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# RIVETING STORIES, REVEALING TRUTHS AND ULTIMATE CONSEQUENCES: INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY DEBUTS MORE THAN 650 HOURS OF POWERFUL ORIGINAL CONTENT THIS 2015-16 UPFRONT SEASON

-- America's Leading Mystery and Suspense Network Signs on Barbara Walters, Wendy Williams, Executive Producer Joel Schumacher and Announces First Scripted Mini-Series --

(New York, NY) – Investigation Discovery (ID), America's leading mystery and suspense network, today announced an expansive 2015-16 upfront slate with seven compelling, all-new series and 22 returning hits designed to deliver all the devious, deceptive and downright dangerous stories viewers have come to expect from the "Always Revealing" brand. With more than 650 hours of original content planned this season, ID is poised to continue the incredible audience growth that has made the network a serial success as one of the top destinations for women on television.

ID closed 2014 as its best year ever with double-digit increases and record-setting numbers in prime delivery among all key demos, including P2+ (783k), HH (661k), P25-54 (355k) and W25-54 (236k).\* For the year, ID was the #5 network for delivery of W25-54 in total day and the #8 network for delivery of P25-54 in all of ad-supported cable. ID also continued its three-year reign as the #1 network in television – cable or broadcast – for total day length of tune.

"Investigation Discovery continues to chart new territory, debuting our first-ever scripted mini-series, luring the incomparable Barbara Walters and the dynamic Wendy Williams to our incredible talent roster and programming an incredible 650 hours of riveting content for our passionate fans," said Henry Schleiff, Group President of Investigation Discovery, Destination America, American Heroes Channel, Discovery Life Channel and Discovery Family Channel. "From classic hits to genre-expanding programming, ID is committed to providing our loyal viewers and fans of the true crime genre with more hours of compelling mysteries, salacious stories and heartbreaking investigations – all presented in ID's signature storytelling style."

Leading the lineup, television legend Barbara Walters takes viewers inside headline-grabbing cases in AMERICAN SCANDAL, revealing never-before-heard details and personal insight from her most notorious interviews. DEATH BY GOSSIP, hosted and executive produced by media mogul Wendy Williams, showcases the dark side of rumors where dishing the dirt leads to a deadly offense. Then, ID propels viewers into the heart of a terrorized community in the three-part scripted series SERIAL THRILLER; and award-winning director Joel Schumacher takes a closer look into chilling cases of hotel murders as executive producer of DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS.

ID's gripping new upfront series are accompanied by returning hits **MOMSTERS: WHEN MOMS GO BAD**, hosted by comedienne and beloved TV mom Roseanne Barr, and **VANITY FAIR CONFIDENTIAL**, digging to the heart of history's most controversial dramas of power and privilege through unprecedented access to *Vanity Fair* magazine's story vault.

Featuring intense and emotional stories only ID can tell, Investigation Discovery's new and returning original series include:

# **NEW ORIGINAL SERIES**

## DEATH BY GOSSIP WITH WENDY WILLIAMS

Hosted and executive produced by talk show host and media mogul Wendy Williams, DEATH BY GOSSIP showcases crimes fueled by rumors ripe with false details and half-truths, where idle gossip has turned dark and dangerous. Offices, gyms, and nosey neighborhoods all make for great rumor mills, until dishing the dirt ends with a deadly offense.

## AMERICAN SCANDAL WITH BARBARA WALTERS

In AMERICAN SCANDAL, television legend Barbara Walters revisits some of the most compelling stories she has covered in her career, taking viewers inside scandalous stories that captured the public's attention and sharing personal experiences and never before seen footage. In the six-part series, produced by ABC's Lincoln Square Productions, new details about the crimes committed by Jean Harris, Jim Bakker, Mark David Chapman and others are revealed by those closest to them.

# SERIAL THRILLER

In the heart of a terrorized community, SERIAL THRILLER propels viewers into a world of damage, untimely death and mystery. The three-part original scripted series, produced by October Films, follows a cast of intriguing characters, all on a collision course with fate. The lives of investigators, victims and associates intertwine as the mystery of one of America's most notorious serial killers unravels.

## DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS

Executive produced by award-winning renowned director, Joel Schumacher, DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS features real life chilling cases of hotel tragedies. Viewers who check in to DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS will experience some of the most twisted and horrifying cases to have ever taken place in unassuming hotels and inns, across America.

# FORBIDDEN: DYING FOR LOVE

From the couple who breaks religious traditions for love to the priest who has fallen for a nun, these starcrossed lovers have defied the forces trying to keep them apart. But once they've crossed the line, anything becomes possible.

# **KILLER CONFESSIONS**

In KILLER CONFESSIONS, murderers reveal their darkest criminal acts through their own confession. Each episode follows homicide detectives into the interrogation room as cameras record the killer's emotions, behaviors and ultimate confession.

## **EVIL LIVES HERE**

How well do you know your housemates? EVIL LIVES HERE tells the heart-stopping tales of people who have shared a home, with a killer. In each episode, loved ones reveal how they came to discover their significant other's evil side.

# **RETURNING ORIGINAL SERIES**

## VANITY FAIR CONFIDENTIAL

Each one-hour long episode of VANITY FAIR CONFIDENTIAL features a great mystery from the pages of *Vanity Fair* magazine. Offering unprecedented access to the magazine's writers and editors, the series takes viewers to the heart of some of the most controversial dramas in history – dramas centered at the cross section of power, wealth and celebrity. The series is produced in conjunction with Conde Nast Entertainment and True Entertainment.

# HOMICIDE HUNTER: LT. JOE KENDA

A murder will change the life of a victim, their families, and the convicted killer... but what about the investigator? Lt. Joe Kenda, a veteran of Colorado's homicide investigation unit with one of the highest case closure rates in the country, reveals chilling memories of murders that still haunt him.

## A CRIME TO REMEMBER

Set against the backdrop of Studebakers, fedoras, and three-martini lunches, these stories of truly mad men and women reveal complicated relationships where thwarted dreams and repressed passions led to terrible crimes in the '50s and '60s.

# ON THE CASE WITH PAULA ZAHN

Profiling fascinating true stories and featuring gripping interviews conducted by journalist Paula Zahn, ON THE CASE unravels shocking investigations that have dominated headlines, and intriguing original stories uncovered exclusively for ID's audience.

### **DEADLINE: CRIME WITH TAMRON HALL**

Crime investigation, as any homicide detective will testify, is all about speed. Anchored by NBC's Tamron Hall, and produced by NBC's Peacock Productions, DEADLINE: CRIME goes beyond the headlines to explore not only what happened, but why it happened, and how it was investigated.

# MOMSTERS: WHEN MOMS GO BAD

With the help of TV's beloved loud-mouth mom and infamous comedienne, Roseanne Barr, MOMSTERS: WHEN MOMS GO BAD uncovers a bizarre world where mothers will do anything for their children's happiness.

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## **SURVIVING EVIL**

SURVIVING EVIL presents real-life stories of victims who fought back against their attackers and, against all odds, survived. Hosted by Charisma Carpenter, SURVIVING EVIL offers an empowering and inspiring look at true-crime stories in which the victim turns the table on their assailant in order to stay alive.

#### YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE

From monsters hiding in the closet to the boogeyman lurking in nearby shadows, evil can interrupt even the sweetest of dreams. But what happens when a bad dream is actually a waking nightmare? YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE brings real thriller crimes to life on ID.

# MURDER COMES TO TOWN

Beyond the boundaries of ordinary life, there is another world that lies just outside of town, where places have no names. MURDER COMES TO TOWN reveals what can happen in these solitary and desolate places. Gripping tales of betrayal and murder unfold as told by friends, family, and neighbors of the deceased.

#### ICE COLD KILLERS

As America's last true frontier, Alaska is an ideal destination for people wanting to experience the intrinsic beauty of isolated nature – but its wilderness also provides the perfect setting for keeping secrets. ICE COLD KILLERS explores crimes committed in the harshest of climates against a backdrop of rugged wilderness as unforgiving as the murders themselves.

## **EVIL TWINS**

Channeling sibling rivalries and deadly childhood pacts, EVIL TWINS follows true-crime mysteries surrounding cases of these double-duty archetypes. Each episode reveals a pair of sinister siblings: twins who tag team to kill together, twins who turn on each other, and even the good twin versus the evil one.

# WEB OF LIES

WEB OF LIES unravels tragic stories of deception and manipulation triggered by online interactions. From predators lurking behind their Facebook profiles to creeps scouring chat rooms for their next victim, WEB OF LIES is back with even more jaw-dropping, cautionary tales of deception, seduction, and violence.

### MURDER BOOK

Deep within the dusty drawers and cabinets of every police station is a library of binders containing detailed information about unsolved murders. Each contains the spirit of their victim waiting for the day that someone will finally catch their killer, this is their MURDER BOOK.

# WIVES WITH KNIVES

WIVES WITH KNIVES features women who stabbed their significant others...sometimes with deadly consequences. Host Dr. Casey Jordan, a criminologist and behavioral analyst with a law degree, sits down with each wife to reveal what events or motivations led them to slice and dice.

#### A STRANGER IN MY HOME

A STRANGER IN MY HOME is the perfect blend of mystery and suspense, telling stories of what happens when strangers come together under one roof and begin new relationships. You might think you can trust this new acquaintance, but looks can be deceiving.

# **UNUSUAL SUSPECTS**

Investigation Discovery shines a light on some UNUSUAL SUSPECTS, showing that even the nicest neighbor can have a sinister side. UNUSUAL SUSPECTS profiles those you would least expect to be capable of committing such dark deeds.

## **OBSESSION: DARK DESIRES**

When desire overtakes reason, the human mind can unleash deadly obsession. In OBSESSION: DARK DESIRES, women share their emotional stories of survival against obsessive stalkers who would do anything to satisfy their all-consuming infatuation.

# **DEADLY WOMEN**

DEADLY WOMEN takes viewers on a journey into the bizarre world of women who kill for thrills. Featuring Candice DeLong, a former FBI agent and criminal profiler, this series explores the psyche of female killers, showing what turns love affairs into fatal attractions or how twisted minds and dark secrets can send women on lethal rampages.

# **FATAL VOWS**

When marriages fail, divorce can turn ugly and even deadly. What was once a passionate union becomes spite, greed, backstabbing, and betrayal. FATAL VOWS explores tumultuous, shocking, and high-stake divorces and the deadly murders linked to them.

## 20/20 ON ID

Host John Quinones and the correspondents of ABC News' acclaimed show 20/20 dig beneath the headlines to reveal human stories of victims, their families, and the search for truth and justice.

## **48 HOURS ON ID**

Hosted by Maureen Maher, 48 HOURS ON ID features in-depth investigations that explore murder, gambling and jealousy with an unique approach that covers cases from multiple angles with dramatic results.

# **DATELINE ON ID**

Go behind the headlines with host Lester Holt to investigate, with journalistic integrity and cutting-edge style, baffling crimes and compelling real-life dramas.

# **About Investigation Discovery**

Investigation Discovery (ID) is the leading mystery-and-suspense network on television and America's favorite "guilty pleasure." From harrowing crimes and salacious scandals to the in-depth investigations and heart-breaking mysteries that result, ID challenges our everyday understanding of culture, society and the human condition. One of our nation's fastest growing cable networks, ID delivers the highest-quality programming to more than 86 million U.S. households and is available in both high definition (HD) and standard definition (SD). For more information, please visit <a href="InvestigationDiscovery.com">InvestigationDiscovery.com</a>, facebook.com/InvestigationDiscovery, or <a href="twitter.com/DiscoveryID">twitter.com/DiscoveryID</a>. Investigation Discovery is part of Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's #1 pay-TV programmer reaching nearly 3 billion cumulative subscribers in 220 countries and territories.

\*Source: Nielsen, NHI Calendar, L+SD data, 12/31/12-12/29/13 vs. 12/30/13-12/28/14, Prime (M-Su 8p-11p) & Total Day (M-Su 6a-6a), L+SD data, Time Period Based Averages.