

#25 Review of 1983 television movie
"ADAM" (Adam Walsh)

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SUBJ: Review of 1983 Television Movie "ADAM"

RE: Homicide Investigation of Adam Walsh

A copy of the subject movie was obtained from the Hollywood Police department and as requested was reviewed for the purpose of determining what crime facts might have been presented in the movie.

Information pertinent to the investigation and facts of the case shown in the movie were as follows:

- A scene shows Reve Walsh driving into a parking lot and exiting her car with Adam. She is heard to call him "Cooter".
- The child is wearing a red baseball cap, red and white stripe t-shirt, and Zorri type footwear.
- At no time does the visual show the name Sears nor is there mention of Sears in the audio. There are no landmarks shown to indicate where this scene is taking place. In the store, after Reve discovers Adam missing, a clerk is overheard to mention Hollywood, Fl.
- After entering the store there is a scene in the toy department at the video games. This scene shows two black male youths playing the game. Reve tells Adam that she is going to the lamp department. Reve is wearing a white pull over sweater type blouse and black slacks.

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- Reve is shown in the lamp department, then returns to the video game and Adam is gone. she then begins looking for Adam, inquires of a clerk (this is when Hollywood, FL is mentioned) and she then goes to customer service to page Adam.
- What happens to Adam after Reve leaves him at the video games is never shown.
- At one point Reve is heard to say her son has been missing since noon.
- The movie then goes on to show the search for Adam. Posters of the missing child are shown but they are not the actual posters that were used.
- There is a scene which shows a small boat in a body of water and police personnel. This is at night. This is a brief scene and is not at all like the actual location where Adam's remains were found. The audio mentions that the remains of a young boy were found in a canal near Vero Beach.
- There follows a scene in a hotel room where John Walsh is informed that the police have found and identified Adam's head. Walsh is shown losing control and trashes the hotel room and is heard to say "They found our baby's head".

The remainder of the movie concerns the life of John and Reve Walsh after the confirmation of Adam's death and the pursuit of the Missing Children's Act. There is no further dialogue or visual material that relate to the facts of the murder.

At the conclusion of the movie as the credits are showing the actual missing child poster used in the search for Adam Walsh is shown for 6/10ths of a minute.

A copy of the tape was made for the SAO case file. H.P.D's copy was returned.

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