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Stick It Season 02 Episode 19



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Episode Summary

"Stick It" / Season 2, Episode 19
Broadcast: March 14, 2006

Rachel Lewiston is arrested, Brad tries to help Rachel by posing as a drug addict. A homeowner is in trouble for boobytrapping his home to catch burglars. Denny takes a bath - with Alan.

From ABC: When Alan Shore's secretary, Melissa (Marisa Coughlan), is arrested for tax evasion, he takes on the case of this outspoken girl who says her late, patriotic grandfather would be proud of her for challenging the government. Meanwhile, after a blind date with Shirley Schmidt's nephew goes badly, Denise Bauer hopes her love life will improve when she meets a cute policeman. And Paul Lewiston decides to stage an intervention for his crystal-meth-using daughter, insisting that a reluctant Brad Chase help him

Episode Credits

Directed by Adam Arkin
Written by David E. Kelley & Janet Leahy

Jayne Brook ... Rachel Lewiston
Shelley Berman ... Judge Robert Sanders
Marisa Coughlan ... Melissa
Josh Braaten ... Scott Warner
Ron Canada ... Judge Willard Reese
Scott Paulin ... U.S. Attorney Jonathan Shapiro
Ashley and April Rios ... Fiona
Brad Bovee ... P.I. Smollers
Michael Hilow ... P.I. Jerome
Robert Joseph ... Federal Marshall Joseph Reynolds
Bradley James ... Federal Marshall Thomas Leahy
Kevin Isola ... Michael Reisz
Matthew Lenhart ... jury foreman
Zylan Brooks ... clerk no. 1
Laura Henry ... clerk no. 2

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Episode Dialogue

Alan Shore's closing argument

Alan Shore: When the weapons of mass destruction thing turned out to be not true, I expected the American people to rise up. Ha! They didn't.

Then, when the Abu Ghraib torture thing surfaced and it was revealed that our government participated in rendition, a practice where we kidnap people and turn them over to regimes who specialize in torture, I was sure then the American people would be heard from. We stood mute.

Then came the news that we jailed thousands of so-called terrorists suspects, locked them up without the right to a trial or even the right to confront their accusers. Certainly, we would never stand for that. We did.

And now, it's been discovered the executive branch has been conducting massive, illegal, domestic surveillance on its own citizens. You and me. And I at least consoled myself that finally, finally the American people will have had enough. Evidentially, we haven't.

In fact, if the people of this country have spoken, the message is we're okay with it all. Torture, warrantless search and seizure, illegal wiretappings, prison without a fair trial - or any trial, war on false pretenses. We, as a citizenry, are apparently not offended.

There are no demonstrations on college campuses. In fact, there's no clear indication that young people seem to notice.

Well, Melissa Hughes noticed. Now, you might think, instead of withholding her taxes, she could have protested the old fashioned way. Made a placard and demonstrated at a Presidential or Vice-Presidential appearance, but we've lost the right to that as well. The Secret Service can now declare free speech zones to contain, control and, in effect, criminalize protest.

Stop for a second and try to fathom that.

At a presidential rally, parade or appearance, if you have on a supportive t-shirt, you can be there. If you are wearing or carrying something in protest, you can be removed.

This, in the United States of America. This in the United States of America. Is Melissa Hughes the only one embarrassed?

Alan sits down abruptly in the witness chair next to the judge

Judge Robert Sanders: Mr. Shore. That's a chair for witnesses only.

Really long speeches make me so tired sometimes.

Judge Sanders: Please get out of the chair.

Alan: Actually, I'm sick and tired.

Judge Sanders: Get out of the chair!

Alan: And what I'm most sick and tired of is how every time somebody disagrees with how the government is running things, he or she is labeled unAmerican.

U.S. Attorney Jonathan Shapiro: Evidentially, it's speech time.

Alan: And speech in this country is free, you hack! Free for me, free for you. Free for Melissa Hughes to stand up to her government and say "Stick it"!

U.S. Attorney Jonathan Shapiro: Objection!

Alan: I object to government abusing its power to squash the constitutional freedoms of its citizenry. And, God forbid, anybody challenge it. They're smeared as being a heretic. Melissa Hughes is an American. Melissa Hughes is an American. Melissa Hughes is an American!

Judge Sanders: Mr. Shore. Unless you have anything new and fresh to say, please sit down. You've breached the decorum of my courtroom with all this hooting.

Alan: Last night, I went to bed with a book. Not as much fun as a 29 year old, but the book contained a speech by Adlai Stevenson. The year was 1952. He said, "The tragedy of our day

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is the climate of fear in which we live and fear breeds repression. Too often, sinister threats to the Bill of Rights, to freedom of the mind are concealed under the patriotic cloak of anti-Communism."

Today, it's the cloak of anti-terrorism. Stevenson also remarked, "It's far easier to fight for principles than to live up to them."

I know we are all afraid, but the Bill of Rights - we have to live up to that. We simply must. That's all Melissa Hughes was trying to say. She was speaking for you. I would ask you now to go back to that room and speak for her.



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"It's far easier to fight for principles, than to live up to them."

[edited out from the episode]

Inside Denise's dream. Denise is in bed, making love with an unseen partner

Denise Bauer: Yes! Yes! Yes!

Denny Crane: Denny Crane!

Denise Bauer: No! No! No!

Dr Phil: Denise, you know why this is happening, don't you?

Hillary Clinton: Hello, Denny.

—

Agent Joseph Reynolds: This woman is under arrest for evasion of Federal income taxes.

Melissa Hughes: *Alan looks to her. Weakly* Ooopsie.

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Judge Sanders: Ten A.M. tomorrow. And I would ask Counsel to check his sense of humor at the door. My courtroom is a temple of decorum. And I do not tolerate jibber-jabber.

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Shirley Schmidt: You slept with him.

Denise Bauer: I did not.

Shirley Schmidt: You did too.

Denise Bauer: I did not.

Shirley Schmidt: Denise.

Denise Bauer: Okay, maybe a little.

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Did You Know... ?

[Six Degrees of the Guest Star bu SueB](#)

Shelley Berman as Judge Robert Sanders - Where do I start on this guy? The amazingly prolific Berman has been performing for over 50 years. He began his career as a stand-up comedian and won the first-ever Grammy for a non-musical recording in 1959, the same year he debuted as a TV guest star in an episode of Peter Gunn. He appeared many times on The Ed Sullivan Show and other variety shows in the '60s while his lengthy list of TV guest appearances includes a recurring role on LA Law. Most recently, he appeared in several episodes of Curb Your Enthusiasm in the role of Larry David's father. He also played a judge in the 2004 film Meet the Fockers. Besides acting and comedy, Berman has written books, directed, and he has [taught at USC for 22 years](#). In the meantime, despite turning 80 last month, he continues to perform stand-up comedy on a regular basis. There is more on his life and career in [this interesting recent article](#).

Marisa Coughlan as Melissa - Coughlan returns for her sixth episode in the role of Melissa Hughes. The photogenic Minnesota native first appeared on film in 1995 and has been pegged as a rising star since winning the Movieline Young Hollywood "One to Watch" award in 2001. Besides her BL appearances, she appeared on a 2005 episode of Jake in Progress and features in the not-yet-released indie film [Farewell Bender](#). (Mar 8 UPDATE: Coughlan has just been confirmed as one of the leads in an upcoming ABC comedy pilot!)

Adam Arkin is the first actor/director in Boston Legal history. Previously on this series, he appeared as A.D.A. Douglas Kouper in ['Live Big' \[2x16\]](#). He'll be back as Kouper in ["Ivan the Incurrible" \[2x22\]](#).

Michael Reisz/Michael Reisz

Guest star **Kevin Isola** plays a character named Michael Reisz. It's also interesting to note that this character name is also the name of "Breast in Show", "Witches of Mass Destruction" and "Cancer Man Can" writer Michael Reisz. If things could be any more looking-glass, the real Reisz is also an actor. Oh, OK. One more rabbit hole. He acted in one of the Star Trek franchises. Last year, the actor Isola performed in the Broadway play Brooklyn Boy, which starred episode director Adam Arkin.

Thanks to Sue for this research. For more acting Six Degrees for every guest star in this episode, [see our forum episode page](#)

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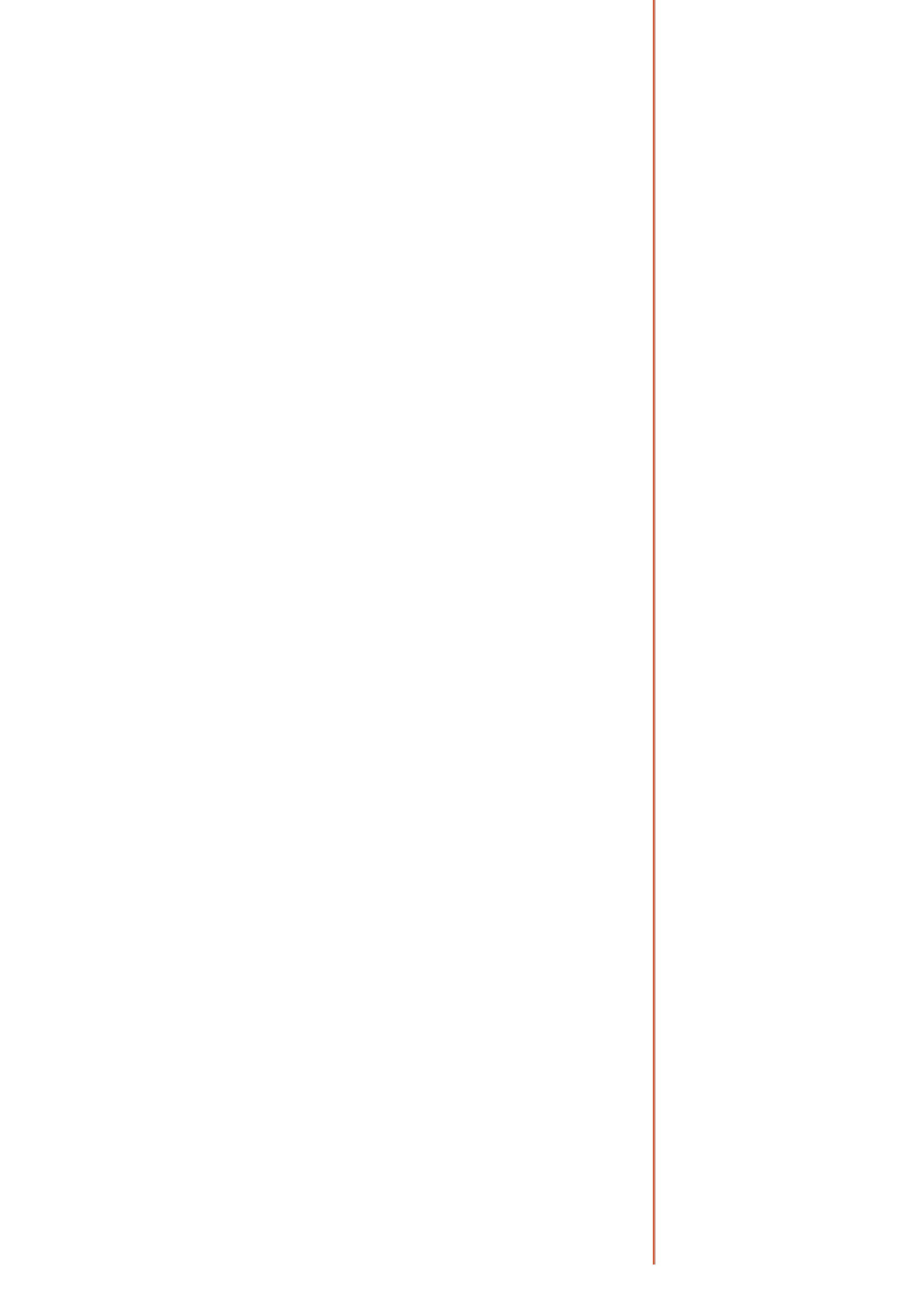
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