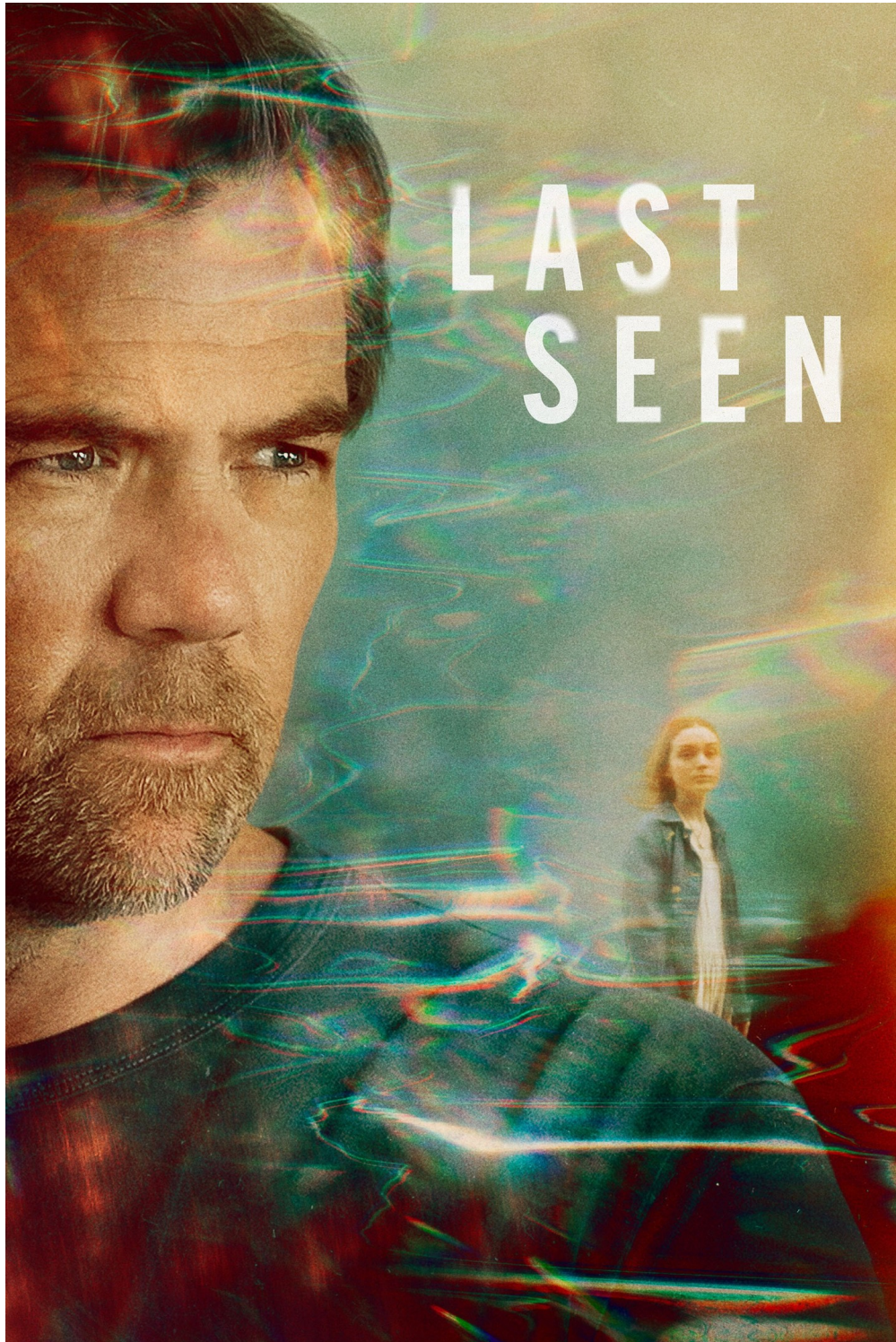


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Season One

The Dispatcher

Season 1
Episode Number: 1
Season Episode: 1

Originally aired:	Wednesday September 9, 2026
Writer:	Kris Mrksa
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Guest Stars:	Cooper Housden (Young Maggie), Jack Green (Constable Steven Lewis), Aly Zhang (Penny), Fletcher Humphrys (Peter Mulligan), Day of Embers (Themselves (Festival Performers)), Charly Thorn (Tyra Kennedy), Bridie Erwin-Keirl (Teen Girl), My Giddy Aunt (Themselves (Festival Performers)), Lindsay Fletcher (Repair Man), Jodi Haigh (Newsreader), Cliff Wood (Les Potter), Nirvani Subedi (Teen Girl), Spencer Ellis-Anderson (Andy Kennedy), Liam Seymour (Newsreader), Flynn Gurry (Himself (Festival Performer)), Paige Joy Ryans (Teen Girl), Justin Bell (Shane Kennedy)
Summary:	A storm in the sleepy town of Port McKenna reveals a long-buried clue about a missing girl.



The episode starts with a dog walker called Mulligan out in the woods, calling out for his three dogs. However, one of them finds human bones. He picks up the jawbone and when he realizes what it is, drops it and hurries off.

In the morning, police dispatcher Ian Ridley heads out. He's now six months sober and the source of this trauma stems from his missing daughter. He and his ex wife Deb lost their baby girl, Maggie, 11 years ago and it still cuts deeply for them both. He's not ready to let go,

while Deb is actually pregnant and very much ready to do just that.

Ian plays hardball with Bill, Deb's new fella and fellow police officer, and he struggles to let go of Maggie's cot, which he still has in his daughter's room, which he's left unchanged all this time.

Ian is a pretty established dispatcher and he's a far cry from Polly, who struggles with the job. She shows up late constantly and becomes emotionally involved in a domestic violence case. Tyra Kennedy phones completely distraught, scared that her husband is going to hurt her. On the call logs, she's actually rung multiple times before.

When Penny, one of the other dispatchers, receives a call surrounding human remains of a small child, they immediately let Ian know. The implication here, of course, is that it could be Maggie.

Ian shows up in the woods, where he's introduced to Detective Senior Sergeant Isabel Pena. She's the new head of Port McKenna CIU. Ian is actually the former head of that same precinct a while back.

Out in the woods, Ian learns that the bones here indicate the body has been buried for at least 10 years. The bones were wrapped in a bedsheet too and they don't have much else other than that to go on right now.

On the way back to his car, Ian snaps a photo of pawprints and learns from the nearby witnesses how the jawbone was separate from the rest of the bones when they called the emergency services.

Ian becomes more convinced that this is Maggie and that a murder has taken place. Given they have nothing definitive right now, both Bill and Deb plead with Ian to trust the system and wait. Ian isn't about to do that, and instead follows up his own leads regarding dog owners in the area. This brings him to Mulligan, a man who breeds dogs to use in illegal dog fights and the same guy we saw at the start of the episode.

Up at his compound, Ian checks out the dogs and notices one of them actually has his daughter's pyjamas in the cage. Ian snaps and immediately assaults Mulligan, bringing him right back to Port McKenna station.

The officers let Ian know that Mulligan is certainly not Maggie's killer, given he has an alibi for that time. He was serving time behind bars at the time of the murder. According to Mulligan, one of the dogs uncovered the pyjamas in the woods. Even worse, it seems like the pjs were wrapped in plastic, preserving them. They were found with the body so the implication here, of course, is that they belonged to Maggie.

That night Ian winds up drinking again and he goes completely off the rails. He shows up at Tyra's and stalks her abusive partner. When he shows up at the Folk Festival that night, Polly tries to talk to Ian but he refuses to listen. This is a tough event for Ian to attend though, given it's actually the exact time that Maggie was taken all those years ago.

He and Deb showed up at the folk festival while they left Maggie in the care of her 16 year old half-brother, Dean. When they got home, Maggie was gone. Now, the theory is that someone from out of town arrived for the festival and took an opportunity to snatch her up.

Ian blames himself for all of this and calls himself a bad dad. When he sees Tyra's boyfriend antagonizing his kid, Ian snaps and gets involved, beating the guy down and getting himself a one way ticket to the police station at Port McKenna. Again.

Ian finds solace in a friend called Donald who has a similar problem with drink. It turns out during one of his drunken nights, he ended up in a car accident, completely destroying a woman's life. Donald has committed to the process since then, finding a higher power and trying to give up drinking. "Hurt people hurt people", Donnie says to Ian, trying to get through to him and helping him see the damage he's causing to those around him.

Hearing this does help Ian, who eventually brings over the cot to Deb and decides they should have a proper funeral to move on from this nightmare that's consumed them all this time.

As the episode closes out, Ian throws his bottle of booze into the water. However, we then cut across to a police file containing Margaret's case, which suddenly opens. As the pages flip through, we see what Margaret may look like right now, at 14 years old. We then cut to see a girl who looks eerily similar living out in the woods at a secluded cabin. Is this Maggie or just a coincidence?

The Call

Season 1

Episode Number: 2

Season Episode: 2

Originally aired:	Wednesday September 09, 2026
Writer:	Kris Mrksa
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Show Stars:	Patrick Brammall (Ian Ridley), Maxine Peake (Jenna Reid), Brendan Cowell (Henry Reid), Daniel Henshall (Donald Reid), Jessica Wren (Debbie McGuire), Zahra Newman (Isabel Pena), Chloe Jean Lourdes (Sarah Reid), Taylor Ferguson (Polly Foster), Bert LaBonté (Bill McCracken), Tobias Muhafidin (Dean Ridley), Carolyn Bock (Lydia Taylor), James Saunders (Ben Sizemore), Felix Cameron (Tommy Brenton)
Guest Stars:	Cooper Housden (Young Maggie), Jack Green (Constable Steven Lewis), Aly Zhang (Penny), Dash Maxwell (Damian 'Damo' Tully), Zane Blumeris (Charlie Halloran), Hasini Walpola (Co-Op Worker), Judith Roberts (Francine), Oscar Redding (Jack Brenton), Emma Choy (Co-Op Manager), Carlin Monteiro (Sam Lynch), Will Crittenden (Jayden Brenton)
Summary:	Convinced he can flush out Maggie's kidnapper, Ian forms a plan.



The episode starts with us over at Jenna and Henry's place. An unknown car shows up at the house, where they encourage their teenager daughter, Sarah, to head upstairs and turn off all the lights. This is the same girl we saw at the end of episode 1.

Anyway, the new arrival happens to be their next door neighbour Jack Brenton, who's actually brought the block next door. He's given a frosty welcome by Henry, who ushers him away in a round-about way.

Out in the yard, we see that Sarah is actually friends with Jack's son, Tommy. When a storm picks up, she rushes back inside, where her father tells her that there are bad people outside and she needs to be shielded from the real world.

Meanwhile, Ian and Deb find out from the preliminary results on the bones that this has turned into a homicide investigation. There's evidence here of strangulation and trauma. They can't release the body until they've confirmed an ID and done tests, so it's going to be another 4-6 weeks. This means their funeral plans are going to have to be delayed. Instead, Deb wants to do a vigil and starts handing out flyers.

Isabel Pena is not about to let this case go though and she wants to follow up on the events from the night of Maggie's kidnapping. Dean's statement claims that someone knocked on the door that night and seemingly got the wrong place before leaving. According to Ian, Dean didn't get a good look at this man but Pena still thinks it's worth a shot.

Ian heads to the crime scene next where he learns a road was put in through the woods 8 years back. This means it didn't exist when Maggie disappeared. Therefore, if the remains really were Maggie's and had been dumped there 11 years earlier, the killer couldn't simply have driven close to the burial site. They would have had to carry the body considerably farther through the woods and only someone local would know to do that, especially to avoid detection.

When Jenna heads home with the flyer for the vigil, picked up from a local store in town, she and Henry hurriedly throw it in the fire. However, Sarah grabs it before it completely burns and notices the word Mags, which is the same word she carved into a tree outside when she was younger.

Jenna tells Henry that she wants to go the ceremony but he doesn't think that's a good idea. Donnie shows up at the house to see Henry, who's not in a talkative mood. It's here we see that Henry and Donnie are brothers. Sarah embraces him warmly though and Don even hands over a birthday gift for her. Henry eventually gets him to leave without inviting his brother inside.

Back inside, Henry talks to Jenna and decides to go to the vigil himself, promising Jenna alone that he'll do whatever he can to protect the family — no matter what happens.

Interestingly, Pena shows up just before the vigil with big news — the DNA on the bones don't match his daughter's. The body is a Jane Doe right now and that means they need to shut this whole thing down.

Ian is hesitant to tell Deb and shut this down though, partly because he thinks Dean might be useful to recognize who the kidnapper could potentially be. However, while Dean gets a look at those around, Isabel Pena shows up in the midst of this and breaks the news to Deb about Maggie.

The news completely breaks her and it's tough for her to hear. She's also pissed at Ian too, given he knowingly allowed her to attend what she believed was a vigil for their dead daughter even though he already knows the body isn't Maggie's.

Ian takes his frustrations out on Dean, encouraging him to keep looking. Dean though decides this isn't working and leaves with his boyfriend Sam.

While this is going on, Sarah decides to leave the house when Henry goes to the vigil, slipping out the back while Jenna sleeps off her migraine. Sarah shows to see Tommy and pleads with him to take her to the vigil. Tommy encourages her to go to a party first though, where Sarah gets drinking and meets a guy called Damo.

He takes her away from the main party, where Sarah notices the flyer again. She starts to lose control and as Damo comforts her, he tries to kiss her. Sarah pushes him off and tries to find Tommy, but she's disorientated.

Sarah heads outside and notices a payphone, where she rings dispatch asking for help. As fate would have it, she gets through to Ian and says her name might be Mags. Ian immediately races out after the call to the phone but when he gets there, he finds the phone off the receiver and Sarah nowhere in sight.

The Lie

Season 1

Episode Number: 3

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Wednesday September 16, 2026
Writer:	Giula Sandler
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Guest Stars:	Cooper Housden (Young Maggie), Will Crittenden (Jayden Brenton), Dash Maxwell (Damian 'Damo' Tully), Zane Blumeris (Charlie Halloran), Jackson Raine (Angus), Aaron Brown (Pro Skater), Astro Marty (Pro Skater), Harrison Seccombe (Pro Skater), Kostya Vallance (Pro Skater)
Summary:	A closer examination of the call turns Ian's world inside out.



The episode begins with Jenna frantically trying to find Sarah. When Henry returns, he immediately phones Don and asks for his help to babysit Jen while he goes searching the compound for his daughter. However, en-route Don finds Sarah at the phone booth and quickly takes her home.

Meanwhile, Ian brings the audio footage over to Isabel Pena, who throws scrutiny over whether this is actually Mags or not. She counters that because of this being someone attending a house

party, this might just be a drunken prank or any number of other explanations. Ian is understandably frustrated but there's not much else he can do. At least not here anyway.

Instead, Ian goes sniffing around Charlie and the other kids involved in the party. Turns out Damo actually saw Sarah leave and get picked up in a van. He also mentions there doesn't appear to have been any sort of struggle on her side either.

In the morning, Sarah tells Henry everything, involving Tommy's involvement in driving her there and the party itself. Sarah also asks who Mags is, and Henry explains about the missing person case and how upset he and Jen were by it when they heard. It's a pretty flimsy explanation, all things considered, but Sarah seems to buy it.

Ian vents to Don about the phone booth incident, and Ian's friend is obviously quite rattled by this. Don lets Henry know about this after and tries to understand Sarah's motives. Don is confused and wants to get to the bottom of this, given Sarah and Mags would have been around the same age.

Don also claims he never met Sarah until she was 9, while Henry is adamant that Sarah was simply confused and didn't know what she was saying. Don wants to go to Ian but Henry puts his foot down and refuses. "If we lose Sarah, it'll destroy us. It'll destroy Jenna."

Speaking of Sarah, Tommy heads over to see her and brings up the drama involving Ian looking for Mags at the skate park. Tommy agrees to get her a flyer so she can take a look at the

girl's face again, but when Henry returns, Tommy is forced to leave quickly before Henry spots him.

Henry has his hands full anyway given Jenna is spiralling. He notices Sarah about to head out the house and meet Tommy, putting a stop to that immediately. In fact, Henry marches down to the treehouse himself and threatens Tommy first-hand. He finds the flyer in his hand, snatches it off of him and demands he stay away forever.

Meanwhile, Ian has Dean look over the audio of both Sarah from the present and Mags in the past to try and find a connection. However, part of that audio toward the end has the sound of Don's truck. Ian recognizes it because of its high-pitched screech. Ian is pissed and heads over to see Donnie, who's twitchy and standoffish when Ian asks to meet.

Ian watches Donnie leave the house before breaking in to look around. Rooting through his stuff, Ian finds a bag that could hold crucial clues. After seeing this, he heads to Sober Society and brings up how someone he looks up to has been lying to him.

Of course, given Donnie is in attendance, he knows precisely who Ian is talking about. Ian promises to find out what they're hiding from him and stares a hole directly into Don.

Actor Appearances

A

My Giddy Aunt 1
0101 (Themselves (Festival Performers))

B

Justin Bell 1
0101 (Shane Kennedy)
 Zane Blumeris 2
0102 (Charlie Halloran); **0103** (Charlie Halloran)
 Aaron Brown 1
0103 (Pro Skater)

C

Emma Choy 1
0102 (Co-Op Manager)
 Will Crittenden 2
0102 (Jayden Brenton); **0103** (Jayden Brenton)

E

Spencer Ellis-Anderson 1
0101 (Andy Kennedy)
 Day of Embers 1
0101 (Themselves (Festival Performers))
 Bridie Erwin-Keirl 1
0101 (Teen Girl)

F

Lindsay Fletcher 1
0101 (Repair Man)

G

Jack Green 2
0101 (Constable Steven Lewis); **0102** (Constable Steven Lewis)
 Flynn Gurry 1
0101 (Himself (Festival Performer))

H

Jodi Haigh 1
0101 (Newsreader)
 Cooper Housden 3
0101 (Young Maggie); **0102** (Young Maggie); **0103** (Young Maggie)
 Fletcher Humphrys 1
0101 (Peter Mulligan)

M

Astro Marty 1
0103 (Pro Skater)
 Dash Maxwell 2
0102 (Damian 'Damo' Tully); **0103** (Damian 'Damo' Tully)
 Carlin Monteiro 1
0102 (Sam Lynch)

R

Jackson Raine 1
0103 (Angus)
 Oscar Redding 1
0102 (Jack Brenton)
 Judith Roberts 1
0102 (Francine)
 Paige Joy Ryans 1
0101 (Teen Girl)

S

Harrison Seccombe 1
0103 (Pro Skater)
 Liam Seymour 1
0101 (Newsreader)
 Nirvani Subedi 1
0101 (Teen Girl)

T

Charly Thorn 1
0101 (Tyra Kennedy)

V

Kostya Vallance 1
0103 (Pro Skater)

W

Hasini Walpola 1
0102 (Co-Op Worker)
 Cliff Wood 1
0101 (Les Potter)

Z

Aly Zhang 2
0101 (Penny); **0102** (Penny)