

Present day. A new and dangerous drug is on the street. It's called PUNCHED.

It allows for the transference of your consciousness into the mind of another. Quantum entanglement is real.

With the ability to temporarily take over the mind and body of an unsuspecting target, punched has created a new criminal: a jumper. The crime is jumping and the murder rate in Chicago is skyrocketing.

To fight this new breed of criminal, the FBI has formed a specialized unit under the jurisdiction of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime: The Quantum Unit.

THE SHOW

QUANTUM HOMICIDE is a present day, one-hour dramatic crime procedural with a sci-fi twist. It's dark. It's gritty. Set in Chicago the members of the Quantum Unit must hunt criminals who jump into others in order to commit crimes. At the advent of our series, the drug is slowly seeping onto the street.

While on Punched, the jumper's autonomic brain functions remain intact and the target's consciousness remains in a dormant state until the jumper vacates two hours later. Men can only jump into men and women can only jump into women. Possession has a minimum mandatory sentence of fifteen years, and jumping carries a minimum mandatory sentence of twenty five years.

The episodes are self-contained with character arcs weaving throughout. Due to the nature of the drug, most of the cases will revolve around murder.

STRUCTURE

- 1) Each episode will open with a murder being committed in very unusual circumstance: an innocent person is left holding the smoking gun. The case is deemed quantum level.
- 2) Initial findings will throw the team down a rabbit hole of investigation; they never know what direction a case will take them when initial trace evidence is elusive.
- 3) Upon investigation of the target individual, information collected will either give them a starting point, or a dead end. They must look closely at the back story of the victim and methodically piece it together.
- 4) Further investigation of the murder victim will lead them to a prime suspect. When evidence fails to convince the team of his or her guilt or an alibi proves solid, the team is back to square one.
- 5) The team peels back the layers of the clues, The Agent's experience and intelligence comes into play, the connections are defined and the motive becomes more evident. The real suspect is discovered.
- 6) They meticulously hone in on the perpetrator of the crime; the jumper. An arrest is made, or the perp goes down with a fight.

The crimes being committed have a dark and surreal tone. How do you find the murderer when it appears the victims were killed by someone completely unrelated to the crime? You may be able to get away with murder, but it's still about the motive.

The characters are hardened, yet specialized Agents trained to deal with a new kind of criminal; one that can disappear without a trace.

FBI QUANTUM UNIT - NCAVC

Much like the BAU (Behaviour Analyst Unit), the Quantum Unit is a sub-unit of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC). The Quantum Unit is based in the Chicago FBI field office.

Quantum Agents are brought in after first responders or a Forensics unit believes the crime was committed by a jumper; the case is then deemed Quantum Level. They have the profiling skills and the technical knowledge to corner the criminal and bring them to justice.

Trained in psychoanalysis, criminal psychopathology, and forensic science, they are able to read lies and dig into a suspect in ways other Agents may not. Most importantly they are only used in cases involving jumpers.

Quantum Unit members can use jumping to help solve a crime, but only in extreme circumstances do the courts allow them to. They must apply for a "JW" (Jump Warrant).

In order to prove a target has been jumped, the team will look at some key indicators:

- » State of Mind Analysis (SOMA analysis) ; is the perpetrator aware of what has transpired? Are the psychological determinants of awareness present? Are they lying?
- » Polygraph ; the perpetrator is given a lie detector test; although inadmissible in court, it's a good indicator of targeting.
- » Iris Imaging ; jumpers can leave a residue or signature behind locked in the iris of the target. A slight discoloration of the iris occurs in the target; a protein strand. It's not always present and can appear as a natural coloration of the iris. It is unexplained.
- » Heightened levels of DMT ; in the blood stream. Although not precise or always present, it is a good indicator. High levels of DMT can cause mitochondrial degradation in the synapsis.
- » Hypnosis ; may reveal indicators the person was unaware of what they were doing (hypnosis may also yield clues or contain fragments of memories or feelings about the jumper and the motive behind the crime).

AGENTS OF THE QUANTUM UNIT

Supervisory Special Agent Jacob Sumbody (41)

Jacob is the unofficial team leader. A man of few words, his intuition is focused and accurate. He understands the human psyche; understands the fallibility of man. He also knows the streets of Chicago. His father, an influential figure in his life, was an FBI agent killed in the line of duty when Jacob was 20. Law enforcement is in his blood. He started his career as a Chicago Police Department patrol officer. When a close friend of Jacob's was murdered in cold blood, Jacob fought tooth and nail to become a Detective in the homicide division.

When Jacob unwittingly becomes involved in one of the first murder cases involving jumping, F.B.I. Deputy Director and family friend, Peter Heart, lures Jacob to the FBI for the specialized unit. His wife, a respected homicide detective, was killed in the line of duty. The killer remains at large. This haunts Jacob. He feels it should have been him and he will never forgive himself.



Supervisory Special Agent Martha Young (34)

Martha was destined for police work. There was something about the power of a female F.B.I. agent that she couldn't shake; she wanted it. With a degree in behavioural science and a minor in criminology from Yale University, she is the youngest criminal analyst at the NCAVC. She is pragmatic to a fault and married to her job; she is a loner. When the chance to apply for the newly formed Quantum Unit came up, she couldn't resist. She respects Jacob as the leader and values his intellect, but she keeps her distance; because Martha has a secret, she likes to jump.

Supervisory Special Agent Bobby Ryan (36)

Bobby is a physical man standing a solid 6'2". He becomes heavily involved in his cases and is very thorough. He will stop at nothing to get his man and the ends justify the means. He is aware of his physicality and will always opt for non-violent solutions, but they don't always work. Bobby is a highly educated man having studied sociology and anthropology at Brown University in Rhode Island before heading to Quantico for F.B.I. training in 2015. A stoic and reserved agent, Bobby has trouble letting people get too close.



Forensic I.D. Specialist and Forensic Pathologist, Supervisory Special Agent Dr. Claire Hammond (37)

Claire is both a criminal pathologist and medical examiner within the F.B.I. She is a highly regarded Supervisory Special Agent with the NCAVC. This new age of transcendence fascinates her, yet she is fearful of its future and its long term effects on the mind. Her meticulous study of the crime scene has propelled her to the top of her field. Socially awkward, she has an unrequited longing for Jacob that develops over the first season.

FBI Deputy Director Peter Heart (67)

Peter Heart is the solid backbone of the team. The final decision maker, much of the stress weighs on his shoulders. He gives orders easily. Having risen through the ranks over the years Peter is a law abiding man, but he also knows this new rise in crime requires a different kind of thinking; a different kind of Special Agent. He is quiet and reserved. A tough and jaded man he has seen it all; at least he thinks he has.



MINOR CHARACTERS

C.I. (confidential informant) Amanda "Pinky" Robertson (20's)

Amanda is a pro deep-web hacker and police informant. Raised in foster homes for most of her life, Amanda knows how to survive on the streets of Chicago. Having been born in the late 90's, Pinky knows technology. As a CI Pinky plays both sides of the law. Jacob turns a blind eye to her actions, and she provides him with quick answers when needed. She loves the color pink; perhaps because her childhood was anything but rosy. She is a male fantasy, a sexy "anime" character come to life.

Devon Sumbody (37)

Devon is Jacob's younger brother. He spends his life locked away in isolation the Craven Institute in Chicago; a full security prison for violent offenders. Devon is a serial killer; the first serial killer utilizing the power of punched. After a string of high profile murders, Jacob saw some similarities in the minutia of the crime. He recognized elements of his childhood. He knew it was Devon; and he knew where to find him. A highly intelligent and sociopathic individual, Devon feels neither empathy nor sympathy. When Jacob is stuck on a case he will sometimes talk to his brother in order to gain insight into the mind of a criminal. Is highly detailed and comes across as an intellect. His bursts of anger are spontaneous and violent.

THE OFFICE: FBI CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE - NCAVC

The office itself will be generic yet current mixed with the latest technology. It will look like any office with computers and flat screens.

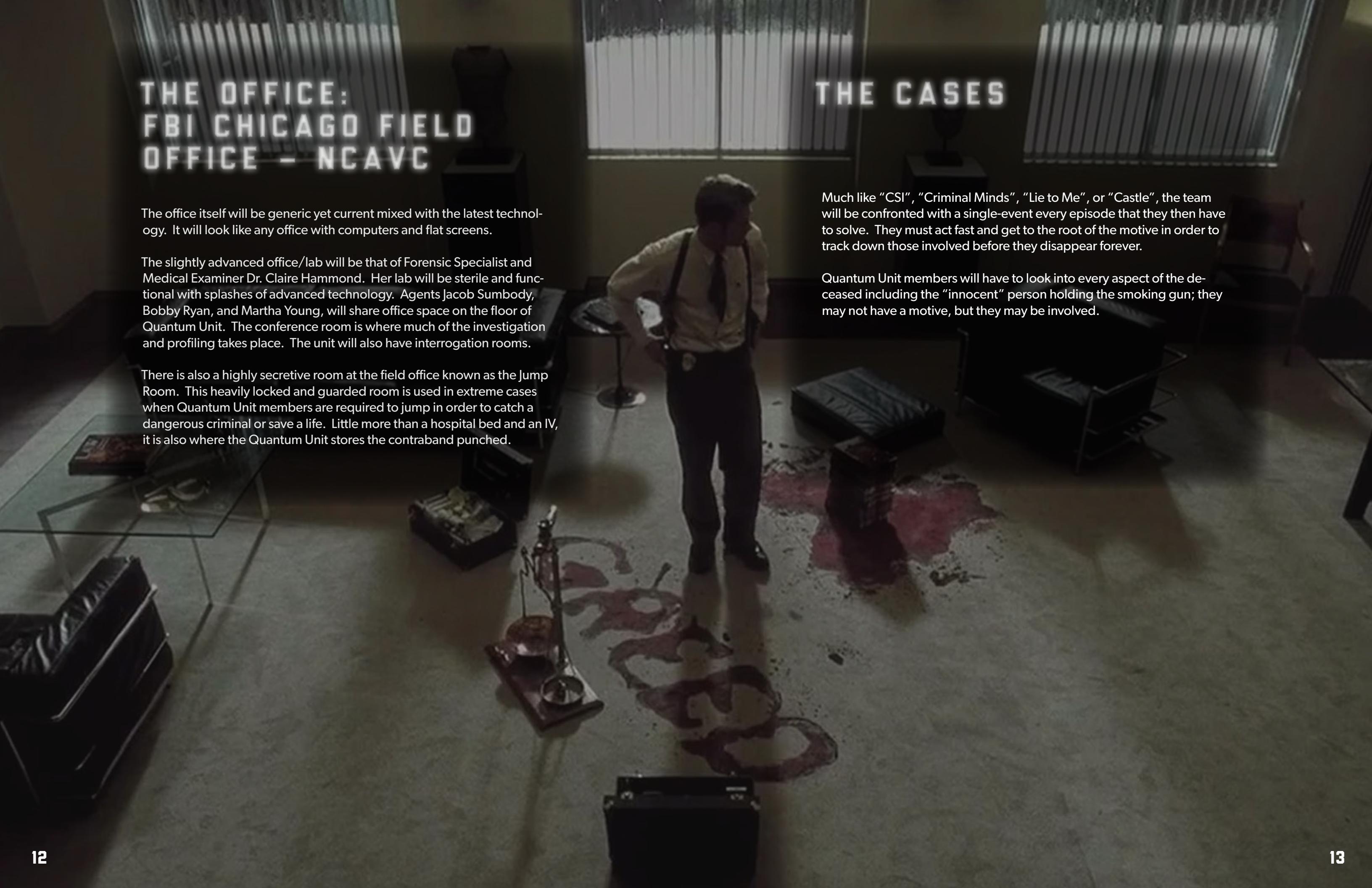
The slightly advanced office/lab will be that of Forensic Specialist and Medical Examiner Dr. Claire Hammond. Her lab will be sterile and functional with splashes of advanced technology. Agents Jacob Sumbody, Bobby Ryan, and Martha Young, will share office space on the floor of Quantum Unit. The conference room is where much of the investigation and profiling takes place. The unit will also have interrogation rooms.

There is also a highly secretive room at the field office known as the Jump Room. This heavily locked and guarded room is used in extreme cases when Quantum Unit members are required to jump in order to catch a dangerous criminal or save a life. Little more than a hospital bed and an IV, it is also where the Quantum Unit stores the contraband punched.

THE CASES

Much like "CSI", "Criminal Minds", "Lie to Me", or "Castle", the team will be confronted with a single-event every episode that they then have to solve. They must act fast and get to the root of the motive in order to track down those involved before they disappear forever.

Quantum Unit members will have to look into every aspect of the deceased including the "innocent" person holding the smoking gun; they may not have a motive, but they may be involved.



EPISODES

- 1) A mass stabbing riles the team forcing them to look closer at one of the victims. They discover it was a premeditated attack with one intended victim. They discover the others were killed as a cover.
- 2) A terrorist plot to take over an airliner is averted when Jacob must attempt to jump into a passenger and stop the attack. The team must track down the suspect on board when a distress call comes from a passenger on the flight.
- 3) The unit must hunt down a drug dealer who is paying teenagers to borrow their bodies in order to kill off his competitors. It becomes personal when a family friend of Dr. Hammond's is involved.
- 4) A man walks into a police station with his hands covered in blood claiming he thinks he killed his wife. With no motive, no weapon, and no body, the Quantum unit is called in to investigate. ("Rescue Me" - written)
- 5) When Republican house representatives start turning up dead, the team looks at a new bill being passed through the house. Jacob sees a similarity in the killings and most look close to home for the answers. ("Transcendence" - written)
- 6) When a string of brazen bank robberies leave several dead in their wake, the team must track down a group of jumpers taunting the Quantum unit.
- 7) An "honour killing" of a young Indian woman has the team looking closely at the family who opposed the marriage. When her past is studied more carefully, other clues lead to other possible scenarios for murder; including an illicit relationship.
- 8) When a young fourteen year old girl goes missing from her home, the team focuses on a recently released sexual predator living in the neighbourhood. While the suspect is in custody, another child goes missing. Time is running out and the team must track down a possible serial killer jumping to commit murder.
- 9) In an unusual case the team must act fast when an assassination plot to kill the Russian leader is discovered during a G8 summit. After discovering an anti-Russian political cell in Chicago, clues lead to the American President's Secret Service detail.
- 10) A six-year-old beauty queen, daughter of a wealthy executive and his socially active wife, is found dead in the basement after Christmas. An odd ransom note was found at the scene. Clashes between the family, police and District Attorney stir up an enormous media campaign. Public speculation becomes centered on her parents.
- 11) Four kids are discovered in a jump state in a garage and now the team must act fast to save the kids and their targets. The team discovers a plot to kill several students at their school. Will they stop it in time?
- 12) A wealthy older couple is savagely murdered. When the clues lead nowhere, the Quantum unit must look at the couple's only son, locked up in an institution.

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Welcome to the world of "Quantum Homicide". "CSI" meets "Quantum Leap", with a touch of "Seven" and "Orphan Black". A world where nothing is as it seems. In time we may find our unifying connection and choose the path of transcendence; but if humanity has proven anything over the years, our own hubris may get in the way. The Quantum Unit may be our only defence...pray they get the job done.



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