them both in the Chinese restaurant before Mansell admires the money he got from extorting Bulldozer Burt. Sandy tells him that if they're going to stay in Detroit, he should take care of "the situation," which needs no explanation.

Carolyn pays Jamal a visit at his new residence so he can remind her that the U.S. Marshals used to catch runaway slaves. "What are you trying to do?" she laughs. "Defend my honor?" But just as Jamal tries to put a move on her, Carolyn notices a woman's purse across the room, and it only gets worse from there. Furthermore, she points out that if he's living with another woman, then she no longer has to pay him alimony. Carolyn makes clear she doesn't want Jamal asking her for any money – because there isn't any money left after she paid off his IRS lien. He has broken her, financially and emotionally, and she storms out after saying she wants him to be "nothing more than a memory."

Mansell returns to Burt's house to add the expensive painting he admired earlier to his haul. His partner in crime (literally) Sweety is shocked to see a distraught Carolyn show up at the bar, asking for a glimpse of Judge Guy's book. "I take care of everybody. I'm done," she sobs. She's willing to do anything to get herself on the bench. But she's shocked by just how many names are in the ledger – and it seems like she knows at least one. Raylan finally connects with Cruz. Cruz recounts a story of another shooting that disturbs Raylan, giving him food for thought. How far is Raylan willing to go to stop Mansell?

Adios

Season 1 Episode Number: 6 Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Tuesday August 15, 2023 Writer: Taylor Elmore, V.J. Boyd

Director: Sylvain White

Show Stars: Timothy Olyphant (Deputy U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens), Aunjanue

Ellis-Taylor (Carolyn Wilder), Vondie Curtis-Hall (Sweetie), Adelaide Clemens (Sandy Stanton), Marin Ireland (Maureen Downey), Victor Williams (Wendell Robinson), Norbert Leo Butz (Norbert), Boyd Holbrook (Clement Mansell), Vivian Olyphant (Willa Givens), Ravi Patel

(Rick)

Guest Stars: David Cross (Burt Dickey), Kevin Anderson (Lonny), Regina Taylor (Di-

ane), Joseph Anthony Byrd (Trennell)

Summary: A botched kerfuffle sends Raylan's pursuit of Mansell into chaos.



The episode starts pushing its disparate factions closer to their final confrontation. Raylan Givens struggles with a sleepless night in Detroit... only to be woken up by Carolyn Wilder, who tells him that "I have something you want." She's not referring to their new personal relationship; she hints that she's seen Judge Alvin Guy's damning black book, and wonders aloud if she can trust him with the information therein. Furthermore, Carolyn admits there are things she wants to do with the names in said

book – none of them legal, all of them just, at least in her eyes.

But if there's anyone who understands the need to go outside the lines, it's walking disruptor Raylan Givens. He invites Carolyn into his hotel room. The next day, real estate tycoon "Bulldozer Burt" – the guy who was blackmailed and later robbed by Clement Mansell – is still in the picture. He wants his painting back from Mansell and enlists a former employee named Ronnie to retrieve it. Mansell has no idea, because he and his business partner Sweety are meeting their next mark out of Judge Guy's book. The target claims he only has \$12,000, and Mansell's decision to chase after him for the other \$3,000 ends in the victim dead on the ground.

Raylan informs underutilized Justified addition Maureen Downey that Mansell and Sweety have the book and are using it for extortion. They both believe that they can finally arrest Mansell if they physically catch him with the book – and Raylan knows one of the names inside, thanks to his new source. When Raylan makes a comment about doing things "the right way," Maureen immediately calls him out as sleeping with Carolyn. She is understandably not thrilled with this complication. Cut to Lonnie entering Sweety's Bar looking for the proprietor, no matter how long he has to wait.

Sweety sits with Mansell and Sandy Stanton in their borrowed penthouse, bothered by how their extortion attempts have not gone according to plan. He's further annoyed when he sees Burt's painting across the room and realizes that Mansell has literally taken things into his own hands. He answers a call from the bar to learn about Ronnie, and asks Mansell if the name is familiar to him. It isn't, so he departs while Sandy argues with Mansell about still being in Detroit. "20 [thousand] more and we're on a plane," she insists before he heads off to make his next move.

Maureen continues to snark Raylan about Carolyn as the two walk through the courthouse – while reminding him that she's in charge of their operation. The two catch Carolyn's friend Diane Rogers coming out of a courtroom, with her referring to Raylan as a "rodeo clown." But she stops being pithy when they tell her in her office that she's in Judge Guy's black book. Apparently he documented that both of them took bribes in order to exonerate Detroit police officers of "bad shootings." Just the rumor of that kind of prosecutorial misconduct would end her career, so would she rather work as a confidential informant... off the record, of course?

After Raylan recounts the specific details of one such shooting and Maureen plays the "help us help you" card, Diane relents. Ronnie strikes up awkward small talk with Sweety's partner just before Sweety reappears, needing to explain himself to both of them. Ronnie reminds Justified: City Primeval viewers how much Sweety has done for the Detroit community and asks why he was messing with Bulldozer Burt. All he wants is for Sweety to identify Mansell – but their negotiation is interrupted by a phone call from Diane. She tells Sweety that she knows he has the book and agrees to give him \$30,000 later in the day if he turns over the page that incriminates her, in a classic sting operation.

Once they've agreed to terms, Sweety hangs up and tells his partner that he might have "just found a way out." His partner reassures him that he doesn't care what it is, "you get it done." Sweety takes this information to Ronnie, identifying Mansell on the condition that Ronnie kills Mansell – therefore solving both their problems. He even hands over \$6,000 as a down payment toward the murder, with the painting and a cut of Diane's money coming afterward. Some time later, the now-marked Mansell strolls into the bar and argues with Sweety about their differing approaches. Sweety gives him the details regarding Diane just before a curious Sandy takes Burt's painting to a local art dealer.

Carolyn calls Sweety and warns him to put distance between himself and "my client," because "it is about to come down." He tells her that her plan is going to get in the way of his plan, and then leaves a message for Ronnie. The crossed wires are painfully obvious. But the time to do the deed(s) rolls around, with Raylan and the Detroit Police setting up as everyone else converges in a local park. "Too many variables, not enough eyes," Wendell Robinson admits just before Mansell enters the frame. Ronnie, who could learn something about subtlety from The First 48's Ronnie Leatherman, advances with a knife but is stopped when Raylan moves in to arrest Mansell.

"Wouldn't it be something if we had ourselves a little shootout?" Mansell suggests to Raylan – and after Raylan walks away, Maureen informs her colleagues that Mansell doesn't actually have Judge Guy's book on his person. This further enrages an already frustrated Diane, as Raylan knows it means they have no grounds to keep Mansell. He watches as his nemesis is released from custody. "Am I actually watching this man walk away right now?" he asks Maureen, who warns him that going after Mansell is not only the wrong way, but playing right into the criminal's hands. She assures him that they'll get Mansell, but Raylan looks unconvinced.

In the car afterward, he explains to Robinson that something felt off about the sting. He insinuates that Mansell has well-placed friends, and Robinson admits that he may be right, but his colleague isn't interested. After Robinson tells Raylan to change the subject, Raylan breaks the bad news to Carolyn at her home. He has to lean on her further – professionally and personally. She invites him inside the way he invited her earlier, and Justified: City Primeval ends with Mansell dropping in on Sweety and Ronnie. He shoots Ronnie in the side of the head before turning on Sweety. As "Seven Nation Army" plays again, Sweety forces Mansell to look him in the face when he shoots him, killing the other man before setting Sweety's Bar on fire.

The Smoking Gun

Season 1 Episode Number: 7 Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Tuesday August 22, 2023

Writer: Dave Andron, Michael Dinner

Director: Katrelle Kindred

Show Stars: Timothy Olyphant (Deputy U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens), Aunjanue

Ellis-Taylor (Carolyn Wilder), Vondie Curtis-Hall (Sweetie), Adelaide Clemens (Sandy Stanton), Marin Ireland (Maureen Downey), Victor Williams (Wendell Robinson), Norbert Leo Butz (Norbert), Boyd Holbrook (Clement Mansell), Vivian Olyphant (Willa Givens), Ravi Patel

(Rick)

Guest Stars: Terry Kinney (Toma Costia), Yosef Kasnetzkov (Besnik Darke), Alexan-

der Pobutsky (Skender Lulgjuraj), Joseph Anthony Byrd (Trennell), Andy Carey (Del High Roller), Corey Hendrix (Darryl Woods), Leo A. Allen II (Ronnie), Nick Druzbanski (Luka), Zahra Kadence Dowd (Young Carolyn), Andrew Muwonge (Watts), Holden Ochsenhirt (Seventeen Year Old Clement Mansell), Dawn Hasbrouck (Taryn Asher), Jeffrey T. Rogers (Guy Next To Him), Daryn W Harrell (Hotel Bartender), Eriick Starr (Keyboard Band Member), Percy Nesbary III (Guitar Band

Member)

Summary: Raylan and Mansell show down.



1988 — Marcus "Sweety" Sweeton is alive and well and still has a promising music career. He talks to his bandmates about babysitting a young Carolyn Wilder after the death of her father. As if on cue, Carolyn emerges into the alley; later, Sweety brings her and his friends to the dilapidate site that will become his bar.

Present day — A stone-faced Carolyn watches Sweety's body being loaded into a coroner's van. When Raylan Givens ar-

rives on the scene, she finally begins to crack, before the two of them speak to Sweety's equally devastated partner. Carolyn nods to signal that Raylan is on their side, so Sweety's partner produces Clement Mansell's murder weapon – having retrieved it from the jukebox. "You're sure you can use it?" he asks desperately. "I'm sure," Raylan promises him.

Back at the condo, Mansell is much less affected by the violence he initiated. He asks his girlfriend Sandy Stanton where the painting he stole from Burt Dickey is; she informs him she sold it so they can afford to leave Detroit. But it's not about the money to Mansell, who walks out as Raylan walks into the Detroit Police Department. Maureen Downey is waiting for him to discuss the overnight developments; he pulls her into a stairwell to show her the gun and implores her to get it forensically tested quickly. He then tells Sandy that he has the weapon – but Sandy doesn't believe Raylan can stop Mansell. She won't testify against him unless he's dead and buried, and even then she'd still worry about him coming back to hurt her.

"Why do you stay with him?" Raylan asks, reminding her that she was supposed to dispose of the gun and informing her what happened to the last person who upset Mansell. Sandy realizes she's in "big trouble" before Carolyn returns home to her own kind of trouble: Mansell is hanging out in her kitchen. He tells her the story about his mother – except this time the story ends

with him murdering his mom and burying her body. Is that the truth or another lie just like the tornado bit? It doesn't really matter. Carolyn confronts him about taking "the only father I've ever known," and tells him she will no longer represent him as his lawyer. His response is to shove her into her fridge and try to choke her, but he leaves her alive for the time being.

A newly motivated Sandy visits Skender Lulgjaraj in the hospital and confesses to setting Skender up to be robbed. She wants to go away with him now instead of Mansell – but he tells her, with all sincerity, that she's a dead woman. The Albanians do not believe in forgiveness. Sandy's thus trying to pack her bags when Mansell returns to the penthouse, and asks point-blank if he loves her. She's upset that he's never played her any of his music; he's delighted by this, but as things turn intimate, it's clear Sandy is leading him on. Meanwhile, Raylan visits Carolyn after she informs him about Mansell's appearance; she wants to know how he's going to get Mansell's prints on the gun. She wants Mansell taken down definitively.

Raylan spends the night at Carolyn's home, but arrives at the department to find it swarmed by reporters because a suspect has been arrested in Judge's Guy's murder. It's not Mansell; but a man named Darrold Woods. Hearing this on the news, Carolyn seethes while Mansell awakens to find out Sandy has left him and Del, the man they originally swindled in the first City Primeval episode, wants his condo back. Raylan watches Maureen and Norbert Beryl interrogate Darrold, telling him that ballistic evidence ties him to the gun. Darrold asks for his lawyer. Afterward, Raylan confronts both detectives – and the previously amiable Maureen gives him an unexpectedly cold shoulder, telling him to "get back down to Florida."

The only one looking to get out of town is Sandy, who mistakenly answers a call from Del to hear Mansell on the other end. He threatens to hurt both of them if she doesn't return. While Sandy tells Mansell she's at the airport, Norbert refutes Raylan's claim that he's an asshole by handing over the package. Justified reveals that the phone call was a setup when Sandy tells Raylan where Mansell is expecting her to go; she likewise wants him to promise that he'll bring Mansell to justice. Carolyn is not thrilled with this plan, because she's now in league with the Albanians. The least thrilled about everything is Del, because Mansell shoots him in the head anyway.

At the Radisson hotel bar, Mansell isn't that surprised to be met by Raylan rather than his girlfriend. The two have a very Raylan and Boyd Crowder-esque moment as they casually discuss Mansell's future plans. Raylan offers out the package that Norbert gave him; it contains the murder weapon, minus two rounds fired for the aforementioned ballistics tests. Is the chance to shoot Raylan worth incriminating himself for two homicides? But before Mansell can decide, Toma and several Albanian henchmen arrive to collect them both. Mansell and Raylan find themselves sharing the back seat of a car, with a common enemy in the front and their destination unknown. And to Raylan's disgust, Toma throws the murder weapon in the river, just as Mansell had wanted all along.

The Question

Season 1 Episode Number: 8 Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Tuesday August 29, 2023

Writer: Dave Andron, Michael Dinner

Director: Michael Dinner

Show Stars: Timothy Olyphant (Deputy U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens), Aunjanue

Ellis-Taylor (Carolyn Wilder), Vondie Curtis-Hall (Sweetie), Adelaide Clemens (Sandy Stanton), Marin Ireland (Maureen Downey), Victor Williams (Wendell Robinson), Norbert Leo Butz (Norbert), Boyd Holbrook (Clement Mansell), Vivian Olyphant (Willa Givens), Ravi Patel

(Rick)

Guest Stars: Walton Goggins (Boyd Crowther), Natalie Zea (Winona Hawkins), Terry

Kinney (Toma Costia), Luis Guzmán (Officer Ramirez), Ahna O'Reilly (Officer Gerret), Matt Craven (Dan Grant), Dominic Fumusa (Bill Downey), Yosef Kasnetzkov (Besnik Darke), David Koechner (Greg Sutter), Alexander Pobutsky (Skender Lulgjuraj), Audrey Francis (Lieutenant Governor), F. David Roth (Internal Affairs Hardass), Scott Anderson (Bailiff), CJ Cobb (Ruthless Rufus), Brenna DiStasio (Kate), Nick Druzbanski (Luka), John Grant Phillips (Old Man), Callie Johnson (Rachel), Eddie Martinez (Hector), Emma Kathryn Onderko (Kyra Downey), Bri Ranae Short (Alyssa Downey), Jevon White (Delivery

Guy), Russ Panzarella (Plainclothes Police / Airport Traveler)

Summary: Raylan and Carolyn cross the line; Raylan attempts to make it out of

Detroit alive.



When the Albanians drag him out of the car, Raylan sees his love interest Carolyn Wilder waiting there. "We had a deal," she tells Toma, the leader of the Albanian group, confirming that she put everything together. Mansell thinks that means he's home free, but viewers will recognize the room he's pushed into as the place where he crushed Skender Lulgjaraj's leg. With Carolyn standing behind him, Raylan pushes the button to trap Mansell behind the same giant metal door he crippled Skender with.

As Carolyn heads for the car, Toma explains to Raylan that this arrangement works for both of them; after all, Mansell can easily be found there later. He returns Raylan's sidearm to him, along with Judge Alvin Guy's black book, and Raylan has another conversation with Carolyn – who asks how he's going to explain all this to the police. "That God himself sent down a lightning bolt and the book came with it," he deadpans but still looks visibly perturbed by this turn of events. Carolyn insists that the world is better off and invites him to her place; he declines, saying he has other things to deal with.

The next morning, Raylan joins Wendell Robinson and Norbert Beryl to pay a home visit to their colleague Maureen Downey. "I don't think you want this going down in front of your family, Maureen," Norbert warns her and she reluctantly leaves with them. Maureen promptly finds herself in a room at the Detroit Police Department with the three of them and one angry Internal

Affairs officer; her name was another one in Judge Guy's book. She laughs at the accusation and after a spectacular rant about how it won't hold up in court, demands both her attorney and her police union representative. Afterward, Raylan remains silent as Norbert asks how they're going to arrest Mansell, before leaving the remaining detectives to their own devices.

Away from Detroit in the city of Lansing, Carolyn has wrangled a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor of Michigan. She wants to discuss her application to become a judge, giving her monologue about how she's worthy of the job. It includes the line "Some people need to sit in a room and think about what they've done," which is a nice allusion to Mansell. Furthermore, she offers to be a political ally to the Lieutenant Governor if she gets the position and throws her ex-friend Diane Rogers under the bus at the same time. She's clearly done holding back, and that night tells Raylan how much she hates her house.

Raylan wakes up in the middle of the night, signaling that he's still struggling with Mansell's fate – and Carolyn doesn't share that feeling. He leaves her home and returns to potentially rescue his nemesis... but simply utters "Oh, shit." The episode then backs up to two hours earlier. While Raylan and Carolyn were trying to relax together, the previously mild-mannered Skender finally lost it. Armed with a gun and told to "go get your honor," he'd left the hospital and gone back to the room. But Mansell easily overpowered the still-injured Skender and violently beat him to death with his own weapon before escaping. Raylan's reaction is to Skender's bloodied corpse, and he leaves knowing that things are now much, much worse.

After telling Carolyn to leave Detroit, Raylan informs Norbert about Mansell's escape. But Mansell is already taking his revenge on the Albanians – shooting everyone he can find, including Toma. The only one he leaves alive is an elderly man, who briefly aims a weapon at Mansell himself but thinks better of using it. Norbert finds the massacre shortly thereafter, while Raylan is at Carolyn's home, betting that "The Oklahoma Wildman" will also want to get back at his ex-attorney. Mansell does indeed show up several hours later and is pleased to see his new rival. When Mansell makes a move, Raylan doesn't hesitate to shoot him multiple times. But while he bleeds out against Carolyn's fridge, the episode reveals that he wasn't reaching for a gun. He was going to give Raylan his demo tape.

Carolyn returns – having totally disregarded Raylan's instructions, just like his daughter Willa – so she and Raylan can watch Mansell's demise. Mansell thinks Carolyn is calling him an ambulance, but she informs him that she actually called the local morgue. Six weeks later, Raylan is back in Miami at his boss Dan Grant's retirement party, listening to a speech from a colleague (played by Anchorman star David Koechner). A clearly inebriated Dan offers Raylan his recommendation for promotion; a bewildered Raylan says he's resigning instead and leaves his badge on the bar.

A week later, Raylan receives a gift from Carolyn, who has been appointed to Judge Guy's vacant position and heard about his early retirement. She suggests that she'll come visit him in Miami. But more importantly, he's reunited with Willa – and her mom Winona, as Natalie Zea makes a very welcome return to Justified. Winona is stunned when she learns about Raylan's retirement. "Are you okay?" she asks, followed by "Why now?" She points out that he couldn't retire for her, but she's glad he did for their daughter. There might be some unresolved feelings between them as she drives away.

While Raylan takes Willa out on a fishing boat confiscated from a drug dealer, the episode drops one last surprise on fans. When the show cuts to a prison in Kentucky, it's very easy to deduce who the next cameo belongs to. Walton Goggins' fan-favorite Boyd Crowder is still locked up, although he's about to be transferred to a local hospital for a mysterious illness. Before he leaves, he wants to pass on a message to his fellow prisoners: to replace hate with love. That's a little counterintuitive to the ruckus he starts making on the way over. The prison van is forced to pull over in the middle of nowhere, and Boyd predictably escapes, as one of the corrections officers is actually his new girlfriend. Raylan gets a phone call about Boyd's escape, but the episode ends with him not answering it... yet.

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Jae Artell	Audine December
0103 (Busker)	Audrey Francis
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Ian Bratschie	——— G ———
0101 (Barry Tenderbock)	g
Adam Wesley Brown	Jalen Gilbert
0101 (Jim Welling)	0101 (Tyrone Power); 0104 (Tyrone Power)
Doc Brown	Walton Goggins
0103 (Band Member #2 / Singer) Joseph Anthony Byrd	0108 (Boyd Crowther)
0102 (Trennell); 0103 (Trennell); 0105 (Trennell);	Isaiah Gordon
0106 (Trennell); 0107 (Trennell)	Jared David Michael Grant
	0102 (Deuce)
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C	0101 (Prosecutor)
Paul Calderon	Rae Gray
0102 (Raymond Cruz); 0105 (Raymond Cruz)	0101 (Rose Doyle)
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0107 (Del High Roller) Taryn Asher Carr	11
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CJ Cobb	0102 (Jackson Lee)
0108 (Ruthless Rufus)	Daryn W Harrell
Greg Collins	0107 (Hotel Bartender)
0105 (Wayne County Deputy)	Dawn Hasbrouck
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Matt Craven	Kenn E. Head
0108 (Dan Grant)	0101 (Lou Whitman); 0103 (Lou Whitman); 0104 (Lou Whitman)
David Cross	Corey Hendrix
0105 (Burt Dickey); 0106 (Burt Dickey)	0107 (Darryl Woods)
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