

'60 Days In' News: 4 Things You Need To Know About A&E's Groundbreaking New Docu-Series [VIDEO]

The show follows seven undercover inmates in a real prison setting.

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Life in prison is nothing new to be tackled on television, but A&E's new docu-series *60 Days In* is taking viewers into prison in a way shows like *Orange in the New Black* can't.

The new docu-series, **already renewed for a second season**, premieres on the network with back-to-back episodes on March 10, and follows seven innocent people who have never before been convicted of a crime as they go undercover in a jail for two months, with false identities, false charges against them, and no one except for the sheriff knowing the truth about who they really are.

The new inmates were without protection, and saw things completely firsthand, reporting everything they learned while in the Clark County Jail in Jeffersonville, Indiana, to help make improvements in the system and reform corrupt ways of the past.

Here are four things you need to know about the show (outside of the fact that it airs Thursdays at 10 p.m. on A&E):

The Seven Inmates Are All Innocent

According to a press release from A&E, the seven hand-picked undercover inmates have all never been convicted of a crime before, though they each had differing reasons why they wanted to participate. Maryum is a social worker trying to put an end to gang violence, Zac is an aspiring DEA agent, Tami is a cop who wants to better understand life on the other side, Jeff is an aspiring corrections officer, Isaiah wants to understand what his own incarcerated older brother is going through, Robert is a teacher who wants to teach his students about making better choices, and Barbra is a mother of two who wants to see if prisoners to have it easy behind bars as she previously believed.

One Of The Inmates Is Muhammed Ali's Daughter

Maryum is the **famed boxer's eldest daughter** and had to be even more cautious about her false identity because of her own fame. To be even more sure she wouldn't be exposed, she couldn't even tell the other members of her family where she was—she simply ceased contact with all of them for the entire two months.


This Has Never Been Done Before

Clark County Sheriff Jamey Noel was the one who **came up with the plot** to have undercover inmates so he could be given a more honest look at what life was like in the jail, and genuinely make improvements to the system.

"The only way to truly understand what was going on in the jail was to implement innocent participants into the system to provide firsthand unbiased intelligence," he said in a statement to A&E. "These brave volunteers helped us identify critical issues within our system that undercover officers would not have been able to find."

There Is A Lot Of Buzz About The Show

Those who caught the premiere are stunned by the look they've gotten into the premiere thus far, taking to social media to share their thoughts about it:

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