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Series Description: *(Our thanks to Frank Passage for his permission to repeat it here)*

DRAGNET, the brainchild of Jack Webb, may very well be the most well-remembered, and the best, radio police drama series. From September, 1949 through February 1957, Dragnet's 30 minute shows, broadcast on NBC, brought to radio true police stories in a low-key, documentary style.

The origins of DRAGNET can be traced to a semi-documentary film, "He Walked by Night" from 1948, in which Mr. Webb had a small role. Both employed the same Los Angeles Police Department technical adviser, used actual police cases and presented the case in "just the facts" manner that became a hallmark of DRAGNET. It is interesting to note that Mr. Webb employed that format in other radio series, some pre-dating the film mentioned above.

In the radio series, Mr. Webb starred as Sergeant Joe Friday and Barton Yarborough played his partner. The success of the radio show led to the production of a DRAGNET television pilot, which aired as an episode of "Chesterfield Sound Off Time" in 1951 and ultimately the DRAGNET television series on NBC in early 1952.

Log Comments: (From Frank Passages Log available in the Logs and Such section)

This log started with a very complete listing from Fair Pickings found on the Internet. Jerry Haendiges' log was used to verify titles and descriptions. His log identified a number of show titles otherwise not found. Of special note in Jerry's log was the identification of type of case for each show in the comments field. Ed Carr provided a log of all shows prior to the re-run series. Dick Judge provided short synopsis of shows or main character name which I've added below the show titles. The first four shows were untitled on the script, except for "Dragnet - Production 1".

For the early part of the series, show titles did not always match between catalogs used to develop the log. In those cases, other titles are listed as alternates. Where the shows were duplicates of previously aired shows, "(dup)" will be shown after the title.

From September 27, 1955 to the last show of the series, all shows were re-runs. The original date of broadcast is shown after the titles. There is an excellent review of the Dragnet program and its character at wikipedia

In Recognition: Welcome to this work. It has been a collaborative effort, put together from the many volunteers within the OTR Researchers Group and others in the OTR Community. I have mixed emotions about listing their names for fear of missing some of them. No Fear, we proceed

Tony Adams	Michael St. John	Geoff Loker	Booze Robert
Tim Germain	Marc Olayne	Gary Everest	Bob Johnson
Terry Caswell	Lisa Fittinghoff	Frank Passage	Ben Kibler
Sue R. Sieger	Leonard Price	Edward Martin	Anne Rimmer
Stewart Wright	Larry Maupin	Diane Hull	Allan George
Stephen Rushe	Krys Bulding	David Taylor	Adam Gott
Ron Schalow	Ken Towson	David Shipman	
Robert Phillips	Joseph Webb	David Schwegler	
Pete Cavallo	Jonathan Dearman	David Oxford	
Paul Schallowitz	John Baker	Dale Beckman	
Park Lawrence	John A. Davies	Curt Jensen	
Pam Strelitz	Jim Beshires	Clorinda Thompson	
Nick Wilcox	Jerry Thomas	Chris Pyle	
Mike Thomas	Heather Thornton	Brian Johnson	

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Using This Document – Conventions:

- Because of access to the script titles for all episodes, no aka names will be provided.
- Because all episodes were broadcast on NBC, network notation on individual episode descriptions will not be available.
- The plot or format style of the Dragnet series introduces what I've called a "First Line Narrative and Plot". This slightly cryptic message spoken by the announcer at the show opening is used as a hook to pique the interest of the audience by providing an overview of the actual plot.
- The Plot Extension: provides a brief subjective description of the plot highlights to enhance the narrative. An FX: section has been added to describe several of the sound effects emphasized in this series.
- Many episodes will include a section, Duplicate: to identify rebroadcast of the same show such as AFRS or reuse of the script. There is also a special log section at the end of this document identifying the exclusive 2 year run of broadcast re-runs.
- Special Notice – Sequential Episode Numbers: The episode numbers associated with these episodes and air dates have been taken from the scripts used by the network. They are provided here as a convenience for finding and describing files in a list.
- The left margin column is used for broadcast play dates. Followed by assigned episode numbers. Other left margin markers are EPS, which identifies the changes in Episode broadcast information and 000, which mark pieces of support information.
- Wiki-On-Line <http://www.otrr.org/pmwiki/CertFirstLines/Dragnet>
- Rumor Control – There are rumors that supplemental Dragnet parody materials are contained in the Bonus Episodes folder of this certification.
- All times quoted are Eastern.
- Any information collected for this certification that did not seem appropriate for this log has been placed in the Dragnet Anthology document.



Dragnet Episode Totals Analysis (All episodes originated on NBC):

Total Number of original broadcasts	318
Total Number of scripts used twice	10
Total Number of scripts used 4 times	1






Total Number of repeat broadcasts	76
Total Number of broadcasts	382
Number of episodes in Certified Set	375

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Lead Actors Tenure:

		From:	To:
Jack Webb as Sergeant Joe Friday Plays the sole lead for the entire series.		June 7, 1949	Last Original Script: September 20, 1955 End of Series Run: February 26, 1957
Regular Partners of Joe Friday through the life of the radio series			
Barton Yarborough as Sergeant Ben Romero		June 7, 1949	December 20 1951

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Barney Phillips as Ed Jacobs		December 27, 1951	April 10, 1952
Martin Milner as Bill Lockwood		April 17, 1952	May 8, 1952
Herb Ellis as Frank Smith		May 15, 1952 AND August 21, 1952	June 5, 1952 AND September 14, 1952
Vic Perrin as Frank Smith		June 12, 1952	August 7, 1952
Ken Patterson as Frank Smith	No Photo	August 14, 1952	August 14, 1952 ONE SHOW
Ben Alexander as Frank Smith		September 21, 1952	September 20, 1955 END OF SERIES

EPS Listed in the New York Times as the Premier broadcast for the Dragnet Series begins on NBC at 10:00pm.

000 Confirmed information indicates the script title for 6 episodes were typed on the scripts as Production #1, Production #2, Production #3, Production #4, Production #10 and Production #11.

49/06/03 001 Dragnet, June 3, 1949. "Production #1." Program is not available

First Line: not available

First Line Narrative and Plot: format not used on this episode

Plot Extension: expected, George Slocum - Thief

Cast: expected, Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Charles McGraw

49/06/10 002 Dragnet, June 10, 1949. "Production #2".

000 Production #2 is typical of the music and dramatic show opening of the first two episodes.

First Line: "It was Tuesday, March 25th. It was cold in Los Angeles. We were working the night watch out of Homicide. Detectives in Los Angeles work in pairs. My partner's Ben Romero, he's a sergeant, so am I. My name's Friday."

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First Line Narrative and Plot: format not used on this episode

Plot extension: A nickel plated .44 caliber Smith and Wesson is used to shoot two cops and a lot more people. The point was made that no civilian bystanders would help the wounded policemen. The police make extensive use of "IBM machines" and a tape recorder to solve the case.

FX: 1.) sound of an IBM card sorter run is emphasized. 2.) Bandits punched "No Sale" and you could hear the opening and closing of the cash register drawer

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Frank Lovejoy, Charles McGraw, Frank Barton (Opening announcement), Bill Lava (composer).

- 00 The Dragnet theme is introduced. "Dragnet," the instrumental theme song from the radio and television show of the same name, was composed by Miklós Rózsa as part of his score for the 1946 film version of The Killers; it was modified by Walter Schumann
- 01 for the show. A 1953 recording of the tune by Ray Anthony became a popular music chart hit (reaching #2 on Billboard). The song, also known as "Danger Ahead" and the "Dragnet March", was later covered by the band Art of Noise to become the theme song for the 1987 MTV Video and the film starring Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks and based on the TV show. Its familiar four-note opening fanfare was also adopted as a jingle for Tums antacid medication.

49/06/17 003 Dragnet. June 17, 1949. "Production #3".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. There's a potential killer on the loose in your city. Eighteen women have been beaten and robbed by this man. The newspapers call him the Werewolf. You're job is to get him.*

Plot extension: "The Werewolf" has beaten up and robbed eighteen women in six weeks. This big, ugly man always seems to be one step ahead of the cops. He's finally captured in a "dragnet".

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Charles McGraw.

49/06/24 004 Dragnet. June 24, 1949. Production #4.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A gang of quick-trigger gunmen have moved in on your city. They've given public notice that they'll kill the first cop who tries to take them. You know the risk. Your job... apprehend the suspects.*

Plot extension: A cop on a stake-out is killed by a shotgun blast from three quick-trigger gunmen in a bar. A cab number breaks the case. The killers are trapped in an apartment house.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr, Charles McGraw.

000 No broadcast on July 1, 1949, the next date sequential broadcast schedule. There is a posting in the Thursday, July 7th Annapolis Capital paper: "10:30 Dragnet, police drama recently introduced as a Friday night replacement is moving to a new time." Ed. Note: and day.

EPS Schedule changes from 10:00pm Friday to 10:30pm Thursday

49/07/07 005 Dragnet. July 7, 1949. "Helen Corday Murder".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide. Somewhere in the tangled web of your city, there's a killer on the loose. A young woman has been brutally murdered, the weapon, a steel bludgeon. You're job is to get him.*

Plot extension: A well liked 21 year old waitress named Helen Corday, earning \$26.50 per week, has been murdered with a steel pipe. Details of forensics evidence are highlighted and play a role in the conviction of the suspect. The suspect's name is Larson.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr, Charles McGraw.

49/07/14 006 Dragnet. July 14, 1949. "The Red Light Bandit".

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A ruthless fiend roams the streets of your city masquerading as a police officer. For months, helpless citizens have been robbed, beaten senseless and kidnapped. The criminal is a twisted genius, vicious, cunning. Your job is to get 'em.*

Plot extension: Ex-convict, Johnny Savage, stops by the police office to let them know he's served his time and is out on the streets. A malicious robber, tall, dark hair and big hands is impersonating a police officer, usually striking when there's a red traffic light. A girl is kidnapped from a parked car on Mullholland Dr. and recovers enough to identify Johnny Savage then dies. The "Red Light Bandit" is turned in by his own father, Carl Savage. Savage is captured after a high speed car chase.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

49/07/21 007 Dragnet. July 21, 1949. "Attempted City Hall Bombing".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're been off duty two hours. You receive an emergency call from the chief of detectives. An entire block in the heart of your city is threatened with complete destruction. Your job... report at once.*

Plot extension: Vernon Carney is threatening to blow up City Hall with a bomb if his brother isn't freed from jail by nine o'clock.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

Duplicate: See July 13, 1950 (057) "The Big Bomb" for the same script but with a different title, first line

49/07/28 008 Dragnet. July 28, 1949. "Missing Persons - Juanita Lasky".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Missing Persons Detail. You've never heard of Fountain Green Utah. You've never heard of Juanita Lasky. Los Angeles is a big city, 452 square miles, 3,356,969 people. Your job... find her.*

Plot extension: Juanita Lasky has been reported missing by her mother. The story takes place at Christmas, despite the July broadcast date. Police have been one step behind her. When they catch up, she is found to be suffering from amnesia.

000	Episode 008 contains census information showing essentially, the city's population has only increased 500,000 in 50 years. The more current information is Population, 2003 is 3,819,915 and Land Area, 2000 is 469 sq. miles. The story also includes FX information for a long distance call placed through the manual telephone system.
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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

49/08/04 009 Dragnet. August 4, 1949. "Benny Trounser - Narcotics".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. For more than two months doctors' offices have been burglarized, hospital pharmacies pillaged, drug stores robbed medical supply firms ransacked with one purpose in mind, the theft of narcotics. The criminals are expert, cunning, vicious. Your job... get them.*

Plot extension: It was Thursday, March 23rd. A small-time narcotics user named Benny Trounser has been beaten to death shortly after tipping the cops to a new narcotics ring working at the hospital in town.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

49/08/11 010 Dragnet. August 11, 1949. "Production #10".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide. There's a mad killer at large in your city. A woman has been brutally slain. The body mutilated. The picture is clear. The killer has a thirst for blood. Your job... get 'em.*

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Plot extension: A homicidal maniac has killed and mutilated several young women on a cold and rainy night in Los Angeles. Details of the crime lab activities are described. A massive manhunt is launched to find the killer.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

End of Show Promo: Announcements for Saturday's NBC Shows, "Dangerous Assignment" and "Richard Diamond, Private Detective".

49/08/18 011 Dragnet. August 18, 1949. "Production #11".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A sudden wave of jewel thefts is sweeping the city. In 16 days, 16 burglaries have been committed. One each night, they bear the same trademark. Thousands of dollars of jewels are missing. The thief is a master at his trade. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: There have been sixteen jewel burglaries in the last sixteen days, a very active thief! The trail leads to Walter Tracy. Finding the loot is a lot harder than finding Tracy.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr, Harry Morgan.

End of Show Promo: Announcements for Saturday's NBC Shows, "Dangerous Assignment" and "Richard Diamond, Private Detective".

49/08/25 012 Dragnet. August 25, 1949. "Police Academy - Mario Koski".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. An armed gang of "blitz bandits" has started to work in your city. Their pace is fast, four and five robberies each night. The criminals are not amateurs; they're well armed, dangerous. Your job...get them.*

Plot extension: A gang of "blitz bandits" are committing three and four burglaries a night, eighteen liquor stores and restaurants. A young cop begins his police career at the same time.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr, Jeff Chandler as the new cop.

49/09/01 013 Dragnet. September 1, 1949. "Auto Burglaries - Myra the Redhead".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. In three months, more than 250 cars have been broken into. Property mounting well into thousands of dollars has been stolen. Two youthful members of the gang have been apprehended. The all important brains of the criminal ring, the leaders, are still at large. Your job...get them.*

Plot extension: The mysterious "Myra" has been using teams of youngsters to break into and steal valuables from parked automobiles.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr

End of Show Promo: Announcement for the schedule change to Saturday's

EPS Changes from Thursday, 10:30pm to Saturday, 7:30pm

49/09/03 014 Dragnet. September 3, 1949. "Eric Kelby - Buried Body in Nursery".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A man's wife has suddenly dropped from sight. On the surface it appears only as a routine missing person's case. You start to investigate, suspicion grows. There is evidence of possible foul play. Your job...find the woman or find her murderer.*

Plot extension: Agnes Kelby has disappeared from her house. Mr. Kelby is acting suspiciously. Something smells fishy!

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000	Episode 014 begins the weekly End of Show announcement identifying the Technical Advice received from the Los Angeles Police Department
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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Harry Morgan.

49/09/10 015 Dragnet. September 10, 1949. "Sullivan Kidnapping".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A twenty-two year old girl has disappeared. A letter has been received. It demands \$30,000 for the girls return. The letter is signed "The Wolf." Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: "The Wolf" has kidnapped a girl and has demanded \$30,000 ransom. An excellent, taut, police drama, emotional and hard hitting. Fingerprints off the ransom note provide a good lead. The greatest dragnet in LA history was activated to look for the girl and then for the girls killer.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

Duplicate: See December 13, 1951 for a program with a similar script.

49/09/17 016 Dragnet. September 17, 1949. "James Vickers - Cop Killing - Tunnel Chase".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Bureau. A police officer has been shot, mortally wounded. One of the suspects has been apprehended, the other is still at large. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: A cop killer is shot and killed while attempting to escape during a transfer from the hospital to jail. The search for the other man in the car begins and leads to a major payroll holdup.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr, Harry Morgan plays two small parts.

49/09/24 017 Dragnet. September 24, 1949. "Brick-Bat Slayer".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide. A mad killer is loose in the city. In every instance, he leaves the murder weapon behind. There are no fingerprints, no clues to the killers' identity. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A homicidal maniac, Carlos Monterey, who uses a brick-bat is on the loose. A large 1,000 man dragnet slowly gets him cornered.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

49/10/01 018 Dragnet. October 1, 1949. "Truck Hi-Jackers - Tom Laval".

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A gang of hijackers has started to work in your city. Truckloads of valuable merchandise have vanished and the thieves are clever, seem to have a foolproof system. Your job...find them.*

Plot extension: Thomas Laval admits to being involved in a truck hijacking. While in custody, he jumps out of a window, but Sergeants Friday and Romeo are accused of pushing him to his death.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

End of Show Promo: An announcement is made that the next program in the series will be sponsored by Fatima cigarettes. Also the episode number 18 is announced. Also the new specific broadcast time is announced correctly as 10:30pm next Thursday immediately following the Supper Club.

EPS	Schedule changes from 7:30pm Saturday to 10:30pm Thursday
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49/10/06 019 Dragnet. October 6, 1949. "The Second-Hand Killer". Program is not available

000	Beginning sustaining sponsorship of Fatima Cigarettes (L&M) through September 11, 1952
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Plot extension: Two officers are shot.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

49/10/13 020 Dragnet. October 13, 1949. "The Big Buy - Narcotics". Program is not available

Plot extension: 175 oz. Heroin Released

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

49/10/20 021 Dragnet. October 20, 1949. "Conrad Buckley - Anthracene". Program is not available

Plot extension: Burglarizing safes for 7 months

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

49/10/27 022 Dragnet. October 27, 1949. "Hugh Taylor - Wife Murderer". Program is not available

Plot extension: A woman is brutally slain

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

49/11/03 023 Dragnet. November 3, 1949. "Forgery - Johnny Casco, Marty Breen". Program is not available

Plot extension: Flooded worthless checks

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

49/11/10 024 Dragnet. November 10, 1949. "Robbery-Murder - Juan Pedillo, Wesley Guttridge". Program is not available

Plot extension: Savage killer loose on the streets

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Lee Marvin.

49/11/17 025 Dragnet. November 17, 1949. " Bunco Detail - Harry Girard". Program is not available

Plot extension: Citizens swindled out of \$200,000

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

49/11/24 026 Dragnet. November 24, 1949. "Mrs. Rinard, Albert Barry – Mother-in-Law Murder". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A vicious killer has taken the life of a sixty-two year old woman. Suspicion points in only one direction. The murderer was heartless, cold-blooded. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: Mr. Reynard's mother has been murdered, his wife is suspected of being the killer. Another example of time and charge long distance phone call. The importance of CSI detail is emphasized.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr

49/12/01 027 Dragnet. December 1, 1949. "Spring Street Gang - Juveniles". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. A rash of crimes has broken out in your city. Suspicion points to an organized gang of juveniles. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang of juveniles is hanging out on Spring Street. One of the gang members has been wounded; another is shot by a night watchman while committing a robbery

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49/12/08 028 Dragnet. December 8, 1949. "George Quan - The Jade Thumb Rings". Sponsored by Fatima, Velvet Pipe Tobacco.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Eight thousand dollars worth of Chinese jade has been stolen. The criminal is vicious. His weapon, a handful of buckshot in a handkerchief. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A Chinaman has been badly beaten and his valuable jade has been stolen. The needed clue is supplied by an observant six year old boy. A reputable dealer organized the robbery as a pseudo retirement plan, expecting to sell the jade when she is released from prison.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

End of Show: *"Dragnet honors the City of Knoxville, State of Tennessee and the men who make up the Knoxville Police Department. Another of America's great law enforcement agencies..."*

49/12/15 029 Dragnet. December 15, 1949. "The Garbage Chute Murder - Laura Barclay". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A young woman has been murdered. The body was discovered behind locked doors. The assassin is still at large. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Chief Ed Backstrand has retired and is replaced by new Chief of Detectives, Thad Brown. Laura Barclay has been strangled with a lamp cord. The killer seems to have entered through an unused garbage chute. This is another show emphasizing the important role of CSI.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

49/12/22 030 Dragnet. December 22, 1949. "22 Rifle for Christmas". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A small boy is reported missing from his home. His age, nine years. Foul play is suspected. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A young boy, son of a fireman, named Stanley Johnstone is missing, and so is the .22 caliber rifle he was going to get for Christmas.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, William P. Rousseau (director), Bud Tollefson (sound effects), Wayne Kenworthy (sound effects), Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host), Herb Butterfield, Peggy Webber, William Johnstone.

Duplicate: This script is used as a Christmas program six times over the years. (Episodes 30, 80, 132, 183, plus the following reruns) Dec 20, 1955 Tue 331 "22 Rifle for Christmas", Mar 20, 1956 Tue 344 "22 Rifle for Christmas"

49/12/29 031 Dragnet. December 29, 1949. "The Roseland Roof Murders". Sponsored by Fatima.

Opening Disclaimer: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, for a more authentic presentation, portions of the program were actually recorded on the scene."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A gang of holdup men have been running loose in your city. They've committed more than a dozen robberies. They're heavily armed, quick to shoot. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang that usually holds up drugstores robs and kills the manager of a dance hall. A stake-out in a garage yields results and a total of twelve guns. After trial, two of the gang break out of jail and have to be recaptured.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/01/05 032 Dragnet. January 5, 1950. "Max Tyler - Escaped Convict". Sponsored by Fatima.

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Two armed bandits have robbed a large jewelry store in your city. One of the suspects escapes, one is apprehended. He's identified as a friend of yours. Your job...send him to prison.*

Plot extension: The search for Max Tyler, a friend of Sergeant Friday who pulled an armed robbery shot Ben Romero, escaped from jail,

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/01/12 033 Dragnet. January 12, 1950. "The Big Man - Part 1 (Narcotics)". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Bureau. A vicious criminal has resumed operations in your city. His profession-- dealer in narcotics. You know his name. You know he's guilty. Your job...prove it.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday calls his mother to tell her that he's not going to be home for a while. He's going under cover to try to get evidence on the Flats gang of narcotics pushers. Friday finishes up his undercover assignment.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, William Conrad.

50/01/19 034 Dragnet. January 19, 1950. "The Big Man - Part 2 (Narcotics)". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Bureau. For seven months you've been working with federal and state agents in breaking a narcotics ring. You've apprehended the small fry. Next in the line, the big man. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: Friday returns to active duty from his undercover assignment. Arthur Z. Belmont is the number one man in the narcotics business on the west coast. A stakeout begins in Manhattan Beach.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

000 50/01/26 Special presentation of the NBC Supper Club extended into the Dragnet time slot, pre-empting the broadcast. Special guests Arthur Godfrey, Bob Hope and Perry Como celebrate the opening of the world's newest most modern cigarette factory and research laboratories for Chesterfield. Maybe a blooper, sponsors slogan is Always Buy Chesterfield on NBC.

50/02/02 035 Dragnet. February 2, 1950. "Claude Jimmerson - Child Killer".

Opening Disclaimer: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, this program is for you, not your children. The subject is of vital importance to you as parents. This is the story of a vicious man."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. Two small girls are reported missing. Somewhere between their homes and the neighborhood grocery store they dropped from sight. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: Two little girls, aged seven and eleven went missing about 3:45pm. Their pet collie is found beaten to death. Foul play is suspected.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/02/09 036 Dragnet. February 9, 1950. "The Big Girl". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Sixteen persons have been robbed and beaten senseless. The victims describe the assailant as a tall, beautiful woman. Your job...stop her.*

Plot extension: The cops search for a big blonde who shoots her victims in cold blood. Is he possibly a man in woman's clothing?

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

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000	50/02/16	Broadcast for February 16, 1950 was pre-empted for President Truman's address at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner from Washington DC
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50/02/23 037 Dragnet. February 23, 1950. "The Big Grifter". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Detail. An expert confidence man has resumed operations in your city. His criminal record dates back thirty-five years. He's a master in the art of the gentle swindle. Your job...stop him.*

Plot extension: "Gentleman Wallace," a born con-man, takes advantage of two used-car dealers, and many others.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

End of Show promo: *"Dragnet wishes to thank the editors of True Detective magazine for their considered appraisal of this program. For those of you who may be interested, the behind-the-scenes story of Dragnet appears in the March issue of True Detective."*

50/03/02 038 Dragnet. March 2, 1950. "The Big Kill". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A police officer is shot down on the front steps of his home. There's no apparent motive for the shooting. The assailant escapes in a blue sedan. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Jack Carver, just out of Folsom, is suspected of killing a cop for revenge. Friday poses as a criminal in jail to find the missing murder weapon.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

End of Show promo: *"Dragnet wishes to thank the editors of Radio Best Magazine for their considerate appraisal of this program. For those of you who may be interested, a novelized version of Dragnet appears in the April issue of Radio Best."*

50/03/09 039 Dragnet. March 9, 1950. "The Big Thank You". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	50/03/09	The editors of Radio Television Life magazine names Dragnet "Outstanding New Radio Program of the last season."
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A confessed murderess is paroled from the state prison for women. After seven months the parole office loses contact with her. Your job...find her.*

Plot extension: Annie Johnson, a woman on parole from a murder conviction, is suspected of harming Laura Muller, the woman responsible for her parole. And she has disappeared.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

50/03/16 040 Dragnet. March 16, 1950. "The Big Boys". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Four young hoodlums wanted for a series of robberies are headed for your city. They're armed, reckless, cold-blooded. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang of four robbers and their puppy have come to Los Angeles from San Francisco, planning to pull a job. A long stake-out with an alcoholic desk clerk provides results.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/03/23 041 Dragnet. March 23, 1950. "The Big Gangster (Part 1)". Sponsored by Fatima

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. Attempts have been made on the life of a notorious hoodlum in your city. His death could mean an open gang war. Your job...stop it.*

Plot extension: Who has taken a shot at Gus Valentine? Even though he's on the wrong side of the law, the cops must protect him...and fail!

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/03/30 042 Dragnet. March 30, 1950. "The Big Gangster (Part 2)". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A notorious hoodlum in your city has been shot to death. A gang war is threatened if his followers seek revenge. Your job...find the killers.*

Plot extension: The search for the killers of Gus Valentine continues.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

50/04/06 043 Dragnet. April 6, 1950. "The Big Book". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. The high schools in your city have been flooded with obscene literature. You stamp out one source and a dozen more spring up. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: Obscene "comic" books are being sold in high schools. Friday and Romero make a presentation to the local PTA. The trail leads to a cigar stand downtown and "Barney" then eventually to the printer.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/04/13 044 Dragnet. April 13, 1950. "The Big Watch". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Vicious gunmen have committed assaults, robberies, attempted murders. Their victims, army officers stationed in your city. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang of "Hitch-Hike Bandits" are assaulting and killing soldiers.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

Duplicate: Title not the script re-used on episode 249

50/04/20 045 Dragnet. April 20, 1950. "The Big Trial". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Accident Investigation, Felony Detail. In the early hours of the morning a woman pedestrian is struck down by a hit-and-run driver. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: Sheila Gordon is the victim of a hit and run driver. After three months of grueling police work, she takes a payoff not to show up for the trial of the guy who hit her.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/04/27 046 Dragnet. April 27, 1950. "The Big Job". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco-Fugitive Detail. You receive information an escaped criminal is hiding out in your city. He's dangerous, he may be armed. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: While trying to arrest Alfred Garvey, an off-duty cop about to go on vacation is shot and killed

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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/05/04 047 Dragnet. May 4, 1950. "The Big Badge". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. For two months a depraved criminal has been at work in your city. Men and women have been robbed, brutally attacked. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: "The Badge Bandit" has struck fifteen times, but is now trapped in Laurel Canyon. Friday and Policewoman Dorothy Rivers are on stake out. She asks Friday to go to a dance in two weeks. Friday replies he doesn't have a tux. At the end of the show Friday asks his mother if he still has his tux.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/05/11 048 Dragnet. May 11, 1950. "The Big Knife". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. A potential killer roams the halls of one of the high schools in your city. Girl students have been brutally slashed by the criminal. Your job...stop him.*

Plot extension: Twenty one girls have been knifed while at high school. Who is doing it?

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/05/18 049 Dragnet. May 18, 1950. "The Big Pug". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. An elderly woman on her way to the bank has been robbed and beaten senseless. The suspects are cruel, ruthless. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Two criminals rob and beat up Myrtle Shaw, the owner of a cafe in the parking lot of a bank. Friday lets us know he is a dog lover. Friday had to get change for a dime to use the pay phone, \$0.05.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/05/25 050 Dragnet. May 25, 1950. "The Big Key". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A woman has been murdered, her identity unknown. The body shows the marks of a savage attack. Your job...find the killer.*

Plot extension: Maria Comacho is found dead in a churchyard. The clues are meager: a key, a pen, a shoe polish smear.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

Duplicate: Title is repeated on episode 271, but is a completely different script.

50/06/01 051 Dragnet. June 1, 1950. "The Big Fake". Sponsored by Fatima.

Opening Show Announcement: Be sure to listen to the important promo at the end of the show.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Personnel Division. A resident of your city files a report of robbery and assault. The suspect, a rookie police officer. Your job...arrest him!*

Plot extension: A drunk accuses a rookie cop of beating him up, robbing him, and breaking his arm.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

End of Show Promo: Announces change in broadcast schedule *"In response to thousands of letters requesting Dragnet be broadcast at an earlier hour..."* Show will be broadcast one half hour earlier beginning June 8th.

EPS	Schedule changes from 10:30pm Thursday to 10:00pm Thursday
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50/06/08 052 Dragnet. June 8, 1950. "The Big Smart Guy". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A woman has been shot to death. The apparent motive, robbery. The killer is still at large. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: Elizabeth Benham has been shot and killed by a robber. Jack Morrison, also known as Tommy Kane, is the suspect.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/06/15 053 Dragnet. June 15, 1950. "The Big Purse". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	First Anniversary Episode June 15, 1950 The announcer makes an announcement before the story thanking everyone involved on the first anniversary of the program. After the story, W.A. Warton, Chief of Police of Los Angeles congratulates the show.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Scores of lone women have been beaten and robbed. The victims have been unable to identify the criminals. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: Two young purse-snatchers, who also beat their victims, are working in a Los Angeles neighborhood.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/06/22 054 Dragnet. June 22, 1950. "The Big Mink". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. The owner of the fur store has been shot and killed. Your only lead, a missing fur coat. The killer is at large. Your job...get him!*

Plot extension: A furrier named Albert Criver has been shot and killed, his wife finds the body. One mink coat has been taken. Albert's 1940 Oldsmobile is also missing. The wife mentions the license keychain tag distributed by the Veteran's Administration.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/06/29 055 Dragnet. June 29, 1950. "The Big Grab". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A woman has disappeared, taken from her home by a man posing as a police officer. Your job...find her!*

Plot extension: Professor Kessell's wife has been kidnapped. The show features a moving scene of a Seder (the ceremonial dinner on the first night (or both nights) of Passover.)

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

Duplicate: AFRS, same title, similar script, re-used on episode 305, June 21, 1955

50/07/06 056 Dragnet. July 6, 1950. "The Big Frame". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Hit and Run Felony Detail. A dead body is found in the streets, in the early hours of the morning. There's only one clue: a set of skid marks on the pavement. Your job...find the killer!*

Plot extension: Edward Stokes has been the victim of a hit and run driver...or is there a conspiracy?

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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/07/13 057 Dragnet. July 13, 1950. "The Big Bomb". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *Ladies and gentlemen, this true story concerns the heart of a great city. It took 58 minutes to resolve the question of its safety or its total destruction. This is the story of those 58 minutes. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent.*

Plot extension: Vernon Carney is threatening to blow up the Los Angeles City Hall unless his brother Elwood is released from jail.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Richard Boone.

Duplicate: See July 21, 1949 (007), "Attempted City Hall Bombing" for the same script with a different title and first line, broadcast a year earlier. This plot was probably reused for the Dragnet TV premier, "The Human Bomb", December 16, 1952.

50/07/20 058 Dragnet. July 20, 1950. "The Big Gent (Part 1)". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A hold up has been committed in a neighboring city. A bystander is shot to death, two others are wounded. The bandits are ruthless, well armed. Your job...get em!*

Plot extension: Unusually, Friday narrates a bland description of the day to day life of him and Romero over the past several months. Friday and Romero track down a rich man who robs and kills, even after an eighteen year stay in prison. Stanley T. Webber is captured but his partner, The Gentleman Bandit, Frank Cheney is still at large.

End of Show: Next week, Frank Cheney, The Gentleman Bandit, Part Two.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/07/27 059 Dragnet. July 27, 1950. "The Big Gent (Part 2)". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Three persons are shot down in a twelve thousand dollar hold up. One of the bandits is apprehended, convicted and sent to prison for life. The other one is still at large. Your job...get him!*

Plot extension: Friday has a message to call to fellow officer, Dorothy Rivers, about her lost purse and their date at the movies last night. Friday gets up the courage to ask her to have dinner with him at his mothers next week. The hunt for "The Gentleman Bandit" continues thanks to a tip from Cheney's father, leading to his capture at a freighter loading dynamite in the harbor.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/08/03 060 Dragnet. August 3, 1950. "The Big Dare". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. A woman is knifed to death in her home. The body bears the mark of inhuman attack. The killer escapes. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: The son discovers his brutally slain mother at home. His single mom had several boy friends, the jealous boy friend didn't like her having other boy friends. The killer's sister arranges for his surrender.

000	Jack Webb is sound effects compulsive – in the market scene of ep 60, a customer purchases 5 items, you can hear the 5 items being rung up on the manual adding machine and then you can hear the 5 items being placed in the paper bag.
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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/08/10 061 Dragnet. August 10, 1950. "The Big Actor". Sponsored by Fatima

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. A large hospital in your city is held up. Ten thousand dollars in high grade narcotics is stolen. The bandits escape. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: \$10,000 worth of narcotics has been stolen from St. Christopher's Hospital pharmacy.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

End of Show Announcement: *"Ladies and gentlemen, starting Thursday, August 24th, that's two weeks from tonight, Dragnet will be heard one hour earlier, at 9:00pm Eastern Daylight Savings time."*

50/08/17 062 Dragnet. August 17, 1950. "The Big Youngster". Sponsored by Fatima

Before Show Announcement: *"Next week, Thursday, August 24th, Dragnet will be heard one hour earlier, at 9:00pm Eastern Daylight Savings time."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. A vicious case of wanton and willful destruction of private property occurs in your city. Suspicion points to a juvenile. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: A young boy confesses to a murder. When no body is found, Arnold Waterman is suspected of vandalizing a lawyer's office.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

End of Show Announcement: *"Next week, Thursday, August 24th, Dragnet will be heard one hour earlier, at 9:00pm Eastern Daylight Savings time."*

EPS	Schedule changes from 10:00 Thursday to 9:00pm Thursday starting August 24 th
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50/08/24 063 Dragnet. August 24, 1950. "The Big Chance". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You answer an early morning call. A police officer on patrol duty disappears. Any attempt to contact him by car radio fails. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: A highway patrolman has disappeared from his cruiser, out in the countryside. Cruiser was found with the motor running and lights on.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, Raymond Burr.

End of Show Announcement: In a most unusual announcement, similar to Crime Stoppers of the 21st century, the announcer reads the following: *"Ladies and gentlemen, The Los Angeles Police Department requests the cooperation of all Dragnet listeners in the following police matter. The Los Angeles Police Department would like any and all information regarding a gun fitting the following description: 38 caliber special Smith and Wesson revolver, Gold Seal model. The gun has a blue steel 4" barrel. The serial number is 210088. If you have any information as to the past or present whereabouts of this gun, contact Chief W. H. Parker, Chief of Police, Los Angeles, CA. This is a very important matter. All information will be held in strictest confidence. Thank You."*

50/08/31 064 Dragnet. August 31, 1950. "The Big Check". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Detail. An accomplished check forger is at work in your city. His victims, small businessmen. You know his MO, you don't know his identity. Your job...get him!*

Plot extension: Friday and Romero track down Harry Johansson, a check forger who passes dozens of small checks...all of them bad! The program starts with Friday visiting his mother at 4656 Collis Ave. (who always calls him Joseph!).

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

50/09/07 065 Dragnet. September 7, 1950. "The Big Poison". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. An old couple suddenly disappear from one of the fashionable neighborhoods in your city. There is no trace of them. Not a clue to their whereabouts. Foul play is suspected. Your job...find them.*

Plot extension: Mr. and Mrs. Apperson, an elderly couple, have disappeared. A bottle of cyanide points to a grim conclusion, the live-in nephew.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/09/14 066 Dragnet. September 14, 1950. "The Big Make". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A small bakery shop in your city is held up. A man and his daughter are shot down without reason. Your job...get him!*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday tracks down the robber at Stendahl's Bakery Shop. He has also has shot the owners.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/09/21 067 Dragnet. September 21, 1950. "The Big Pair". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. Unidentified thieves start a campaign of burglaries in your city. Homes are broken into and stripped of their furnishings. There is no lead on the criminals. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: A couple run a racket of selling all the furniture in the houses of families out of town, starting with the house of a little girl and her grandfather.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/09/28 068 Dragnet. September 28, 1950. "The Big Death". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes, Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: (from script) *You're a detective sergeant...you're assigned to Homicide Detail. A socially prominent citizen is plotting to kill his wife. ("You gain his confidence." Not included in spoken word.) He tells you his plans for the murder. He hires you to do the killing. Your job...stop 'em*

Plot extension: A man decides to kill his wife, and hires Joe Friday for the job!

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

Duplicate: Title re-used on episode 293

50/10/05 069 Dragnet. October 5, 1950. "The Big 38". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A store clerk has been murdered, shot to death in a robbery. The holdup man is described as tall, well dressed. He escapes in a taxi cab. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Seven armed robberies have been committed in the past 16 days. The holdup man escapes in taxi cabs. Number of the cab was covered up some way. The cab driver is the accomplice.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/10/12 070 Dragnet. October 12, 1950. "The Big Quack". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	In Colorado Springs Co, Dragnet honors the 57 th Annual Conference of the Chiefs of Police. The Chief from Los Angeles reads a certificate for The Award of Merit to the staff during the program on October 12, 1950
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A man posing as a doctor is burglarizing homes in your city. You have his description. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: Marla Hutchins commits suicide after being robbed by a phony Dr. Schulte, owner of the Los Angeles College of Psychotherapeutics.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/10/19 071 Dragnet. October 19, 1950. "The Big Grandma". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Detail. An accomplished check forger resumes operations in your city. The suspect's described as a middle aged woman. She's written more than twenty thousand dollars in bad checks. Your job...get her!*

Plot extension: An elderly woman has been passing bad checks for the last nine years! She looks like everyone's grandmother, and never passes a bad check between May and October!

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/10/26 072 Dragnet. October 26, 1950. "The Big Meet". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. A gang of veteran dope peddlers moves in to your city. They offer a hundred thousand dollars worth of heroin for sale. They make their contacts. They're ready to do business. Your job...stop them!*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday tries to trap Howard Scully, a careful narcotics wholesaler, by going undercover and posing as a buyer.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/11/02 073 Dragnet. November 2, 1950. "The Big Church". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant...you're assigned to Homicide Detail. The life of a young woman is in danger. Anonymous letters and phone calls threaten her with murder. The notes bear the mark of a fanatic. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A new member of the congregation receives threatening letters. Police suspect fraud until a faked attack confirms their suspicion. Second Reformed Church of the Holy Book is the name of the church.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/11/09 074 Dragnet. November 9, 1950. "The Big Mother". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A newborn baby is taken from a hospital nursery. There is no trace of the infant. There is no trace of the abductor. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: One of the three day old Striker baby twins has been stolen from Mercy Hospital.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/11/16 075 Dragnet. November 16, 1950. "The Big Parrot". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A man and his wife are found dead in a rooming house. A dead parrot lies on the floor beside them. The killer set fire to the room to cover his tracks. Your job...get him!*

Plot extension: Arson in a rooming house is set to cover up a double murder.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

50/11/23 076 Dragnet. November 23, 1950. "The Big Betty". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned a Bunco Detail. A gang of petty swindlers has set up operations in your city. They're experienced, cunning; they work fast. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: A bunco gang has been working the obituary racket, selling worthless merchandise to the relatives of the deceased.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

50/11/30 077 Dragnet. November 30, 1950. "The Big Car". Sponsored by Fatima, Chesterfield.

000 Bob Hope (Chesterfield commercial), Bing Crosby (Chesterfield commercial) on show 077
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective Sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. In four months fifteen food markets in your city have been held up and robbed. The bandit is well dressed, well armed. Your job...stop him!*

Plot extension: A man confesses to robbing fifteen food markets, but he's not the real thief! A bright red Pontiac provides a clue.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

50/12/07 078 Dragnet. December 7, 1950. "The Big Picture". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. A pair of fake talent scouts are at work in your city. Their victims; young girls seeking careers in Hollywood. The criminals are (a) vicious, relentless. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday breaks a vicious Los Angeles pornography ring.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

50/12/14 079 Dragnet. December 14, 1950. "The Big Break". Sponsored by Fatima, Chesterfield.

000 Bob Hope (Chesterfield commercial), Bing Crosby (Chesterfield commercial) on show 079
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. You've been tracking a hold up man for months. You finally get a line on where he's hiding. You know he's dangerous, well armed. Your job...get him!*

Plot extension: After a shoot-out, George Hoffman is arrested but escapes at his arraignment by climbing down the side of a building! After joining the army, Hoffman borrows \$5 from Friday and Romero.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough,

50/12/21 080 Dragnet. December 21, 1950. "22 Rifle for Christmas". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. A small boy is reported missing from his home: His age, nine years. Foul play is suspected. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: A young boy named Stanley Johnstone is missing, and so is the .22 caliber rifle he was going to get for Christmas.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, William P. Rousseau (director), Bud Tollefson (sound effects), Wayne Kenworthy (sound effects), Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host), Herb Butterfield, Peggy Webber, William Johnstone.

Duplicate: This script is used as a Christmas program six times over the years. (Episodes 30, 80, 132, 183, plus the following reruns) Dec 20, 1955 Tue 331 "22 Rifle for Christmas", Mar 20, 1956 Tue 344 "22 Rifle for Christmas"

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

50/12/28 081 Dragnet. December 28, 1950. "The Big Family" Sponsored by Fatima, Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned a Missing Persons Detail. A wealthy businessman in your city drops from sight. There is no trace of him. There's no apparent reason for his disappearance. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: A wealthy family man's car is found on the dock, an apparent suicide scenario but there's no body. Final analysis is a man trying to get away from it all. A lot of missing persons police work, no laws were broken.

Cast: Jack Webb

51/01/04 082 Dragnet. January 4, 1951. "The Big Holdup". Sponsored by Fatima, Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. A potential killer is on the loose in your city. He's robbed six people. For no reason at all he beats his victims senseless. He moves fast, he's well armed. Your job...stop him!*

Plot extension: "The Rattlesnake bandit" takes great pleasure in beating up his victims, before shooting them.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/01/11 083 Dragnet. January 11, 1951. "The Big Jump". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned a Homicide Detail. A man crouches on the window ledge of a downtown building, thirteen stories above the street. He threatens to leap to his death within the hour. Your job...stop him!*

Plot extension: Walter Harrison is on a thirteenth floor ledge, threatening to jump.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/01/18 084 Dragnet. January 18, 1951. "The Big Dance". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. For three months you've been tracking a pair of hold-up men. There is no pattern to their operation. They're young; they're brutal. Your job...stop 'em!*

Plot extension: "The Kid Bandits" are robbing and beating their victims. A pack of matches leads Friday to Fred Guenther.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/01/25 085 Dragnet. January 25, 1951. "The Big Tomato". Sponsored by Fatima

000	The editors of "Motion Picture Daily" and "Fame" magazine name Jack Webb, "the most promising star of tomorrow" and Dragnet "the best radio program of its type" for 1950
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Narcotics Detail. A band of dope peddlers launches a full scale operation in your city. Their merchandise marijuana: Their victims' high school students. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: A high school boy named Kenneth Morrow is killed in an auto accident. He had been using marijuana! Friday and the cops track down "The Big Tomato."

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/02/01 086 Dragnet. February 1, 1951. "The Big Children". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	Winner of the Motion Picture Herald Fame Award announcement
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"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. You receive a complaint about an eight year old boy and his sister. A neighbor reports they've been going from door to door begging for food. Supposedly the children are from well to do parents. Your job...investigate!*

Plot extension: Mrs. Kessler is missing. Her children are begging for food. One of them soon dies...aged twenty two months!

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

Duplicate: This is a different program than February 2, 1954

51/02/08 087 Dragnet. February 8, 1951. "The Big Cast". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	Following program is the Winner of the Motion Picture Herald Fame Award announcement
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. Twelve men drop completely from sight over a short period of time. There's evidence of foul play. Four months pass; you finally locate the main suspect in the case. Your job...pick him up!*

Plot extension: Over a dozen men have disappeared without a trace, and one of them is Paul Davis.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/02/15 088 Dragnet. February 15, 1951. "The Big Crime".

Pre-Show Opening: *"Ladies and gentlemen this program is for you, not your children."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. A worried mother calls your office and reports that her four year old twin girls are missing. Hours pass; the children fail to turn up. Your job...find 'em!*

Plot extension: Four-year old twins have disappeared.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer), W. H. Parker (technical advisor, Chief of Police of Los Angeles).

51/02/22 089 Dragnet. February 22, 1951. "The Big Couple". Sponsored by Fatima.

Pre-Show Opening: Crime prevention week announcement

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Bunco Detail. A husband and wife confidence team has shifted operation to your city. Their criminal record dates back seventeen years. They're masters in the art of swindling. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herbert are a confidence team specializing in victimizing churches and clergymen.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/03/01 090 Dragnet. March 1, 1951. "The Big Partner" Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. A lone bandit robs a jewelry store in broad daylight. He takes five thousand dollars in precious stones. He's reckless; he's well armed. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: The robber gets caught after causing a traffic collision during his attempted escape. Then the robber escapes from the lockup and must be captured again.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/03/08 091 Dragnet. March 10, 1951. "The Big New Years" Sponsored by Fatima.

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. It's New Years Eve in your city and you're on special duty. Thousands of people crowd downtown streets. One of them is a killer. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: A veteran cop is murdered. Friday notifies the wife. A club owner identifies a drug addict as the probable suspect. The killer is convicted of manslaughter and paroled in 6 years.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/03/15 092 Dragnet. March 15, 1951. "The Big Ben" Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. A man is pulled from his car on a deserted street. He's robbed, beaten viciously; his car is stolen. The criminal makes good his escape. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: Harvey Kimbrel is beaten and robbed on his way to work. In the course of the investigation Sgt. Friday is shot.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/03/22 093 Dragnet. March 22, 1951. "The Big Trunk" Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. An attractive divorcée disappears from her home. There's no lead to her whereabouts; there's evidence of foul play. Your job...find her!*

Plot extension: Divorcee Josephine Allen was last seen hanging up clothes in her back yard.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

Duplicate: Script re-used on episode 264

51/03/29 094 Dragnet. March 29, 1951. "The Big Lover" Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned the Bunco Detail. For the past year a confidence man has been cheating women in your city. You finally get a lead on him. Your job...get him!*

Plot extension: A confidence man named Benton proposes marriage to a Mrs. Harris to fleece her out of \$100.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/04/05 095 Dragnet. April 5, 1951. "The Big Friend". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned the Homicide Detail. A phone call comes into your office from a man who tells you his wife has been murdered. He's not sure who the killer is. Your job...find him!*

Plot extension: Mr. Gray reports that his wife Hazel has been murdered, but he can't tell the same story about how it happened twice!

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

000	Ad for Red Cross at end centering on support of troops. AND "Thanks to Quick magazine for this week's salute to Jack Webb."
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51/04/12 096 Dragnet. April 12, 1951. "The Big Threat". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	The April 12, 1951 show announced an award for "favorite show of its type of 1950" from "Radio Television Mirror" magazine.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned a Robbery Detail. A middle aged businessman in your city is robbed and beaten senseless. The hold-up men escape. The victim refuses to report the crime. Your job...investigate!*

Plot extension: Louis Butler has been beaten and robbed, but doesn't want to tell the police about it, because of threats against his family.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

51/04/19 097 Dragnet. April 19, 1951. "The Big Speech". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. A doctor is severely beaten, robbed and left in critical condition. Suspicion points to a narcotics addict. Your job...get him!*

Plot extension: A young kid has pistol-whipped a doctor and stolen a large quantity of narcotics. Sergeant Friday's mother listens to a speech against the teen-age use of narcotics from her son Joseph. Friday lives at 1456 Collis Ave. Los Angeles.

000	The current owners of the property at this address are keenly aware of the history. See Anthology
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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/04/26 098 Dragnet. April 26, 1951. "The Big Saint". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a Detective Sergeant; you're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. A well organized ring of car thieves begins operations in your city. It's one of the most puzzling cases you've ever encountered. Your job...break it!*

Plot extension: A ring of car thieves come to town. A 1949 Cadillac implicates Herman Lester's salvage business in a stolen car racket. Herman Lester's salvage business likely to slow due to Korean War.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

End of Show: "The Federal Civil Defense Administration will send you an air raid instruction sheet" for 5 cents.

51/05/03 099 Dragnet. May 3, 1951. "The Big Casing". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned a Homicide Detail. You go to an apartment house in answer to a shooting and dead body call. Her husband tells you it's suicide the facts show it to be murder. Your job...find out!*

Plot extension: Marie Robertson has been shot dead with a .45 automatic. Her husband, Andrew, says it was suicide, but it looks like murder.

000	James M. Fox, President of the Southern California Chapter of the Mystery Writers Of America, presents Jim Moser, Dragnet's scriptwriter, with the Edgar Allan Poe Radio Award.
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Cast: Barton Yarborough, Jack Webb, Script by James Moser

51/05/10 100 Dragnet. May 10, 1951. "The Big Drills". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Burglary Detail. For the past eighteen weeks a gang of safe men have been breaking in to large grocery stores all over the city. They work fast; you can't localize their operations. Your job...get 'em!*

Plot extension: A gang of safe crackers has targeted the Wilson Bros Markets and stole over \$100,000.

Cast: Barton Yarborough, Jack Webb

End of Show: "We wish to gratefully acknowledge the Michael Award presented by the Academy of Radio and Television Arts and Sciences. The Academy voted Dragnet the finest program of its kind. It is

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with deep humility that Dragnet accepts this citation, the highest award bestowed by the radio and television industry."

51/05/17 101 Dragnet. May 17, 1951. "The Big Blast". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	The May 17, 1951 program begins "Fatima cigarettes is proud to present its Academy Award winning radio show."
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A young mother is murdered in bed while her seven year old son sleeps by her side. The killer was vicious and cunning. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: Josephine Stevens has been murdered with a shotgun, as her seven year old boy watched!

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

End of Show: "Dragnet wishes to thank Sheriff Brian Clemens of the parish of East Baton Rouge state of Louisiana for the appointment of Sergeant Joe Friday and Sergeant Ben Romero as honorary deputy sheriffs. Our sincere thanks to Sheriff Clemens."

51/05/24 102 Dragnet. May 24, 1951. "The Big Mailman". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Detail. A United States postal inspector comes to your office. You've received the same complaints he has. Somebody is stealing mail in your city. Your job...help get him.*

Plot extension: The search for Harvey Fletcher, a mail thief

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/05/31 103 Dragnet. May 31, 1951. "The Big Bindle". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. You receive information that one of your city's most fashionable hotels is being used as the clearing house for high grade heroin. Evidence points to a narcotics ring, the center of distribution. Your job...break it.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday pretends that he's from Phoenix. He goes undercover to crack a narcotics ring operating out of one of the nicest hotels in Los Angeles.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

51/06/07 104 Dragnet. June 7, 1951. "The Big Impostor". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Missing Persons Detail. A ten year old boy disappears from his home in a remote section of the city. Two nights and two days pass. There's not a trace of the boy. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Jimmy Sherman, a ten year old boy has disappeared for 2 days. The boy's grandfather has collapsed after his blue jeans were found by the reservoir. Later, the boy is found safe near Dayton Ohio, but is it the same boy?

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

51/06/14 105 Dragnet. June 14, 1951. "The Big Building" Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A wealthy society woman in your city vanishes. Two months pass before her disappearance is reported to the police. There is suspicion of foul play. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A dentist named Dr. Robert Marston reports that his wife Louise, a wealthy society woman, is missing.

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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough

51/06/21 106 Dragnet. June 21, 1951. "The Big Run". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Accident Investigation Hit and Run Detail. You receive a call that two elderly women have been struck down in a crosswalk by a hit and run driver. The women lie in Georgia Street hospital. Their condition is critical. Your job...find the driver.*

Plot extension: Two old women are killed at a crosswalk by a young hit and run driver.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/06/28 107 Dragnet. June 28, 1951. "The Big Cliff". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. An elderly man reports the sudden death of his wife. He claims he awoke in the morning to find her dead on the floor of their bedroom. The cause of death is not apparent. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: An old woman named Gertrude Turner, has been found dead. The autopsy reveals "death by suffocation." Sixty seven year old Mr. Turner is the main suspect.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/07/05 108 Dragnet. July 5, 1951. "The Big Love". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	The program begins with an interesting warning: "Ladies and gentlemen, this program is for you, not your children!" The story is a portrait of a most unusual mother.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A woman and her two year old child disappear suddenly. There's no apparent reason for it. Five days pass. No trace of them. Your job...find them.*

Plot extension: Mrs. Gorman has disappeared with her two year old daughter. Mr. Gorman suspects his wife's boyfriend, Ralph Kane who's involved in a TV repair racket.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/07/12 109 Dragnet. July 12, 1951. "The Big Set Up". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A gang of clever thieves are at work in your city. In three months they've looted fashionable homes of \$100,000 in furs and jewels. There's no clue to their identity. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: 3 men have robbed 12 homes of \$100,000 of furs and jewelry for over 3 months. The cops break up the burglary ring that's being run by a hatcheck girl who's also the spotter.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

Duplicate: This is not the same program as #289. "The Big Set-Up" show despite **similar** titles.

51/07/19 110 Dragnet. July 19, 1951. "The Big Sophomore". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. Dozens of petty theft cases are reported in one of the residential areas in your city. The victims – neighborhood businessmen. The suspects – teenage high school students. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A young boy named Harry Dunbar admits a series of petty thefts, but is reluctant to explain his reasons.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

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51/07/26 111 Dragnet. July 26, 1951. "The Big Late Script" Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A well known businessman in your city disappears suddenly from his home. He's seen driving away from the house in the company of two unidentified men. There's no explanation for it. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A successful businessman named Tony Richmond has been kidnapped and held for a \$20,000 ransom.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

End of Show: At the end of the episode there is an appeal for listeners to donate \$5 million to the Red Cross for the Flood Relief Appeal. This money was in support of the people of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Illinois affected by the recent floods. (There were disastrous floods on July 13, 1951 in the Midwest especially effecting Fort Riley Barracks, Manhattan, and Topeka Kansas on the Kaw River, and Kansas City and other Missouri towns along the Missouri river.)

51/08/02 112 Dragnet, August 2, 1951. "The Big Cop". Program is not available

First Line Narrative and Plot:

Plot extension:

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer). expected

51/08/09 113 Dragnet. August 9, 1951. "The Big Screen". Sponsored by Fatima.

Opening Warning: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, the documented story you will hear during the next thirty minutes is not a subject commonly discussed. It is a criminal problem that is not yet nation wide. But it's a problem which is growing rapidly. We present it now so that you may recognize it for what it is if and when it invades your city."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Detail. You begin to receive reports of a vicious new racket growing in your city - the television repair racket. The repairmen lie, overcharge, bill you for work not done, for parts not needed; for parts they don't install. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: With the help of the Los Angeles News, the police tackle a new and growing problem, crooked TV repairmen. The target: "Chaney's Video Repair."

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

End of Show Promo: After the story, Jack Webb and George Fenneman explain some of the police terms used on the program.

51/08/16 114 Dragnet. August 16, 1951. "The Big Winchester". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. An elderly man is found dead in the living room of his home. There's a single bullet hole in his chest. On the surface, it appears the man took his own life, but the evidence points to the opposite. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: An elderly man is found an apparent suicide; however a possibility of murder exists.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/08/23 115 Dragnet. August 23, 1951. "The Big In-Laws". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A gang of hijackers has set up operations in your city. Truckloads of merchandise worth thousands of dollars vanish completely. The criminals know their business. Their system appears foolproof. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang of truck hijackers are at work. First a shipment of liquor, then toothbrushes are taken!

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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

End of Show: At the end of the episode there was another (follow up from July 26, 1951 plea) short appeal for listeners to contribute to the Red Cross to support the July flood victims in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Illinois.

51/08/30 116 Dragnet. August 30, 1951. "The Big Crazy". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A thirty year old woman is missing. Three months pass before her disappearance is reported. There's not a trace of the woman. No lead to her whereabouts. Your job...find her.*

Plot extension: Friday meets a man who brags he's murdered his wife. A mental case?

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/09/06 117 Dragnet. September 6, 1951. "The Big 17". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Bureau. A series of crimes suddenly starts among teenage children in your city. Robberies, burglaries, bodily assault. There doesn't seem to be any reason for it. The crime wave grows. Your job...stop it.*

Plot extension: A teen-age riot in a movie theatre leads to the discovery of a marijuana and goof-ball ring. The seventeen year old "pusher" is about to start distributing much stronger narcotics.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

51/09/13 118 Dragnet. September 13, 1951. "The Big Waiter". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A sixty four year old shopkeeper is found murdered. Beaten to death in the back room of his store. The body bears the marks of a savage attack. There's no trace of the killer. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: An elderly shopkeeper is brutally beaten to death. It seems he had a roving eye for the ladies.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/09/21 119 Dragnet. September 20, 1951. "The Big Sour". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Two armed bandits invade the home of an elderly couple in your city. The aging husband is tortured unmercifully before he reveals the hiding place of his valuables. The two thieves make good their escape. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Seventy one year old Wendell McClung has been beaten and tortured by two jewel thieves.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

End of Show: At the end of the episode there is an appeal for listeners to donate clothes for Koreans to help them get through the hard winter.

51/09/27 120 Dragnet. September 27, 1951. "The Big September Man". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. An attractive blonde secretary is found beaten to death in a downtown office building. You've only one lead to start with. A length of steel pipe wrapped in heavy paper. There's no trace of the killer. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A secretary named Adele Pryor has been found beaten to death with a steel pipe. A drunken man is found two blocks away...beating his head against a concrete wall.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

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51/10/04 121 Dragnet. October 4, 1951. "The Big Want Ad". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. A gang of criminals masquerading as legitimate auto dealers start to work in your city. Innocent people are cheated out of thousands of dollars. The thieves are clever. They work a foolproof formula. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: Mrs. Palmer sold her car to Joseph Newhall of Dan Barton used cars and was not paid and the car lot never heard of Newhall.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/10/11 122 Dragnet. October 11, 1951. "The Big Shoplift". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A wave of shoplifting breaks out in your city. There's no pattern to the thief's operations. There are no leads. Weeks pass. The number of thefts keep growing. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A series of shopliftings are plaguing a shopping district. The clues point to a kleptomaniac.

Cast: Jack Webb, George Fenneman (announcer), Barton Yarborough.

51/10/18 123 Dragnet. October 18, 1951. "The Big Story Man". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A dozen churches in your city are victimized by a team of experienced safe burglars. You track the suspects for weeks. You finally apprehend three men. Your job...convict them.*

Plot extension: 3 men are being held and questioned for breaking into 12 Churches.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/10/25 124 Dragnet. October 25, 1952. "The Big Market", Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A pair of bandits is staging a rapid fire campaign of hold ups in your city. In twenty one days, eleven food markets have been robbed. The hold ups go on. The suspects are still unidentified. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: 2 men are robbing large supermarkets on main streets using stolen get away cars.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/11/01 125 Dragnet. November 1, 1951. "The Big Lease". Sponsored by Fatima.

Special Announcement: *"Ladies and gentlemen. Tonight in Miami, Florida, a group of men are gathered together for their annual conference. For their day-in, day-out service to the public, Dragnet honors the 58th annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A wealthy, retired businessman suddenly disappears. You've got two possibilities to work on. Suspicion of suicide. Suspicion of foul play. There's no lead to the man's whereabouts. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Chester Dillon has disappeared; a portrait of foul play gradually becomes evident.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/11/08 126 Dragnet. November 8, 1951. "The Big Hit-Run Killer". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Traffic Investigation, Hit-Run Felony Detail. An elderly woman and her nine year old grandson are struck down in a pedestrian cross walk by a speeding truck. The woman is killed instantly. Witnesses fail to get the license number. The hit-run driver escapes. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A bakery truck has run down and killed an old woman and her grandson.

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Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer).

51/11/15 127 Dragnet. November 15, 1951. "The Big Bungalow". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. One of your informants contacts you by telephone. He says he wants to see you immediately. He claims knowledge of more than two dozen burglaries committed in your city. He offers the information despite threats against his own life. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A stool pigeon tips Sergeant Friday that Jeff Allen is pulling a series of second story jobs.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

Closing Public Service Announcement: The final commercial encourages blood donation and makes reference to the Korean War (fewer deaths per hundred soldiers sent to front-line hospitals than in World War II thanks to blood donations).

51/11/22 128 Dragnet. November 22, 1951. "The Big Hands". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. An unidentified woman is found murdered in a hotel room. Cause of death, strangulation. There's no lead to the identity of the killer. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A well dressed woman is found brutally strangled in a cheap hotel room. Sergeant Friday tracks down the killer.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer)

51/11/29 129 Dragnet. November 29, 1951. "The Big Affair". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. An unidentified armed bandit starts a campaign of jewelry store holdups in your city. The robberies are carefully planned, carefully executed. The bandit commits brutal attacks on each of the victims. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A French woman is the only witness to a jewelry robbery in which the clerk was badly beaten. A tap dancer is also interviewed.

000 Keeping to the theme of highlighting sound effects in the show, this episode contains about a minute of a tap dance routine.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer), Script by James Moser, Hal Gibney (host), Virginia Gregg, Music by Walter Schumann, Vic Perrin.

51/12/06 130 Dragnet. December 6, 1951. "The Big Canaries". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A forty year old mother is found murdered in the bedroom of her home. The body bears the marks of a savage attack with a knife. The killer showed no mercy. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: The mother of sixteen year old Roberta Dixon has been murdered.

Cast: Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer), George McCluskey, Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

51/12/13 131 Dragnet. December 13, 1951. "The Big Overtime". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A twenty two year old girl has been abducted. Her family receives an anonymous message. The abductor demands \$30,000 for the safe return of the girl. Your job...get him.*

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Plot extension: A banker's twenty two year old daughter, Judith Sullivan, has been kidnapped and held for a \$30,000 ransom. The suspect is cornered in a movie theatre. Police are sent into the theatre to line up along either side of the orchestra pit, the movie is stopped, and Friday gets up onto the stage to explain to the audience what is happening. Friday and Romero then have to run backstage in order to chase down the suspect.

Cast: Barton Yarborough, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Vic Perrin, Music by Walter Schumann, Whitfield Connor.

Duplicate: See broadcast September 10, 1949 for a similar script.

End of Show Promo: An announcement is made that a preview of "Dragnet" on television is to be seen on "Sound Off Time," this Sunday evening. and "starting in January, "Dragnet" will be seen regularly on television".

000	The first TV broadcast is: "The Human Bomb" first aired: 12/16/1951. Plot: A man walks into City hall carrying a live bomb. He threatens to blow up the building if his brother isn't released from jail.. Credits: Writer: Jack Webb, James E. Moser, Director: Jack Webb, Guest star: Jack Kruschen (Guest Star), Stacy Harris (Guest Star), Sam Edwards (Guest Star), Herbert Butterfield (Guest Star) , Raymond Burr (Guest Star)
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51/12/20 132 Dragnet. December 20, 1951. "22 Rifle for Christmas". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

000	Barton Yarborough, would die a few days after this Christmas re-run broadcast.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A small boy is reported missing from his home. His age, nine years. Foul play is suspected. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A very touching story about the death of a young boy just before Christmas.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough.

Duplicate: This script is used as a Christmas program six times over the years. (Episodes 30, 80, 132, 183, plus the following reruns) Dec 20, 1955 Tue 331 "22 Rifle for Christmas", Mar 20, 1956 Tue 344 "22 Rifle for Christmas"

51/12/27 133 Dragnet. December 27, 1951. "The Big Sorrow". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	Pre-show announcement by Jack Webb. Ben Romero, the part that had been played by Barton Yarborough is "killed off" from a heart attack, a touching scene (Barton Yarborough had just died). The program is dedicated to his memory.
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Program Opening spoken by Jack Webb: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, the makers of Fatima cigarettes and the entire cast and crew and technicians of Dragnet respectfully dedicate tonight's program to the memory of Barton Yarborough who created and portrayed the role of Sergeant Ben Romero."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Two convicts escaped from a nearby state penitentiary in the early morning. According to reports, they're heading for your city. They're both armed. They're both dangerous. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A dragnet is set up for two escaped convicts, determined not to be taken alive. Plot setting is near Easter, broadcast is just after Christmas. Joe Friday had partnered with Ben Romero for 11 years. Ed Jacobs was assigned as his temporary partner.

Cast: Barney Phillips as Ed Jacobs, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Vic Perrin, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/01/03 134 Dragnet. January 3, 1952. "The Big Red Part 1". Sponsored by Fatima

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. You receive a call from a former suspect you arrested. He wants to meet with you. He claims he has information and contacts with a big narcotics ring. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Friday poses as a narcotics buyer from "up north" to trap "Cadillac Red," a heroin wholesaler. Friday lives with his mother, he gives an informant his home telephone number, Pleasant 49321, saying that if he isn't there then the informant can leave a message with his mother. "Don't worry about it – it's a silent number. They can't trace it."

Cast: Barney Phillips as Ed Jacobs, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Stacy Harris, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: The script is not the same as November 16, 1952. (178) "The Big Walk", though they appear similar.

52/01/10 135 Dragnet. January 10, 1952. "The Big Red Part 2". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. You're in the middle of a drive to break up a \$100,000 narcotics ring. You apprehend two of the lesser gang members. You still haven't reached the big operation. You still haven't found their store of heroin. Your job...get them.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday goes under cover to try to trap the head of a heroin ring.

Cast: Barney Phillips as Ed Jacobs, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Stacy Harris, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/01/17 136 Dragnet. January 17, 1952. "The Big Juvenile Division". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	Episode 136 is the first with a pre-show promo to announce Dragnet on both radio and TV.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide, Special Detail. There are rumours of an impending war between juvenile gangs in your city. Reportedly, members of both gangs are well-supplied with homemade weapons. You don't know when the fighting will break out; you don't know where. Your job...stop it.*

Plot extension: Robert Lawson, a "young Hitler" is promoting gang warfare in town. Sergeant Friday tries to warn the parents involved.

Cast: Barney Phillips as Ed Jacobs, Charles Smith, Eddie Firestone, Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/01/24 137 Dragnet. January 24, 1952. "The Big Court". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. An ex-convict is accused of robbery and murder. Four witnesses identify him as the killer. The man's arraigned in municipal court and held to answer. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A bartender was shot and killed during an armed robbery. Four witnesses identify Harold St. Clair as the murderer.

Cast: Barney Phillips as Ed Jacobs, George Fenneman (announcer), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Vic Perrin, Virginia Gregg, Music by Walter Schumann.

End of Show: A public service announcement is made about Exchange Clubs sponsoring Crime Prevention Week.

52/01/31 138 Dragnet. January 31, 1952. "The Big Almost No Show". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A woman reports the disappearance of her thirty year old brother. He's been missing for only two days, but the manner of his disappearance was sudden, out of the ordinary. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A woman reports her brother missing. Sergeant Friday uncovers evidence that he was beaten to death by his best friend.

Cast: George Fenneman (announcer), Joyce McCluskey, Virginia Gregg, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Barney Phillips as Ed Jacobs.

52/02/04 139 Dragnet. February 7, 1952. "The Big Honeymoon". Sponsored by Fatima.

000	Due to network technical problems the start of the program would be delayed. It was significantly clipped on the front end by the network.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *not available, due to network difficulties.*

First Available Line: *"We're on the way out of the office. It was 10:38am when we got to Paris Avenue, #213. [doorbell] Yes? How do you do Ms. Wagner, police officers, I'm Sergeant Jacobs this is my partner, Sergeant Friday. Oh yes sergeant, I've been expecting you."*

Plot extension: Dorothy Wagner has killed herself after Charles R. Reynolds has disappeared with her \$10,000, breaking her heart.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barney Phillips, Virginia Gregg, Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: The program is different from ep 194, "The Big Laugh", March 8, 1953

52/02/14 140 Dragnet. February 14, 1952. "The Big Phone Call". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: (from script) *You're a detective sergeant...You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A jewelry salesman is slugged and robbed of 20-thousand dollars in precious stones. After months of investigation you finally discover the man responsible for the holdup. You've got the evidence to prove him guilty. Your job...brin(g) 'im in.*

Plot extension: The cops know that Ernest W. Garvey held up a jewel salesman named Tom Ashley.

Trial Results: (from script) *"Ernest W. Garvey and Kenneth Tyson were tried and convicted of first degree robbery, one count, and received sentences as prescribed by law. Fred Lawrence was tried and convicted of receiving stolen property, one count. First degree robbery is punishable by imprisonment from 5 years to life. Receiving stolen property is punishable by a prison term of not more than 5 years."*

Cast: Barney Phillips, Vic Perrin, Eddie Firestone, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/02/21 141 Dragnet. February 21, 1952. "The Big Producer". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: (from script) *You're a detective sergeant...You're assigned to Juvenile Division. A steady supply of obscene literature is finding its way into half a dozen high-schools in your city. (Not spoken: It's the worse kind of printed filth.) You get a lead on one of the sources of supply....a 17-year-old high school senior. Your job...pick him up.*

Plot extension: A trail of pornography leads to a run-down Hollywood studio and a movie has-been.

Cast: Barney Phillips, Virginia Gregg, Ralph Moody, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/02/28 142 Dragnet. February 28, 1952. "The Big Plant". Sponsored by Fatima Cigarettes.

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A thirty nine year old housewife disappears suddenly. There's no explanation for it. Five days later, evidence of possible foul play is uncovered. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A woman disappears and her husband, Chester Abbott, becomes suspect. The man's stepson then disappears. Friday brings some raw meat to keep Abbott's dogs quiet. Look in the rose bed.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barney Phillips, Herb Ellis, Hal Gibney (host).

52/03/06 143 Dragnet. March 6, 1952. "The Big Evans". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Personnel Division. A resident of your city files a report of assault and battery. His shoulder is dislocated, he's been badly beaten. He claims his assailant was a young police officer. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A narcotics dealer named George Evans has been beaten up. He accuses Officer Harry Blanchard of the crime.

Cast: Barney Phillips, Whitfield Connor, Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host).

52/03/13 144 Dragnet. March 13, 1952. "The Big Fire". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You receive a complaint about the owner of an apartment building. He signs leases for the apartments then he threatens to kill the tenants if they move in. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Edward Daniels signs a lease for his apartment, then threatens a couple with a gun when they try to move in. Then the owner hires Oliver Randal to torch the building.

Cast: Barney Phillips, Vic Perrin, George Fenneman (announcer), Jack Webb, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann. Hal Gibney (host).

52/03/20 145 Dragnet. March 20, 1952. "The Big Border". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Two convicts escape from the state penitentiary. They're heading for your city. They're armed. They've boasted they won't be taken alive. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Andy Powell and his friend Bertram Selby have broken out of San Quentin. They're armed and begin a crime wave of hold-ups. The trail leads to Mexico via San Diego. They are returned from Mexico as undesirable aliens.

End of Show: A special thanks is announced for the participation and cooperation of the San Diego Police.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barney Phillips, Whitfield Connor, Herb Ellis, George Fenneman (commercial spokesman), Script by James Moser. Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host).

52/03/27 146 Dragnet. March 27, 1952. "The Big Rose". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A thirty eight year old woman disappears. She leaves her sister and her four children behind. There's evidence of foul play. Your job...find her.*

Plot extension: Rose Baker has disappeared, leaving behind her boyfriend and four children. The sister gets tired of caring and paying for Rose's children and kills the mother claiming self-defense.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barney Phillips, Virginia Gregg, Vic Perrin, George Fenneman (commercial spokesman), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann

52/04/03 147 Dragnet. April 3, 1952. "The Big Street Car". Sponsored by Fatima.

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A man is shot down in the street of a residential neighborhood. He's critically wounded. You don't know who the assailant is. You don't know where he is. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Wally Radford has been shot by his wife, who is tracked down with the help of a trolley.

End of Show: California State Juvenile Officers Association presents award to Jack Webb and Dragnet for outstanding service in the authentic presenting of the police officer in delinquency control.

Cast: Jack Webb, Barney Phillips, Herb Ellis, Jack Kruschen, Helen Kleebe. Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (commercial spokesman), Hal Gibney (host).

52/04/10 148 Dragnet. April 10, 1952. "The Big Show". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Division. You got a call from one of the bus line terminals in your city. A seven week old baby has been abandoned in the depot waiting room. There's no sign of the mother, no lead to her whereabouts. Your job...find her.*

Plot extension: A seven week old baby has been abandoned in the Los Angeles bus station...or has it? The army wife can't come to grips with having a baby while her husband is serving abroad.

End of Show: April 10, 1952 Radio-TV Mirror awards Dragnet "Best Program of It's Type" for the second consecutive year and Jack Webb "Best Radio Actor."

Cast: Jack Webb, Barney Phillips, Virginia Gregg, Harry Bartell, Helen Kleebe, George Fenneman (commercial spokesman), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/04/17 149 Dragnet. April 17, 1952. "The Big Bunco". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Detail. An experienced confidence man has set up operations in your city. From his first two victims he gets more than \$8,000. You've got one good lead on the suspect, his method of operation. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday gets a new partner, Bill Lockwood (played by Martin Milner). Friday and Lockwood track down Russell Preston, a con-man who sells businesses he doesn't own. Friday explains that his partner, Ed Jacobs, has been reassigned to the academy for a couple months. And why he picks up a new partner, Ben Romero's nephew.

Cast: Jack Webb, Marion Richman, Martin Milner, Victor Rodman, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/04/24 150 Dragnet. April 24, 1952. "The Big Elevator". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call from the receiving hospital in your city. A dead body has been left in the hospital elevator. There's no lead to the identity of the corpse. There's no apparent cause of death. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A dead woman is found in a hospital elevator, dropped off by a drunken friend.

Cast: Jack Webb, Martin Milner, Vic Perrin, Gwen Delano, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/05/01 151 Dragnet. May 1, 1952. "The Big Safe". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. For more than two months a wave of safe burglaries has been sweeping your city. Apparently it's the work of professionals. The jobs are well planned, well executed. There's no lead to the whereabouts of the suspects. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: After two false leads, Ralph McKinley is suspected of a series of safe burglaries. A drawing left in a fix-it shop provides a clue.

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Cast: Jack Webb, Martin Milner as Friday's partner, Harry Bartell, Stacy Harris, Jack Kruschen, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/05/08 152 Dragnet. May 8, 1952. "The Big Gamble". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Vice Detail. A professional gambling ring has set up operations in your city. Dozens of citizens are being victimized. The gamblers keep on the move. Changing their locations day-to-day. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Partner is Bill Lockwood. A series of floating gambling games leads to the death of a cop during a raid. The boss of the gambling ring seems to be George Delano.

End of Show: The Mystery Writers of America present the Edgar Allan Poe Award to Dragnet (for the second consecutive year) and to writer Jim Moser. Webb and Moser accept the award on the air.

Cast: Jack Webb, Martin Milner as Friday's partner, Eddie Firestone, Whitfield Connor, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/05/15 153 Dragnet. May 15, 1952. "The Big Mail". Sponsored by Fatima.

Special Show Opening: *"Ladies and gentlemen I'd like to read a telegram we just received. Final ballot tabulation shows Dragnet has won Michael Award for best radio and also for best television mystery program in 1952. Twenty thousand ninety qualified members participated in nominations and final ballot. Congratulations and best wishes. Ed Bobblie, president, Academy of Radio and Television Arts and Sciences."*

000	Interesting to note the Los Angeles police working on a mail theft case, which is federal jurisdiction.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A United States Mail truck is held up and robbed. Twenty-two sacks of registered mail are taken. The hold-up men escape. There's no lead to their identity. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Partner Frank Smith is back on the job. A mail truck of registered mail has been robbed, twenty two sacks of registered mail has been taken. A \$20 bill provides the clue needed to break the case. Registered mail trucks have a crew of 3; a driver, an accountant and a guard. Postal employees were not killed as the result of a flip of a coin.

Cast: Jack Webb, Herb Ellis as Friday's partner, Inge Jollos, Vic Perrin, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/05/22 154 Dragnet. May 22, 1952. "The Big Shakedown". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Wiltshire Division, Vice Detail. An informant sends you word about an extortion racket going on in your area. The victim, a bookmaker. The suspect, a police officer. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: On the trail of Ray Williams, who impersonates a cop and extorts money from gamblers

Cast: Jack Webb, Herb Ellis as Friday's partner, June Whitley, Victor Rodman, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/05/29 155 Dragnet. May 29, 1952. "The Big 4th". Sponsored by Fatima.

Special Show Opening: *"Ladies and gentlemen, the entire production staff and technicians on Dragnet wish to thank the American Weekly and the television editors of the various newspapers which distribute the American Weekly, for voting Dragnet the best mystery-drama on television for 1951, 1952, our deepest thanks for this fine recognition."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Detail. An eight months old baby is stolen from its mother. It's the third case of child stealing reported in less than three weeks. There's no lead on the suspect. Your job...get 'em.*

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Plot extension: An eight month old baby has been stolen...it's a continuing problem. A prominent club woman is the suspect. Four babies were stolen before the case was solved.

Cast: Jack Webb, Herb Ellis as Friday's partner, Vic Perrin, Virginia Gregg, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Harry Bartell, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/06/05 156 Dragnet. June 5, 1952. "The Big Whiff". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A woman is found dying in a vacant lot, her identity unknown. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: An unidentified woman is found chloroformed to death! Evidence leads to a man named "Leo."

Cast: Jack Webb, Herb Ellis as Friday's partner, George Fenneman (announcer), Gil Stratton, Hal Gibney (host), Jack Kruschen, Script by James Moser, Vic Perrin, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/06/12 157 Dragnet. June 12, 1952. "The Big Donation". Sponsored by Fatima.

Special Show Opening: *"Ladies and gentlemen, you may now read Dragnet every day on the comic page of your favorite newspaper. Please consult your local daily paper."*

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Detail. A team of confidence men are taking thousands of dollars from the people of your city. Their method of operation, posing as solicitors for different charitable causes. There's no lead to their whereabouts. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday sets out to break a racket that consists of requests for contributions to phony charities

Cast: Jack Webb, Vic Perrin as Friday's partner, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Victor Rodman, Virginia Gregg, Music by Walter Schumann

52/06/19 158 Dragnet. June 19, 1952. "The Big Jules". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. A steady supply of high-grade narcotics is finding its way into your city. For two months you've been trying to run down the source. The first real break finally comes. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A drug addict named Jennings is being quizzed to name his source of the drugs.

Cast: Jack Webb, Vic Perrin as Friday's partner, Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Sam Edwards, Virginia Gregg, Music by Walter Schumann

000 The Dragnet comic strip debuted June 23, 1952. See the Anthology Document for a sample of the strip and links to additional information.

52/06/26 159 Dragnet. June 26, 1952. "The Big Roll". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. An unidentified man is abducted from a downtown street. The scene is checked where the man is reported taken. Bloodstains are found on the sidewalk. The abductors escaped in a gray sedan. No one saw the license number. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Ken Gorman has been abducted in front of a downtown bar and taken away in a gray car. The car turns up with bloodstains soon after.

Cast: Jack Webb, Vic Perrin as Friday's partner. Hal Gibney (host), Script by James Moser, Sam Edwards, Virginia Gregg, Music by Walter Schumann

52/07/03 160 Dragnet. July 3, 1952. "The Big Trio". Sponsored by Fatima.

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're an investigating sergeant. You're assigned to Traffic Division A. I. D. Death and tragedy is forecast for the people of your city. You don't know who the victims will be. You don't know how many there will be. Your job...try and stop it.*

Plot extension: A portrait of the death and destruction on Los Angeles streets on the 4th of July weekend, including "Hit and Run Logan."

Cast: Jack Webb, Vic Perrin as Friday's partner, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Harry Bartell, Script by James Moser, Stacy Harris, Victor Rodman, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/07/10 161 Dragnet. July 10, 1952. "The Big Hate". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A twenty-five year old man is found hiding in a freight car in a deserted train yard. In his arms he holds the body of a dead woman. The victim's identity is unknown. The suspect refuses to talk. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Elizabeth Hoffman, a fifty-two year old music teacher, is found dead in a boxcar! Gordon Miller is found holding the body.

Cast: Jack Webb, Vic Perrin as Friday's partner, Harry Bartell, Herb Ellis, Script by James Moser, Joyce McCluskey, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer).

000	July 17, 1952 pre-empted The previous week's broadcast of Dragnet closes with a promo for the upcoming Republican National Convention on NBC
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000	July 24, 1952 pre-empted by the Democratic National Conference
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52/07/31 162 Dragnet. July 31, 1952. "The Big Signet". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Two armed bandits hold up a restaurant in your city. The owner is slugged, beaten viciously. One of the bandits is shot. The other makes good his escape. Your job...get 'em*

Plot extension: The restaurant and bar that is run by Mr. and Mrs. Ryner has been robbed. Mr. Ryner's diamond signet ring has been taken too.

Cast: Jack Webb, Vic Perrin as Friday's partner, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Harry Bartell, Script by James Moser, Ralph Moody, Virginia Gregg, Music by Walter Schumann

52/08/07 163 Dragnet. August 7, 1952. "Big Impression". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: (from spoken word) *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. An elderly man has been beaten and robbed of a fortune in unset diamonds. The thief has made good his escape. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Sam Rumin, an elderly diamond salesman, has been robbed of \$100,000 maybe more in unset diamonds.

Cast: Jack Webb, Vic Perrin as Friday's partner, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Harry Bartell, Herb Ellis, Script by John Robinson, Victor Rodman, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/08/14 164 Dragnet. August 14, 1952. "The Big Drive". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Division. You get a call that the body of a dead man has been found in a vacant lot. The man has been beaten to death. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: John Iverson is found murdered by a piece of concrete.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ken Patterson (as Frank Smith), George Fenneman (announcer), Gwen Delano, Hal Gibney (host), Jack Kruschen, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann

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52/08/21 165 Dragnet. August 21, 1952. "The Big Paper". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Detail. Several small neighborhood businessmen are being victimized by a check forger. His method of operation is an old one, but the merchants continue to be swindled. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: Blank checks have been stolen from "Marty's Mart," and are being passed in supermarkets by Roger Theodore. But Roger Theodore died six months ago!

Cast: Jack Webb, Herb Ellis, George Fenneman (announcer), Cliff Arquette, Virginia Gregg, Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann

52/08/28 166 Dragnet. August 28, 1952. "The Big Test". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A young man walks into your office and tells you that his best friend has been killed by unknown assailants. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Bruce Hamilton reports that his friend Kevin has been murdered in Mexico by bandits. He tells a wild story.

Cast: Jack Webb, Herb Ellis, Sarah Selby, Hal Gibney (host), George Fenneman (announcer), Edwin Bruce, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/09/04 167 Dragnet. September 4, 1952. "The Big Ray". Sponsored by Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call that a man has had a heart attack, fallen and fractured his skull. It looks like an accidental death. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Alfred Prater has died of a heart attack. His mother-in-law says, "good riddance" to a drunken bum. His young son tips the cops to poisoned milk.

Cast: Jack Webb, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Herb Ellis, Script by John Robinson, June Whitley, Sammy Ogg, Virginia Gregg, Music by Walter Schumann.

52/09/11 168 Dragnet. September 11, 1952. "The Big Tear". Sponsored by Fatima

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. In a year's time a burglar has taken approximately eighty thousand dollars in money and jewelry. None of his victims can describe him. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A burglar breaks into homes between 3:30 to 6pm, using a credit card to open the lock. Then robs the place and has a glass of milk before he leaves.

Cast: Jack Webb, Herb Ellis, June Whitley, Jack Kruschen, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host).

EPS	Schedule changes from 10:00 Thursday to 9:30pm Sunday
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52/09/14 169 Dragnet. September 14, 1952. "The Big Bull". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

000	September 14, 1952. Program #169 probably the first "Dragnet" sponsored by Chesterfield.
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Opening commercial: Sound off for Chesterfield. Chesterfield, first cigarette in America to give you premium quality in both regular and king size, brings you Dragnet.

000	New Show Opening Theme: "Ladies and gentlemen, the story you are about to hear is true; the names have been changed to protect the innocent."
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You've just rounded up a vicious gang of thieves. The heavy man is still at large. Your job...get him.*

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Plot extension: Leroy Bentley, a gang hit-man, threatens Frank Smith's family if he doesn't "lay off."

Cast: Jack Webb, Herb Ellis, June Whitley, Jack Kruschen, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host).

52/09/21 170 Dragnet. September 21, 1952. "The Big Shot". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A nightclub manager has been robbed and killed. The killers made good their escape. Their identity is unknown. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Mr. Kelby, the manager of the Pink Rat Cafe, has been shot and killed by the Evans brothers during a robbery

000 September 21, 1952 Ben Alexander takes the part of Frank Smith for the rest of the series.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Virginia Gregg, Jack Kruschen, Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: Sep 27, 1955 Tue 319 "The Big Shot"

52/09/28 171 Dragnet. September 28, 1952. "The Big Brain" . Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A man has been found in the trunk of an automobile. He's been badly beaten and is suffering from shock. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Interview with the car jacking victim in the hospital doesn't provide any clues. Asks the police to notify his wife. He is treated and released. Captain says Chief ("corner pocket") is bringing pressure to get these criminals locked up. Probable suspect is captured in San Francisco when seen by a passer-by committing another car jacking. San Francisco suspect had alibi for crimes committed in Los Angeles. Found the guilty through searching hotel to hotel to hotel.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: Oct 04, 1955 Tue 320 "The Big Brain"

52/10/05 172 Dragnet. October 5, 1952. "The Big Jolt". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Division. You get a call from a high school principal. A young boy has caused a near riot in his classroom. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A drunken teenage boy who started a riot in chemistry class reveals a couple who is selling narcotics and liquor to him and some of his friends. The boy helps Friday and Smith arrest the couple by coordinating a raid on the couple's home.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Oct 11, 1955 Tue 321 "The Big Jolt"

52/10/12 173 Dragnet. October 12, 1952. "The Big Lie". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call that a man has been murdered. His killer is unknown. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: Jeff Curtis has been shot and killed. His mother is the closest witness, but neither the neighbors' accounts nor the physical evidence matches up with her story.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Herb Ellis, Whitfield Connor, Helen Kleebe, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann. George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: Oct 18, 1955 Tue 322 "The Big Lie"

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52/10/19 174 Dragnet. October 19, 1952. "The Big Pill". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. Naval intelligence tells you that two marines have been picked up with the shore patrol. They're reported sick. One is in critical condition. Foul play is suspected. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Two Marines are poisoned in a cheap hotel by the slightly mad "Stubby."

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Virginia Gregg, Jack Kruschen, Hal Gibson (announcer), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann. George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Oct 25, 1955 Tue 323 "The Big Pill"

52/10/26 175 Dragnet.. October 26, 1952 "The Big Number". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call that a bank has been robbed. From the M.O. you know the job was done by a professional. He's made good his escape. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A bank robber using a sawed-off shotgun is traced through the first three digits of his license plate number.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Whitfield Connor, Hal Gibney (host), Jack Kruschen, Music by Walter Schumann, Script by John Robinson. George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Nov 01, 1955 Tue 324 "The Big Number"

52/11/02 176 Dragnet. November 2, 1952 "The Big Light". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You receive a call that a fatal accident has occurred at a Hollywood motion picture studio. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Henry Wilson, a movie director, has been killed at the studio – a 250 lb. lamp had fallen on him. Friday and Smith investigate to determine whether it was an accident or murder.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Whitfield Connor, Jack Kruschen, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Nov 08, 1955 Tue 325 "The Big Light"

52/11/09 177 Dragnet. November 9, 1952. "The Big Dive". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call that the body of a dead woman has been found in a closet. There are no leads to her identification. The identity of the killer is unknown. Your job...investigate.*

First Line Plot: *"It was Thursday, April 17th. It was warm in Los Angeles. We were working the day watch out of Homicide Detail. My partner's Frank Smith, the boss Thad Brown, Chief of Detectives, my name's Friday. It was 11:36am when we got to Greenleaf Apartment Hotel, [knock] Apartment 406. [knock] Yes?. Police officers ma'am. "Oh yes, come in." Thank you. This is my partner Frank Smith, my name's Friday."*

Plot extension: A woman is found murdered in a closet. The trail leads to a freighter in San Francisco.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, June Whitley, Peter Leeds, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Nov 15, 1955 Tue 326 "The Big Dive"

52/11/16 178 Dragnet. November 16, 1952. "The Big Walk". , Sponsored by Chesterfield.

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. You get a report that high-grade heroin is being sold in your city. The key men in the operation are well hidden. You have no leads to their identity. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday poses as a buyer of heroin from San Francisco to break up a narcotics gang.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Whitfield Connor, Harry Bartell, Lee Marvin, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast A similar script to January 3, 1952. Program #134 but not the same. Nov 22, 1955 Tue 327 "The Big Walk"

52/11/23 179 Dragnet. November 11, 1952. "The Big Guilt". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call that the body of a man has been found in an alley. He's been strangled with his own necktie. The body has been robbed. There's no lead to the killer. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A florist named Arthur McKinley has been found strangled to death in an alley.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Eddie Firestone, Herb Vigran, Carolyn Jones, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: Nov 29, 1955 Tue 328 "The Big Guilt"

52/11/30 180 Dragnet. November 30, 1952. "The Big Shirt". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Homicide Detail. The body of a dead man has been found in the rear of his shop. He has been brutally beaten to death. The killer is unknown. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: The co-owner of a pawn shop named Mark Williams has been found murdered in the back room. A laundry mark on a shirt provides a clue.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Script by John Robinson, Olan Soule, Victor Rodman, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: Dec 06, 1955 Tue 329 "The Big Shirt"

52/12/07 181 Dragnet. December 7, 1952. "The Big Mole". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A string of store burglaries takes place in your city. The thieves work at night. They leave no physical evidence behind. Your job...get 'em*

Plot extension: A burglary in a dry goods store is the latest in a series of similar crimes. The burglar has a most unusual secret room!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Gwen Delano, Paul Richards, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: Dec 13, 1955 Tue 330 "The Big Mole"

52/12/14 182 Dragnet. December 14, 1952. "The Big Eavesdrop". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. You receive information that a big buy of heroin is going to be made in your city. You know the location and the man who's going to sell it. Your job...stop him.*

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Plot extension: While waiting to make a narcotics buy, Sergeant Joe Friday and Frank Smith overhear Sam Allison tearfully admit that he had committed murder. Friday and Smith interrogate him and use some creativity to elicit a confession.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

52/12/21 183 Dragnet. December 21, 1952. "22 Rifle for Christmas". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A small boy is reported missing from his home. His age, nine years. Foul play is suspected. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: The fourth broadcast of this Christmas story about a nine year old boy and his new gun.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, William Johnstone, Sammy Ogg, Script by James Moser, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: This script is used as a Christmas program six times over the years. (Episodes 30, 80, 132, 183, plus the following reruns) Dec 20, 1955 Tue 331 "22 Rifle for Christmas", Mar 20, 1956 Tue 344 "22 Rifle for Christmas"

52/12/28 184 Dragnet. December 28, 1952. "The Big Mask - Part 1". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A series of holdups take place in your city. The victims are managers of large markets. You've got a description of the suspect. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A robber wearing a black mask has hit a string of supermarkets. After going shopping for groceries, he locks the market employees in the freezer!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Whitfield Connor, Harry Bartell, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: Dec 27, 1955 Tue 332 "The Big Mask - Part 1

53/01/04 185 Dragnet. January 4, 1953. "The Big Mask - Part 2". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. For the past six months the managers of large markets in your city have been the victims of a holdup man. You thought you had the suspect in custody. You were wrong. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: The "Black Masked Bandit" eludes efforts of the cops to track him down. It's as if he knows what the law is planning next.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Ralph Moody, Harry Bartell, Jack Kruschen, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

End Announcement: *"Ladies and gentlemen, the National Safety Council reminds you to make sure your car is really in shape for winter driving. Check headlights, windshield wipers, tires, and brakes. And then, winterize your driving. Get the feel of the road when you start out. Keep well behind the car ahead. Instead of slamming on brakes and starting a skid, pump your brakes to slow down or stop. And always take your time, in wintertime."*

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jan 03, 1956 Tue 333 "The Big Mask - Part 2

53/01/11 186 Dragnet. January 11, 1953. "The Big Small". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Detail. A check forger has been hitting the merchants in your city. From the M.O. she uses, you know she's an expert. You've got her description. Your job...get her.*

Plot extension: A little old lady check forger is plaguing the city, but there's more to the old lady than meets the eye.

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Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, June Whitley, Jack Kruschen, Jeanne Tatum, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jan 10, 1956 Tue 334 "The Big Small"

53/01/18 187 Dragnet. January 18, 1953. "The Big String". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: Not Available

First Line Plot: *"It was Tuesday July 7th. It was hot in Los Angeles. We were working the night watch out of Homicide Detail. My partner's Frank Smith, the boss Thad Brown, Chief of Detectives, my names Friday. I was on my way to work and it was 4:58pm when I got to Room 42, Homicide."*

Plot extension: Mrs. Wagner, the wife of a college professor, has been kidnapped. The professor isn't sure he should have called the cops.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Virginia Gregg, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

End Announcement: Car safety promotion repeated from earlier show.

Duplicate: Jan 17, 1956 Tue 335 "The Big String"

53/01/25 188 Dragnet. January 25, 1953. "The Big Lay-Out". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. A steady flow of heroin has been making it's way into your city. Most of it has fallen into the hands of teenagers. You don't know the source or the head man in the operation. Your job...stop it.*

Plot extension: Gary Field, a model student who is the son of a cop, has become a dope addict.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Harry Bartell, Eddie Firestone, Virginia Gregg, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

End of Show: Promotions after the show for the Martin and Lewis show (also sponsored by Chesterfield cigarettes on Tuesday night on NBC. Also announce Adventure with Barry Craig Confidential Investigator tonight.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jan 24, 1956 Tue 336 "The Big Lay-Out"

53/02/01 189 Dragnet. February 1, 1953. "The Big Strip". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. A gang of car strippers has been operating in your city. From their M.O., you know they're professionals. They move fast. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang of car strippers is running rampant. A sixteen year old boy is killed in a crash while resisting arrest.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Sarah Selby, Art Gilmore, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jan 31, 1956 Tue 337 "The Big Strip"

53/02/08 190 Dragnet. February 8, 1953. "The Big Press". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Detail. Two men have been passing bad checks in your city. You have descriptions of both of them. You know the names on the checks. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A pair of check forgers are at work in Los Angeles. Sergeant Friday goes undercover to track them down.

End of Show: Just prior to show credits was a public service advertisement for people interested in joining the Ground Observer Corp (civil defense) to defend against low flying aircraft and atomic bombs.

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Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Art Gilmore, Whitfield Connor, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Feb 07, 1956 Tue 338 "The Big Press"

53/02/15 191 Dragnet. February 15, 1953. "The Big Tooth". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A young woman tells you that her mother has disappeared. There's no trace of her whereabouts. Foul play is suspected. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Nasty old Mr. Schroeder is suspected of committing foul play.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), June Whitley, Harry Bartell, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Feb 14, 1956 Tue 339 "The Big Tooth"

53/02/22 192 Dragnet. February 22, 1953. "The Big Smoke". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call that a 72 year old man has been murdered. His invalid wife has been brutally beaten. There's no lead to the assailants. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Mr. Stone, who kept his life savings in his mattress, has been killed. His invalid wife has been beaten with a club.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Virginia Gregg, Stacy Harris.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Feb 21, 1956 Tue 340 "The Big Smoke"

53/03/01 193 Dragnet. March 1, 1953. "The Big Want". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Fugitive Detail. You get a call from another city to pick up a burglary suspect. You know the name he's using. You know where he's living. Your job...pick him up.*

Plot extension: The search for a "George Richmond" leads to a killer of cops who always takes cabs

Cast: Jack Webb, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host), Joyce McCluskey, Paul Richards, Ben Alexander, Script by John Robinson.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Feb 28, 1956 Tue 341 "The Big Want"

53/03/08 194 Dragnet. March 8, 1953. "The Big Laugh". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Detail. For the past year a confidence man has been cheating women in your city. You finally get a lead on 'em. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A thoroughly rotten louse cheats lonely women by promising to marry them.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Peggy Webber, Harry Bartell

End of Show: Jack Webb claims to smoke two packs of Chesterfields himself during show closing advertisement. Final ad was for Savings Bonds.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Mar 06, 1956 Tue 342 "The Big Laugh"

53/03/15 195 Dragnet. March 15, 1953. "The Big Impossible". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A hold up man has been hitting large supermarkets in your city. He's fast and he's experienced. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Bernie Hanson has been identified as the head of a team robbing markets, but Hanson has a good alibi. He is hospitalized and cannot leave his bed!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Herb Ellis, Script by John Robinson, Victor Rodman, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: Mar 13, 1956 Tue 343 "The Big Impossible"

53/03/22 196 Dragnet. March 22, 1953. "The Big Informant". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. For the past two months a gang of safe burglars have been operating in your city. In that time they've hit a dozen places. You've got no lead to their identity. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Three safe burglars are in operation, one of them is under observation by the cops. But where's Shorty?

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Vic Perrin, Stacy Harris, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host),

End of Show: Announcement for blood donation for gamma-globulin to use to fight against polio.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Mar 27, 1956 Tue 345 "The Big Informant"

53/03/29 197 Dragnet. March 29, 1953. "The Big Dream". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call that a large market has been held up. You have a good description of the thief. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: An old man, poorly dressed, robs a liquor store and is very apologetic about it.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Victor Rodman, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Ralph Moody, Music by Walter Schumann

End of Show: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, we wish to thank the editors of Real magazine for their article "High Tension on TV" in the April issue, now on sale".*

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast. Apr 03, 1956 Tue 346 "The Big Dream"

53/04/05 198 Dragnet. April 5, 1953. "The Big Chet". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A pair of hold up men have been staging a series of robberies in your city. You have their description. You know their method of operation. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A stuttering robber and his partner are tracked down with the help of a stoolie, who is trying to go straight.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Peggy Webber, Peter Leeds.

End of Show: Public Service announcement requesting blood donations. Last commercial is one of the few commercials to use brand names for both Chesterfield and Fatima with the notice both brands are from the same company.

Duplicate: Apr 10, 1956 Tue 347 "The Big Chet"

53/04/12 199 Dragnet. April 12, 1953. "The Big Compulsion". Sponsored by Chesterfield

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: (from script) *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Somewhere in your city a man is endangering the lives of your fellow officers. His weapon...a ten cent piece. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A lunatic has been making false police calls and has caused a serious accident.

000	Plot includes key evidence, a picture taken with a camera that makes the picture right away, i.e. Polaroid.
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Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Herb Ellis, Ralph Moody, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Apr 17, 1956 Tue 348 "The Big Compulsion"

53/04/19 200 Dragnet. April 19, 1953. "The Big Rip". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A string of safe burglaries breaks out in your city. In the past 2 months, 35 safes have been broken into. You know there is more than one man in the operation. You've got no lead to the thieves' identity. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang of safe-burglars is trapped by a stool pigeon left with an unpaid for trench-coat.

000	An Alternate recording from broadcast of this episode is included for historical significance. The alternate program is interrupted about mid-way to announce the probable release of four wounded American soldiers from North Korea. This announcement was not part of the original transcription.
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Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Olan Sulay, Vic Perrin, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

End of Show Promo: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, we wish to thank the editors of TV Guide for the cover picture and story on Dragnet. You can get TV Guide at your favorite newsstand."*

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Apr 24, 1956 Tue 349 "The Big Rip"

53/04/26 201 Dragnet. April 26, 1953. "The Big Scrapbook". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: (from script) *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call from (the) San Diego Police Department that three holdup men are thought to be heading for you city. You know they're armed, you know they're dangerous. Your job...get 'em*

Plot extension: Three robbers pull a jewelry store job in a San Diego hotel and get away with \$135,000 worth of hot ice. The San Diego police come to LA to assist in the investigation.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Eddie Firestone, Art Gilmore, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

000	The April 26, 1953 show receives an award on the air from the Detroit Police Officers Assn.
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Duplicate: May 01, 1956 Tue 350 "The Big Scrapbook"

53/05/03 202 Dragnet. May 3, 1953. "The Big Carney". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. A wave of burglaries has broken out in your city. The thieves are fast... they're clever. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday is after "Red" and his wife who end a series of jewelry store robberies by heisting an \$8000 necklace.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Stacy Harris, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast May 08, 1956 Tue 351 "The Big Carney"

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53/05/10 203 Dragnet. May 10, 1953. "The Big Joke". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call from a friend who's been offered \$5,000 to kill a man. He can't tell you who made the offer. He does tell you that no matter what happens, the man is going to be killed. Your job...stop it.*

Plot extension: A bartender is paid \$5,000 to kill a nice old man with no enemies. Who wants him dead?

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Vic Perrin, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast May 15, 1956 Tue 352 "The Big Joke"

53/05/17 204 Dragnet. May 17, 1953. "The Big False Make". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A suspect has been apprehended. You have a positive identification from the victim. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Thomas Stanford confesses to robbing a store, but Sergeant Friday proves that he was at work at the time of the robbery!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Virginia Gregg, Vic Perrin.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast May 22, 1956 Tue 353 "The Big False Make"

53/05/24 205 Dragnet. May 24, 1953. "The Big Gun Part 1". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. You get a call from a Truck Rental service. One of their trucks has disappeared. There's no sign of the man who rented it. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday is on the trail of stolen cars and trucks being used by a narcotics ring in Mexico.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Jack Kruschen, Herb Ellis.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast May 29, 1956 Tue 354 "The Big Gun - Part 1"

53/05/31 206 Dragnet. May 31, 1953. "The Big Gun Part 2". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. You arrested one member of an organized ring of thieves. You're after the head man of the gang. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: The conclusion of a car theft story. On the trail of the head of the mob who has never been seen by his henchmen.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Stacy Harris, Virginia Gregg, Vic Perrin.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jun 05, 1956 Tue 355 "The Big Gun - Part 2"

53/06/07 207 Dragnet. June 7, 1953. "The Big Will". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A man has been shot and critically wounded. There's no trace of the suspect. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Charles Stall has been shot. Tire tracks lead to a motel and to a drunken Texan and his car

Cast: Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Helen Kleebe, Jack Webb, Script by John Robinson, Ralph Moody, Victor Rodman, Music by Walter Schumann

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Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jun 12, 1956 Tue 356 "The Big Will"

53/06/14 208 Dragnet. June 14, 1953. "The Big Lilly". . Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide detail. You get a call from a man telling you that a woman has been badly beaten. Before you can get the name of the victim or any other information, the caller hangs up. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Mrs. Rockman has been beaten to death...no, she's been shot...no, she killed herself.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Lillian Buyeff, June Whitley, Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jun 19, 1956 Tue 357 "The Big Lilly"

53/06/21 209 Dragnet. June 21, 1953. "The Big Revolt". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned in Missing Persons Detail. You get a call that a man is missing. He failed to return from his work the day before. There are no leads to his whereabouts. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Henry Borg has disappeared...and for an unusual reason

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Hal Gibney (host), Paul Coates (writer), Music by Walter Schumann, Vic Perrin, Irene Tedrow.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jun 26, 1956 Tue 358 "The Big Revolt"

53/06/28 210 Dragnet. June 28, 1953. "The Big Ham". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A young girl has been shot with a .22 caliber rifle. It was reported a suicide. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: An unidentified young girl, "Jane Doe #17," has committed suicide with a .22 caliber rifle. Or has she?

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander (performer, writer), George Fenneman (announcer), Virginia Gregg, Vic Perrin, Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann.

End of Show: Jack Webb announces a summer vacation for the show, explaining George Fenneman announces Dragnet radio will return in September and to watch the newspaper for details. Dragnet TV will remain on through the summer. There is also a promo for the AFRS broadcasts.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Sep 18, 1956 Tue 359 "The Big Ham"

EPS Programming changes from 9:30pm Sunday, June 28, 1953 to 9:00pm Tuesday, September 1, 1953

53/09/01 211 Dragnet. September 1, 1953. "The Big Bop". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. For the past three weeks, a lone thief has been victimizing stores and check-cashing agencies. You've got a description of the man but so far you've failed to identify him. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A robber has held up a check cashing service of \$1500. After several more robberies, one of his victims is killed during the crime.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host), Victor Rodman, Script by John Robinson, Lillian Buyeff, Harry Bartell.

Duplicate: Sep 25, 1956 Tue 360 "The Big Bop"

53/09/08 212 Dragnet. September 8, 1953. "The Big Lift". Sponsored by Chesterfield

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. In the past five weeks, seventeen homes in your city have been stripped of all valuables. There's no lead to the thief, no description. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A burglar has struck seventeen times and continues to commit new crimes...totaling \$8000! Boyd Hall is finally caught, despite his home address turning out to be a vacant lot.

End of Show Commendation: *"Dragnet wishes to thank the editors of McCall's Magazine for their interesting personal story about Jack Webb, Nobody's Man Friday, in the current September issue of McCall's."*

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Peter Leads, Joyce McClousky, Harry Bartell, script by John Robinson, music by Walter Schuman, Hal Gibney announcer.

Duplicate: Script re-used on episode 245. Oct 02, 1956 Tue 361 "The Big Lift"

53/09/15 213 Dragnet. September 15, 1953. "The Big Cab" Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A hold-up man has robbed the owner of a neighborhood grocery store. The victim has been beaten unmercifully with a sawed-off shotgun. The assailant has escaped into the city without a trace. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Raymond Bailey has been beaten by a man with a shotgun, while his grocery store was being robbed. A man who must have taken a taxi to the scene of the crime.

End of Show Commendation: *"Dragnet sends best wishes to 60th Annual Conference of International Association of Chiefs of Police in Detroit. May it be the best one they've ever had."*

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Lillian Buyeff, Ralph Moody, Jack Kruschen, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: Oct 09, 1956 Tue 362 "The Big Cab"

53/09/22 214 Dragnet. September 22, 1953. "The Big Slip". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. You get a call from the owner of a used-car lot. He tells you he thinks he bought a stolen car. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Jesse McGowan, a used car dealer, bought a new Mercury from Lewis Carter. The car turns out to have been stolen, and so was the "pink slip"

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Herb Vigran, Jack Kruschen, Herb Ellis, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host)

Duplicate: Oct 16, 1956 Tue 363 "The Big Slip"

53/09/29 215 Dragnet. September 29, 1953. "The Big Try". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima

000	There is an episode title anomaly, two different episodes with the same script title. The episodes with the same titles are 215, September 29, 1953. "The Big Try" about a threatened suicide and title 266, September 21, 1954. "The Big Try" about a hit and run accident.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call that a man has barricaded himself in his apartment. The report says he's going to kill himself. Your job...stop him.*

Plot extension: Jan Patachek, a refugee from Eastern Europe, is threatening to kill himself, rather than go to jail for forgery.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Whitfield Connor, Jack Kruschen, Vic Perrin, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host), George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: see note 000 above.

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53/10/06 216 Dragnet. October 6, 1953. "The Big Little Mother". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima. "

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Detail. For the past six years, a forger has been working in your city. The victims describe the suspect as a woman. Her M.O. is simple but it continues to work. Your job...stop her.*

Plot extension: The Little Mother" has been forging charge slips in department stores for the last six years.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Joyce McCluskey, Victor Rodman, Music by Walter Schumann, Bud Tollefson (sound effects), Wayne Kenworthy (sound effects), William H. Parker (police consultant), Jack Donohoe (technical advisor), Marty Wynn (technical advisor), Van Spracer (technical advisor), Harry Bartell.

53/10/13 217 Dragnet. October 13, 1953. "The Big Plea". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Two hold-up men have been operating in your city. You've got descriptions of the men and of the car they're driving. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: James Bolan is wanted for parole violation and is suspected of several robberies. An ex-friend blows the whistle.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Herb Vigran, Vic Perrin (doubles), Sam Edwards, Michael Ann Barrett, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Bud Tollefson (sound effects), Wayne Kenworthy (sound effects), William H. Parker (consultant), Jack Donohoe (technical advisor), Marty Wynn (technical advisor), Van Spracer (technical advisor)

53/10/20 218 Dragnet. October 20, 1953. "The Big Paint". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Auto Detail. An organized gang of thieves has been stripping cars in your city. None of the stolen merchandise has turned up. There's no lead to the identity of the members of the gang. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: An ex-con tips the cops to Manny Phillips, wanted in connection with a gang of car-strippers. A can of ultra-violet fluorescent paint helps.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Vic Perrin, Jack Kruschen, Bud Tollefson (sound effects), Wayne Kenworthy (sound effects), William H. Parker (constant), Jack Donohoe (technical advisor), Marty Wynn (technical consultant), Van Spracer (technical consultant).

53/10/27 219 Dragnet. October 27, 1953. "The Big Fraud" Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Fugitive Detail. An extortion ring is operating in your city. The victims are wealthy businessmen. The thieves claim they're policemen. Your job...check 'em out.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday goes undercover to trap a gang posing as narcotic cops to con out-of-towners.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Ben Hogan (Chesterfield testimonial), Vic Perrin, Paul Richards, Herb Ellis.

53/11/03 220 Dragnet. November 3, 1953. "The Big Rain". Sponsored by Chesterfield, Fatima.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call that a woman has been badly beaten. The circumstances indicate foul play. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Mentally disturbed Cecil Johnson is suspected of beating Grace Dillon. Grace's husband however had been heard threatening her life. No crime had been committed.

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Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Harry Bartell, Vivi Janis, Jack Kruschen, Ben Hogan as himself (Chesterfield testimonial), George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann

53/11/10 221 Dragnet. November 10, 1953. "The Big Kid". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Detail. For the past two weeks, there have been rumors of a teen-age gang war taking place in your city. You don't know when it's going to start, you don't know where. Your job...stop it.*

Plot extension: A teen-age gang war is about to erupt: "The Orchids" vs. "The Pink Rats."

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Bert Holland, June Whitley, Gil Stratton, Script by John Robonson. Music by Walter Schumann. Hal Gibney (host)

53/11/17 222 Dragnet. November 17, 1953. "The Big Flight", Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Three hold-up men have robbed and beaten two supermarket operators in your city. You've got a good description of the thieves. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: ". A new gang has started a wave of supermarket robberies, but the prime suspect has an airtight alibi in Phoenix.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Oct 23, 1956 Tue 364 "The Big Flight"

53/11/24 223 Dragnet. November 24, 1953. "The Big Present". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: (from script) *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. In the past two months, a thief has broken into 18 markets, There's no lead to his whereabouts. No clue to his identity. You're job....get him.*

Plot extension: The "Milk-Bottle Bandit" has pulled nineteen consecutive jobs. Is it a kid? 4' 7", 97 pounds

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Jack Kruschen, Olan Soule, Sammy Ogg, Technical, advisors: Captain Jack Donohoe, Sergeant Marty Wynn. Sergeant Vance Brasher. Script by John Robinson (Robonson as in script.) Music by Walter Schumann. Hal Gibney (host)

Duplicate: Oct 30, 1956 Tue 365 "The Big Present"

53/12/01 224 Dragnet. December 1, 1953. "The Big Odd". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A gang of truck hijackers has been working in your city. They've stolen 14 loaded trucks. They've kidnapped and beaten one of the drivers. There's no clue to their identity. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A furniture truck has been hijacked and the driver, a student of phrenology (bumps on the head), was kidnapped with the load then beaten before released. The driver had been tied and blind folded in the back, yet was able to retrace the route of the truck for the police, including description of hitting a car and scraping a house. Damaged car was a 1953 Hudson Jet. Owner of the damaged Hudson has a 12" TV and talks about color TV being available now.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Vic Perrin, Virginia Greg, Jim Griffith. Script by John Robonson. Music by Walter Schumann. Hal Gibney (host)

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Nov 06, 1956 Tue 366 "The Big Odd"

53/12/08 225 Dragnet. December 8, 1953. "The Big Pick". Sponsored by Chesterfield,

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Fugitive Detail. An organized gang of pick pockets is working in your city. None of the victims can give a description of the suspect. There's no lead to their identity. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Louis Bonning is robbed of his life savings, \$5,200 cash, by a pick pocket in a market. Friday's phone number is Michigan 5211.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: Nov 13, 1956 Tue 367 "The Big Pick"

53/12/15 226 Dragnet. December 15, 1953. "The Big Brink". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A gang has hijacked and robbed a bank truck. They've stolen over \$100,000. There's no lead to their identity. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang of heavily armed robbers of an armored truck are tracked down and captured.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: Nov 20, 1956 Tue 368 "The Big Brink"

53/12/22 227 Dragnet. December 22, 1953. "The Big Little Jesus". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Division. You get a call that an important piece of religious art has been stolen from the oldest church in Los Angeles. There's no lead to its whereabouts. Your job...find it.*

Plot extension: A Christmas story. A Los Angeles Mission reports the statue of Jesus has been stolen the day before Christmas.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: Script re-used on episode 279, and Dec 25, 1956 Tue 373 "The Big Little Jesus"

53/12/29 228 Dragnet. December 29, 1953. "The Big Steal". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. An organized gang of thieves is working in your city. Their method of operation is clever and fast. There's no lead to their identity. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A wave of burglaries have taken place against women...all with brand new fur coats.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Nov 27, 1956 Tue 369 "The Big Steal"

54/01/05 229 Dragnet. January 5, 1954. "The Big Listen". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call from an informant telling you that three known gangsters have moved into your city. You don't know who they are or why they're in Los Angeles. Your job...check 'em out.*

Plot extension: A drunk in a Turkish bath supplies the clue needed to round up a gang of counterfeiters. FCC approval was required to install a "bug" in the suspect's hotel room.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Clarence Caselle, Jack Kruschen, Harry Bartell, Technical, advisors: Captain Jack Donohoe, Sergeant Marty Wynn. Sergeant Vance Brasher. Script by John Robonson. Music by Walter Schumann. Hal Gibney (host)

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Dec 04, 1956 Tue 370 "The Big Listen"

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54/01/12 230 Dragnet. January 12, 1954. "The Big Switch". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A young girl has been found in a cheap hotel room, apparently an attempted suicide. There's reason to suspect foul play. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Mona Fenton is found near death in a hotel room with the gas on. An attempted suicide? Who was the man who registered for the room with her? Hotel manager was complaining about the torn sheets. Another example of life in the world of drugs.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Vic Rodman, Virginia Gregg, Gene Tatum. Technical, advisors: Captain Jack Donohoe, Sergeant Marty Wynn. Sergeant Vance Brasher. Script by John Robonson. Music by Walter Schumann. Hal Gibney (host)

Duplicate: Title is repeated on episode 275, but is a completely different script. Also Dec 11, 1956 Tue 371 "The Big Switch"

54/01/19 231 Dragnet. January 19, 1954. "The Big Bill". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail, An elderly woman in your city has disappeared. There's no leads to where she's gone or why she left. Your job...find her.*

Plot extension: A little old lady named Bertha Gillespie (a tea room operator and Scrabble champ) has mysteriously disappeared. A small child comes forward and identifies the murderer.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Dec 18, 1956 Tue 372 "The Big Bill"

54/01/26 232 Dragnet. January 26, 1954. "The Big Bid". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. You get a call that a clothing store in Hollywood is suffering losses. The value of the stolen property is over \$12,000. There's no lead to the identity of the thief, no pattern to his M.O. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: A clothing store has been burglarized...the ex-convict assistant manager is suspected, but past due bills are a clue.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jan 01, 1957 Tue 374 "The Big Bid"

54/02/02 233 Dragnet. February 2, 1954. "The Big Filth". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Detail. Four children in your city have apparently been abandoned by their mother. There's no trace of the woman's whereabouts. There's a possibility of foul play. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Four children are found alone in a filthy house...their alcoholic mother is nowhere to be found.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, June Whitley, Sammy Ogg, Virginia Gregg, Technical, advisors: Captain Jack Donohoe, Sergeant Marty Wynn. Sergeant Vance Brasher. Script by John Robonson. Music by Walter Schumann. Hal Gibney (host)

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast A different story from February 1, 1951, despite the similar plots. Jan 08, 1957 Tue 375 "The Big Filth"

54/02/09 234 Dragnet. February 9, 1954. "The Big Broad". Sponsored by Chesterfield

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned Robbery Detail. A pair of thieves has been terrorizing the merchants in your city. They're described as a man and a woman. From their actions you know they're capable of murder. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: Sergeant Friday is working with Sergeant Slats Henry from Robbery on the trail of two dangerous liquor store robbers, one of whom is a beautiful redhead. Frank Smith is on an extradition assignment in St. Louis.

Cast: Jack Webb, Vic Perrin, Herb Ellis, Vic Rodman, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schuman, Announcer Hal Gibney.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jan 15, 1957 Tue 376 "The Big Broad"

54/02/16 235 Dragnet. February 16, 1954. "The Big Sucker". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Bunco Fugitive Detail. A confidence man has set up operations in your city. The product he's selling has a ready market. Perfect cut, blue white diamonds. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: A con-man uses real diamonds to cheat unsuspecting victims, selling them cut glass after they've taken the bait. The first victim is Harold Filson. A new twist on bait and switch.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Terry Bartell, Virginia Gregg, George Fenneman (announcer).
Technical, advisors: Captain Jack Donohoe, Sergeant Marty Wynn. Sergeant Vance Brasher. Script by John Robonson. Music by Walter Schumann. Hal Gibney (host)

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jan 22, 1957 Tue 377 "The Big Sucker"

54/02/23 236 Dragnet. February 23, 1954. "The Big Pipe". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. The body of an attractive woman has been found in a downtown office building, beaten to death with a piece of lead pipe. The killer has escaped into the city. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: Mrs. Ada Fitzgerald has been found murdered. She was bludgeoned to death with a lead pipe!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Jan 29, 1957 Tue 378 "The Big Pipe"

54/03/02 237 Dragnet. March 2, 1954. "The Big TV". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Missing Persons Detail. You get a call that a young mother and her nine month old baby have disappeared. Routine investigation turns up the possibility of foul play. Your job...find them.*

Plot extension: Harriet Shipley has disappeared with her baby, after threats had been made against her life.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Feb 05, 1957 Tue 379 "The Big TV"

54/03/09 238 Dragnet. March 9, 1954. "The Big Cup". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A howling dog causes a man to check his neighbor's house. He finds the brutally beaten body of an elderly woman. She's been killed by person or persons unknown. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Ethel Lawrence has been viciously beaten to death in her house. The evidence points overwhelmingly towards her husband.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

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End of Show: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, we'd like to thank the editors of Time magazine for their cover story of Jack Webb and Dragnet. That's Time magazine, on your newsstand next Thursday."* Actual newsstand date, March 11, 1954

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Feb 12, 1957 Tue 380 "The Big Cup"

54/03/16 239 Dragnet. March 16, 1954. "The Big Rod". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Hit and Run Felony Detail. A young woman has been run down and seriously injured. The driver of the car has fled the scene. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: A hot-rodder has run down a pregnant woman while she was crossing the street...without ever slowing down.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Feb 19, 1957 Tue 381 "The Big Rod"

54/03/23 240 Dragnet. March 23, 1954. "The Big Mustache". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A supermarket in your city has been robbed. The thief wore a disguise. You don't know who he is or what he looks like. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: ., A man with a false moustache is suspected of robbing a supermarket.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Feb 26, 1957 Tue 382 "The Big Mustache"

54/03/30 241 Dragnet. March 30, 1954. "The Big Confession". Sponsored by Chesterfield, L & M.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A young man walks into your office and tells you he has a problem. From the way he talks you know it's serious. Your job...listen.*

Plot extension: Paul Marcus confesses to Sergeant Friday that he's murdered Lorraine Farrell...and that his problem is "something personal."

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Herb Ellis, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/04/06 242 Dragnet. April 6, 1954. "The Big Saw". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Two masked gunman have held up a bank in your city. The victims can't give you a lead to their identity. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: A pair of bank robbers are identified by one of the customers in the bank. The trail leads to a car rental agency.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/04/13 243 Dragnet. April 13, 1954. "The Big Note". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Detail. You get report of drug addiction within a group of teen-agers. You don't know if the information is true. You're job... check it out.*

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First Line Plot: *"It was Wednesday, February 10th. It was cold in Los Angeles. We were working the day watch out of Juvenile Detail. My partner's Frank Smith, the boss is Captain Pollard, my name is Friday. I was on my way into the office. It was 8:01am when I got to Georgia Street Juvenile, squad room."*

Plot extension: A young woman reports that her friend Katherine Pilgrim, is addicted to heroin. Frank and Faye had setup Friday with a blind date for dinner. Friday said he would call Ruth sometime later.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/04/20 244 Dragnet. April 20, 1954. "The Big Net". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Fourteen women in your city have been robbed and beaten. You've got a half dozen descriptions of their attacker. None of them match, the man's still free. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Fourteen women have been robbed and beaten, but each gives a different description of the purse snatcher.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/04/27 245 Dragnet. April 27, 1954. "The Big Lift". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Division Shoplifting Detail. An organized gang of thieves have started operating in your city. In spite of the precautions taken, the thieves are still working. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A gang of shoplifters, led by the mysterious "Arthur," is specializing in suits of clothing, preying on Los Angeles department stores

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast 212

54/05/04 246 Dragnet. May 4, 1954. "The Big Stop". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A killer's loose in your city. You don't know who he is or where to find him. You don't know who his victim will be. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: A traffic cop has been shot in cold blood at an intersection...for no apparent reason.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/05/11 247 Dragnet. May 11, 1954. "The Big Look". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call that a woman has been badly beaten. She can't describe her assailant, he's still at large. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: Mrs. Kieran has been found badly beaten. The evidence points to Mr. Kieran, but then a second woman is found beaten up

Cast: Jack Webb (producer, performer), Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Script by John Robinson, Herb Ellis (director, performer), Jack Donohoe (technical advisor), Marty Wynn (technical advisor), Vance Brasher (technical advisor), Bud Tollefson (sound effects), Wayne Kenworthy (sound effects), Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host), Virginia Gregg, Helen Kleebe, Herb Vigran.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

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54/05/18 248 Dragnet. May 18, 1954. "The Big Help". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Forgery Detail. A group of check passers is working in your city. They've hit over fifty places of business. You have no lead to their true identity, they're still working. Your job...stop 'em.*

Plot extension: Stolen payroll checks are being passed all over town: the clues leading to "Cecil" come from Beatrice Dowling, an ex-check forger herself.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/05/25 249 Dragnet. May 25, 1954. "The Big Watch". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You've been looking for a suspect in a market robbery for three weeks. Finally an informant calls you with information. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A market has been robbed of \$7,000 by Herbert Langley, the clue to the bandit: a cheap broken watch.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast – Title, not the script re-used on episode 44

54/06/01 250 Dragnet. June 1, 1954. "The Big Cowboy". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call to investigate unknown trouble. The caller gives no indication of what's wrong. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Dudley Gray is holed up with a lot of guns and refuses to come out. He thinks he's a cowboy defending a fort from the Indians! His wife and child are prisoners in the apartment.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/06/08 251 Dragnet. June 8, 1954. "The Big Student". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A holdup man has been hitting the banks in your city. After two months of following down leads, you get a possible identification. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Louis Rote is captured after a string of bank robberies, but breaks out of jail after just a few months.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/06/15 252 Dragnet. June 15, 1954. "The Big Cat". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. You receive a report that a circus truck has been broken into. Several of the animals are missing, some of them dangerous. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: A man reports a deadly black panther has been stolen from his carnival and is loose somewhere in the city.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

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54/06/22 253 Dragnet. June 22, 1954. "The Big Customer". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A special officer has been shot during a routine patrol. His assailants have escaped into the city. There's no lead to their whereabouts. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: A special officer has been shot and the owner of a liquor store knifed to death during a robbery. One of the robbers has long filthy finger nails!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/06/29 254 Dragnet. June 29, 1954. "The Big Chick". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Narcotics Detail. The body of a man has been found in a public park lake. Physical evidence indicates he was killed by narcotics. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: The body of Walter Gilmer is found floating in the lake in MacArthur Park. Friday goes undercover to find the gang selling the heroin that killed him.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/07/06 255 Dragnet. July 6, 1954. "The Big Search". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Detail. A thirteen year old girl has disappeared from her home. There's reason to suspect foul play. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Bunny Moran, a thirteen year old girl has disappeared; her cocker spaniel has been beaten to death.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/07/13 256 Dragnet. July 13, 1954. "The Big Rescue". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. Two men are terrorizing your city. They're both armed and considered dangerous. Your job...get 'em.*

Plot extension: Two robbers hold up the "814 Club" and lots of other places. One of them has a .45, but the other carries a machine gun! After they're captured, they're sprung from jail by another gunman with a machine gun.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/07/20 257 Dragnet. July 20, 1954. "The Big Heel". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Detail. A series of house break-ins has taken place in your city. The articles taken and the method of operation indicate a juvenile thief. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: A pair of unique tennis shoes is the evidence that a string of house burglaries was committed by a wealthy young boy. New Canvas shoes in episode only available through mail order to the East.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

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54/07/27 258 Dragnet. July 27, 1954. "The Big Match". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call that a hold up man has hit one of the larger auction houses in your city. You have a good description of him. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: Charles Cain, the owner of an auction house has been robbed and assaulted. A partially burned book of matches provides the needed clue.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/08/03 259 Dragnet. August 3, 1954. "The Big Stand". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Homicide Detail. A man has been shot down on a street corner of your city. There's no apparent motive, no lead to the assailant. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: Matthew Denton has been shot on the street, right in front of a newsstand. The suspects are tall, lean, alcoholic radio thieves.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/08/10 260 Dragnet. August 10, 1954. "The Big Wish". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Juvenile Detail. A narcotic ring has been supplying drugs to the teenagers in your city. There's no lead to the identity of the key people in the operation. Your job...find 'em.*

Plot extension: John Colter, a teenager hooked on heroin, walks into the police station and asks for help.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/08/17 261 Dragnet. August 17, 1954. "The Big Cad". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. A wholesale drug company's been held up. \$4,000 in narcotics has been taken. Your job...find it.*

Plot extension: A large quantity of morphine has been stolen. A pusher out for revenge and a stake-out at a bar help solve the chase. Mentions 3D picture viewer with pictures of Yosemite.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/08/24 262 Dragnet. August 24, 1954. "The Big Shock". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. For the past several weeks, a gang has been breaking into neighborhood stores. Routine investigation fails to turn up any kind of a lead. Your job...find one.*

Plot extension: A "tunnel burglar" is digging through a sewer line and into a bank vault.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/08/31 263 Dragnet. August 31, 1954. "The Big Office". Sponsored by Chesterfield

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to the Business Office. Past records show that you can expect 170 crimes to occur in the city during the next 24 hours. You don't know where, you don't know when. Your job...handle 'em.*

Plot extension: Friday and Smith spend the night working in the police business office. The reported stolen car was identified by brand, Chevrolet, 1954, BelAire, with the windows that fold down by themselves.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/09/07 264 Dragnet. September 7, 1954. "The Big Trunk". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. An attractive divorcée disappears from her home. There's no lead to her whereabouts; there's evidence of foul play. Your job...find her!*

Plot extension: A divorcee named Josephine Allen has been murdered, and her body stuffed into a trunk.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Leonard Nimoy, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Script re-used on episode 93 broadcast March 22, 1951

54/09/14 265 Dragnet. September 14, 1954.. "The Big Cut". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Burglary Detail. A jewelry store has been robbed. Merchandise amounting to \$5,000 has been stolen. The thief made good his escape. Your job...find em.*

Plot extension: A jewelry store has been robbed of \$5000 worth of watches. The burglar was apparently barefoot, and cut himself!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/09/21 266 Dragnet. September 21, 1954. "The Big Try". Sponsored by Chesterfield

000	There is an episode title anomaly, two different episodes with the same script title. The episodes with the same titles are 215, September 29, 1953. "The Big Try" about a threatened suicide and title 266, September 21, 1954. "The Big Try" about a hit and run accident.
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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Homicide Detail. A young man walks into your office and tells you he wants to give himself up. You don't know if you can believe his story. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Young Emil Salter comes into headquarters to confess that he had stolen a truck and killed a man along the highway.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS

54/09/28 267 Dragnet. September 28, 1954. "The Big Bible". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Homicide Detail. On the way back to the office you receive a call. It's about an attempted suicide. You're in the immediate vicinity. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Carl Hamlin has committed suicide...or has he? There's something fishy about the gun found in his dead hand.

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End of Show: Special thanks and mention of 61st annual conference for the International Association of the Chief of Police meeting in New Orleans.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/10/05 268 Dragnet. October 5, 1954. "The Big Handsome Bandit". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Robbery Detail. For a week you've been on rolling stakeout looking for a gang of thieves. There's no sign of them. On the way back to the office you get a 211 call. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A tavern has been robbed and a couple shot. One of the crooks has been shot and rats on the other two

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/10/12 269 Dragnet. October 12, 1954. "The Big Tarbaby". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Homicide Detail. You get a call from a man who tells you his wife has failed to keep an appointment. There's no trace of her. There's evidence of foul play. Your job...find her.*

Plot extension: Ethel Cabot has been kidnapped, and her bartender-husband has a few ideas about who did it.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/10/19 270 Dragnet. October 19, 1954.. "The Big Manikin". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Missing Persons Detail. You get a call that a man has failed to return to his home. There's reason to suspect foul play. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Jason Helmer is reported missing by his wife. His drinking companion, Fredrick Madison knows...but isn't talking.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/10/26 271 Dragnet. October 26, 1954.. "The Big Key". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. In the past five weeks an unidentified holdup man has robbed twelve drugstores. He's taken money and narcotics. There's no lead to who he is or where he is. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A robber is specializing in drugstores...taking money and narcotics from thirteen of them!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast Title is repeated on episode 50, but it is not the same script.

54/11/02 272 Dragnet. November 2, 1954.. "The Big Locker". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Burglary Detail. A man walks into a pawn shop and wants to sell a ring. Indications are that the ring is stolen. Your job...find out.*

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Plot extension: James Feder tries to pawn an expensive emerald ring and is later tied to a jewelry robbery when the gems are found in a locker in a bus station.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Herb Ellis, Georgia Ellis, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host), Harry Bartell, Script by John Robinson, Earl Schlay (writer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/11/09 273 Dragnet. November 9, 1954. "The Big Coin". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Burglary Detail. You get a call to meet a fire inspector at a burned out home. There is reason to believe the fire was started by a burglar. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A burglar sets the houses he robs on fire after taking the valuables. The cops have no clues at all...until some old coins are taken during one of the burglaries.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Jack Kruschen, Virginia Gregg, Hal Gibney (host), Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Walter Sande, Earl Schlay (writer).

000 Episode 274 Contains a beautiful and moving speech in praise of "man's best friend." Great radio, a must for anyone who has ever been kind to an animal.

54/11/16 274 Dragnet. November 16, 1954.. "The Big Dog". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned the Homicide Detail. An elderly man is threatening an entire neighborhood with a shotgun. He says he is going to use it to kill a man. Your job...take it way from him.*

Plot extension: An old man is threatening to kill the man who poisoned his dog...and anyone else who tries to stop him.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/11/23 275 Dragnet. November 23, 1954. "The Big Switch". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. A call comes into the office, a woman says her husband is dead she thinks he's been murdered. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: George Pilsen has been found beaten to death in bed. A mystery until a talkative neighbor spills some beans. Suspicion falls on a man who sharpens lawn mowers.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast, Title is repeated on episode 230, but is a completely different script.

54/11/30 276 Dragnet. November 30, 1954. "The Big Gone". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call that a flower shop has been held up, two men have been shot, one of the killed. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A flower shop is robbed and the hold-up men shot and killed...but the bodies disappear! Somewhere in Los Angeles is a guy with four bullet holes in his chest.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/12/07 277 Dragnet. December 7, 1954. "The Big Dig." Sponsored by Chesterfield

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. A woman reports her sister is missing, the story she gives you indicates foul play. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A woman reports that her sister named Margaret Shayne has disappeared, and that her brother-in-law killed her. Bloodstains in the garage look suspicious.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/12/14 278 Dragnet. December 14, 1954.. "The Big Lens". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call from the Georgia Street hospital, a woman has been brought in to receive emergency treatment, she says she was kidnapped and robbed. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: Two men force their way into Mrs. Alston's car, kidnap, rob her and beat her up, leaving contact lenses behind as a clue.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

54/12/21 279 Dragnet. December 21, 1954. "The Big Little Jesus". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Burglary Division. You get a call that an important piece of religious art has been stolen from the oldest church in Los Angeles, there is no lead to its whereabouts. Your job...find it.*

Plot extension: A Christmas story. A Los Angeles Mission reports the statue of Jesus has been stolen the day before Christmas.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast Script re-used on episode 227

54/12/28 280 Dragnet. December 28, 1954.. "The Big Underground". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: Not available

First Line Plot: *"(walking) It was Monday, July 6th, sunny in Los Angeles. We were working the day watch out of Burglary Detail. My partner's Frank Smith, the boss, Captain Bernard. My name's Friday. We're on our way out of the office, it was 8:23am when we got to the corner of Walton Avenue and Adams Blvd, a used car lot office."*

Plot extension: Paul Dereaux is the prime suspect in a series of burglaries and car thefts.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/01/04 281 Dragnet. January 4, 1955. "The Big Mug". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. For the past three weeks a strong arm hold up man has been terrorizing the downtown area, you got a description of thief and a method of operation for him. Your job...find em.*

Plot extension: A "strong arm" bandit continues his operation, by breaking a woman's arm!

000	Episode 281, Sergeant Friday uses a new gadget called the "Speakerphone."
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Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

55/01/11 282 Dragnet. January 11, 1955 "The Big Complex". Sponsored by Chesterfield

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Juvenile Detail. In the past six weeks a junior high school has been broken into three times, and extensive damage has been done by vandals. Your job...investigate.*

Plot extension: A Junior High School has been vandalized three times...and each time the cafeteria has been particularly hard hit.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/01/18 283 Dragnet. January 18, 1955. "The Big Token". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. For the past ten days a gunman has been terrorizing the downtown area of your city, you know he's armed and dangerous. Your job...stop em.*

Plot extension: A man has robbed a liquor store and killed a man by shooting him in the head. One of the witnesses is a woman who sings on television!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/01/25 284 Dragnet. January 25, 1955. "The Big Bounce". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Forgery Detail. For the past several months a man posing as an actor has been passing worthless checks in your city, you've got a description of the suspect, but no lead to his whereabouts. Your job...get em.*

Plot extension: A check forger who looks like a movie actor takes advantage of an old lady running a rooming house.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/02/01 285 Dragnet. February 1, 1955.. "The Big Bird". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Burglary Detail. During the last two weeks there have been a series of burglaries in the valley division, you haven't got a lead. Your job...find one.*

Plot extension: A series of burglaries is taking place at new housing developments. The burglar kills pet birds whenever he can.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/02/08 286 Dragnet. February 8, 1955.. "The Big Gap". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Bunco Fugitive Detail. A pawn broker tells you he expects a swindle, he isn't sure. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Garfield Hunt has been swindled out of \$1500 by a phony emerald ring.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer).

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/02/15 287 Dragnet. February 15, 1955. "The Big Hat". Sponsored by Chesterfield

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call that a well dressed man has held up a diamond merchant, he's escaped into the crowded streets of your city. Your job...get em.*

Plot extension: A robber has calmly stolen \$80,000 in uncut diamonds. Meanwhile a woman is murdered by her jealous husband.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/02/22 288 Dragnet. February 22, 1955.. "The Big Slug". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. You just completed an investigation on an East Los Angeles murder case; you get a hot shot call, a shooting in a liquor store on Pico Blvd. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A man in a plaid sports coat is shot while robbing a liquor store and killing the owner

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/03/01 289 Dragnet. March 1, 1955. "The Big Set-Up". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned a Narcotics Detail. A steady flow of drugs is coming in to your city. The prime buyers are juveniles. Weeks of effort fail to turn up any lead to the source. Your job...find it.*

Plot extension: Friday and Smith get a tip about three kilos of heroin about to arrive in Los Angeles. Friday goes undercover to make a "buy."

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, George Fenneman (announcer), Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast This is not the same show as #109, "The Big Set Up", Despite **similar** titles.

55/03/08 290 Dragnet. March 8, 1955. "The Big Father". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant., you're assigned to Burglary Detail. For the past month a hot prowler artist has been working the Silver Lake District in your city. Your job...stop em.*

Plot extension: A daylight burglar posing as being from the electric company slugs an old woman.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate AFRS rebroadcast:

55/03/15 291 Dragnet. March 15, 1955. "The Big Set. Sponsored by Chesterfield..

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant., you're assigned to Robbery Detail. A pair of hold up men have been operating in your city, you know their method of operation, you know what they look like. Your job...get em.*

Plot extension: A watch salesman named Russell Liggins reports his sample case has been stolen

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/03/22 292 Dragnet. March 22, 1955. "The Big Talk". Sponsored by Chesterfield

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Robbery Detail. A watch salesman tells you his sample case has been stolen, he says he knows the men who did it. Your job...find em.*

Plot extension: A drunken woman provides the clue to a series of robberies, beatings and a murder that took place outside of different bars. The main suspect has a good alibi...Sergeant Friday!.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/03/29 293 Dragnet. March 29, 1955. "The Big Death".. Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Homicide Detail. A man has been shot in a cheap hotel in the downtown area, there is no apparent motive for the attack, no lead to the identity of the assailant. Your job...find em.*

Plot extension: Arthur McNeil has been shot six times in the head and killed in his flophouse room. His lawyer reveals that he's been working on a new explosive.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast Title only re-used on episode 68

55/04/05 294 Dragnet. April 5, 1955. "The Big No Tooth". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a Detective Sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call that a downtown hotel has been held up by a bandit who carries a sawed-off shotgun. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A robber with a sawed off shotgun holds up a hotel, then more hotels and a diner

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander. Written by Jack Webb and Dragnet Staff Writers

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/04/12 295 Dragnet. April 12, 1955. "The Big Tie". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Burglary Detail. You get a call that some one has broken in to a necktie manufacturer, a large supply of hand painted ties have been stolen. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A tie factory has been robbed; the owner says he knows who did it. Several other tie burglaries follow.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/04/19 296 Dragnet. April 19, 1955. "The Big Deal". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Auto Theft Detail. The recovery rate of stolen automobiles in your city has dropped far below normal, evidence points to an organized gang of car thieves. Your job...break it up.*

Plot extension: A pair of car thieves has a clever method of reselling their loot.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/04/26 297 Dragnet. April 26, 1955. "The Big Child". Sponsored by Chesterfield

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First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Juvenile Detail. You get a call from Georgia Street receiving hospital, a two year child has been brought in, her condition is critical, there is evidence of foul play. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A two year old baby has been poisoned, her mother nowhere to be found. When she does appear...she's drunk

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/05/03 298 Dragnet. May 3, 1955. "The Big Mama". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Bunco Fugitive Detail. A secretary tells you her employer has suddenly left town, she says he's taken all the company records with him. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: The owner of Multiple Uranium Investments has left town with the entire company

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/05/10 299 Dragnet. May 10, 1955. "The Big Revision". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant; you're assigned to Burglary Detail. After weeks of investigation a suspect in a burglary is picked up, you've got the evidence for a conviction but over two hundred thousand dollars in loot is still missing. Your job...find it.*

Plot extension: A burglar has been caught, but not the \$200,000 in stolen furs and loot. The trail leads to a Palm Springs bar in search of Jarvis Dean

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/05/17 300 Dragnet. May 17, 1955. "The Big Squealer". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Juvenile Detail. You get a report that a teenage boy has been found in a downtown alley. He's in critical condition. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A high school boy is found knifed in an alley...and very reluctant to say who did it.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/05/24 301 Dragnet. May 24, 1955.. "The Big Siege". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Robbery Detail. A gunman has robbed a bank in your city. From his method of operation you know he is dangerous. Your job...get him.*

Plot extension: A bank robber is trapped in a house. A good story about the efforts to get him out.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/05/31 302 Dragnet. May 31, 1955. "The Big Sisters". Sponsored by Chesterfield

"Dragnet" Episodic Log

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Burglary Detail. An elderly woman reports that a man has stolen \$300 from her apartment. She says she saw him. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: An old lady named Miss Dunbetter has been robbed...or has she?

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/06/07 303 Dragnet. June 7, 1955. "The Big Limp". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You're assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a call from an officer in another division. He's come across some information about a robbery. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: The Timely Loan Company has been burglarized. Timothy Rankin and Shelly Mitchell are confirmed suspects. The clue: one man has a wooden leg.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/06/14 304 Dragnet. June 14, 1955. "The Big Fall Guy". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Robbery Detail. The owner of a small delicatessen reports that he has been robbed. He says the thief casually walked out of his store and disappeared. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: The thief gave a note to the store owner, it wasn't a grocery list. An indigent boxer gives himself up to the police after the robberies. Claims he was working for a "collector", Stoney.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Virginia Gregg.

55/06/21 305 Dragnet. June 21, 1955. "The Big Grab". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Homicide Detail. A six year old girl has been taken from the streets of your city. There's no lead to her whereabouts or to the identity of the kidnapper. Your job...find them.*

Plot extension: Grace Marchand, a six year old girl has been kidnapped off the street. A demand for \$50,000 ransom is soon received.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast Similar script, same title, re-used on episode 55

55/06/28 306 Dragnet. June 28, 1955. "The Big Convertible". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Forgery Detail. For the past six weeks a man has been passing phony payroll checks in your city. You've got a description but no positive identification. The check forgeries continue. Your job...stop them.*

Plot extension: A man cashing bad payroll checks all over town has been using a rented car.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/07/05 307 Dragnet. July 5, 1955. "The Big Rush". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Robbery Detail. Two men have been terrorizing the tavern keepers in your city. In spite of your efforts they continue to run free. Your job...stop them.*

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Plot extension: A series of tavern robberies by "The Whale" and his partner leads to the shooting of a cop.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/07/12 308 Dragnet. July 12, 1955. "The Big Genius". Sponsored by Chesterfield.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Juvenile Detail. A woman reports that a teenage boy has been stealing food from her home. She said she's seen him several times. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A young boy has been living in a cave and stealing food to eat.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/07/19 309 Dragnet. July 19, 1955. "The Big Bobo". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Internal Affairs Division. A man who claims he is a policeman has been accepting bribes in your city. Evidence points to the fact that he is an officer. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A police sergeant is accused of taking \$3500 from a woman to get her husband out of jail.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Helen Kleb, Sam Wyan, Herb Ellis, Jack Crushen, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schuman, Announcer Hal Gibney.

55/07/26 310 Dragnet. July 26, 1955. "The Big Housemaid". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Burglary Detail. A woman posing as a housemaid has been stealing cash and other valuables from homes in your city. Your job...stop her.*

Plot extension: A burglar posing as a housemaid has been stealing from the houses she cleans and then giving the loot away!

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/08/02 311 Dragnet. August 2, 1955. "The Big Sheet". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Burglary Detail. You get a call from a citizen that a burglary is in progress. You know the exact location. Your job...stop it.*

Plot extension: Leroy Finch is captured after robbing a drugstore, but he escapes and shoots an old couple while doing it.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/08/09 312 Dragnet. August 9, 1955. "The Big Missus". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a telephone call from a woman who wants to see you. She says it's about her husband. She's afraid he's going to pull a hold-up. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A woman tells the cops that her ex-convict husband is planning a robbery.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

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55/08/16 313 Dragnet. August 16, 1955. "The Big Beer". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Homicide Detail. A night watchman has been stabbed to death in a downtown appliance store. There's no apparent motive for the killing; no lead for a suspect. Your job...find him.*

Plot extension: A night watchmen in a store discovers a dead body. Fourteen beer bottles and some bright red hairs provide the only clues.

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/08/23 314 Dragnet. August 23, 1955.. "The Big Blonde". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Bunco Fugitive Detail. A man tells you he's been taken for a large sum of money. He thinks it was a swindle. Your job... run it down.*

Plot extension: A blonde and two "cow-men" have swindled a man out of \$40,000. Friday goes undercover and poses as a "mark."

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/08/30 315 Dragnet. August 30, 1955, "The Big Fellow". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Robbery Detail. You get a teletype warning you that two holdup men are heading to your city. You know they're armed and dangerous. Your job... be ready for them.*

Plot extension: The Merton Brothers, dope fiends, robbers, and generally nasty people have arrived in town looking for action.

Cast: Jack Webb, Virginia Gregg, Ben Alexander, Herb Ellis, Victor Rodman, Bert Holland, Script by John Robinson, Music by Walter Schumann, Hal Gibney (host).

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast

55/09/06 316 Dragnet. September 6, 1955. "The Big Ruling". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Narcotics Detail. You get a report that a supply of heroin has reached your city. You don't know who has got it or where it is. Your job...find out.*

Plot extension: Sam Arthur Freed, a dope pusher specializing in hooking kids, is caught with narcotics on him, but he has been "searched illegally."

Cast: Jack Webb, Ben Alexander.

Duplicate: AFRS rebroadcast

55/09/13 317 Dragnet. September 13, 1955. "The Big Daughter". Sponsored by Chesterfield

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Narcotics Detail. You get a tip that a man is peddling heroin at his place of residence. He's a known user. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: Porter Denson and his family are all busted on narco raps after heroin is found under their young daughter's pillow.

Cast: Hal Gibney (host), Virginia Gregg, Jack Kruschen, Joyce McCluskey, Herb Ellis, Music by Walter Schumann, Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Frank Burton (writer).

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Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast

55/09/20 318 Dragnet. September 20, 1955. "The Big Close". Sponsored by Chesterfield

000 The last original script was used on the September 20, 1955 show and the ending of Chesterfield's sponsorship.

First Line Narrative and Plot: *You're a detective sergeant. You are assigned to Homicide Detail. You get a call telling you that the body of a man has been found in a motel room. There is no lead to his true identity. Your job...check it out.*

Plot extension: A corpse in a motel room leads to a "ladies man" in town on "business."

Cast: , Jack Webb, Ben Alexander, Vic Perrin, Helen Kleebe, Hal Gibney (host), Music by Walter Schumann, Lillian Buyeff, Stacy Harris, Script by John Robinson

Duplicate: AFRS and rebroadcast

000 Shows after this date September 20, 1955 are re-runs of previous broadcasts. Although the series would continue on the air until February 26, 1957, the remaining broadcasts would be all re-runs. For that reason, this log will only enter the play date information for each show. The following is that section of Frank Passages' log, by permission.

EPS Schedule changes from 9:00pm Tuesday to 8:30pm Tuesday

Sep 27, 1955 Tue 319 "The Big Shot"	original broadcast date: 09-21-52
Oct 04, 1955 Tue 320 "The Big Brain"	original broadcast date: 09-28-52
Oct 11, 1955 Tue 321 "The Big Jolt"	original broadcast date: 10-05-52
Oct 18, 1955 Tue 322 "The Big Lie"	original broadcast date: 10-12-52
Oct 25, 1955 Tue 323 "The Big Pill"	original broadcast date: 10-19-52
Nov 01, 1955 Tue 324 "The Big Number"	original broadcast date: 10-26-52
Nov 08, 1955 Tue 325 "The Big Light"	original broadcast date: 11-02-52
Nov 15, 1955 Tue 326 "The Big Dive"	original broadcast date: 11-09-52
Nov 22, 1955 Tue 327 "The Big Walk"	original broadcast date: 11-16-52
Nov 29, 1955 Tue 328 "The Big Guilt"	original broadcast date: 11-23-52
Dec 06, 1955 Tue 329 "The Big Shirt"	original broadcast date: 11-30-52
Dec 13, 1955 Tue 330 "The Big Mole"	original broadcast date: 12-07-52
Dec 20, 1955 Tue 331 ".22 Rifle for Christmas"	original broadcast date: #5: 12-22-49
Dec 27, 1955 Tue 332 "The Big Mask - Part 1"	original broadcast date: 12-28-52
Jan 03, 1956 Tue 333 "The Big Mask - Part 2"	original broadcast date: 01-04-53

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Jan 10, 1956 Tue 334 "The Big Small"	original broadcast date: 01-11-53
Jan 17, 1956 Tue 335 "The Big String"	original broadcast date: 01-18-53
Jan 24, 1956 Tue 336 "The Big Lay-Out"	original broadcast date: 01-25-53
Jan 31, 1956 Tue 337 "The Big Strip"	original broadcast date: 02-01-53
Feb 07, 1956 Tue 338 "The Big Press"	original broadcast date: 02-08-53
Feb 14, 1956 Tue 339 "The Big Tooth"	original broadcast date: 02-15-53
Feb 21, 1956 Tue 340 "The Big Smoke"	original broadcast date: 02-22-53
Feb 28, 1956 Tue 341 "The Big Want"	original broadcast date: 03-01-53
Mar 06, 1956 Tue 342 "The Big Laugh"	original broadcast date: 03-08-53
Mar 13, 1956 Tue 343 "The Big Impossible"	original broadcast date: 03-15-53
Mar 20, 1956 Tue 344 ".22 Rifle for Christmas"	original broadcast date: #6: 12-22-49
Mar 27, 1956 Tue 345 "The Big Informant"	original broadcast date: 03-22-53

EPS Schedule changes from 8:30pm Tuesday to 8:00pm Tuesday

Apr 03, 1956 Tue 346 "The Big Dream"	original broadcast date: 03-29-53
Apr 10, 1956 Tue 347 "The Big Chet"	original broadcast date: 04-05-53
Apr 17, 1956 Tue 348 "The Big Compulsion"	original broadcast date: 04-12-53
Apr 24, 1956 Tue 349 "The Big Rip"	original broadcast date: 04-19-53
May 01, 1956 Tue 350 "The Big Scrapbook"	original broadcast date: 04-26-53
May 08, 1956 Tue 351 "The Big Carney"	original broadcast date: 05-03-53
May 15, 1956 Tue 352 "The Big Joke"	original broadcast date: 05-10-53
May 22, 1956 Tue 353 "The Big False Make"	original broadcast date: 05-17-53
May 29, 1956 Tue 354 "The Big Gun - Part 1"	original broadcast date: 05-24-53
Jun 05, 1956 Tue 355 "The Big Gun - Part 2"	original broadcast date: 05-31-53
Jun 12, 1956 Tue 356 "The Big Will"	original broadcast date: 06-07-53
Jun 19, 1956 Tue 357 "The Big Lilly"	original broadcast date: 06-14-53
Jun 26, 1956 Tue 358 "The Big Revolt"	original broadcast date: 06-21-53
000 Off for the Summer	
Sep 18, 1956 Tue 359 "The Big Ham"	original broadcast date: 06-28-53
Sep 25, 1956 Tue 360 "The Big Bop"	original broadcast date: 09-01-53
Oct 02, 1956 Tue 361 "The Big Lift"	original broadcast date: 09-08-53

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Oct 09, 1956 Tue 362 "The Big Cab"	original broadcast date: 09-15-53
Oct 16, 1956 Tue 363 "The Big Slip"	original broadcast date: 09-22-53
Oct 23, 1956 Tue 364 "The Big Flight"	original broadcast date: 11-17-53
Oct 30, 1956 Tue 365 "The Big Present"	original broadcast date: 11-24-53
Nov 06, 1956 Tue 366 "The Big Odd"	original broadcast date: 12-01-53
Nov 13, 1956 Tue 367 "The Big Pick"	original broadcast date: 12-08-53
Nov 20, 1956 Tue 368 "The Big Brink"	original broadcast date: 12-15-53
Nov 27, 1956 Tue 369 "The Big Steal"	original broadcast date: 12-29-53
Dec 04, 1956 Tue 370 "The Big Listen"	original broadcast date: 01-05-54
Dec 11, 1956 Tue 371 "The Big Switch"	original broadcast date: 01-12-54
Dec 18, 1956 Tue 372 "The Big Bill"	original broadcast date: 01-19-54
Dec 25, 1956 Tue 373 "The Big Little Jesus"	dup #3: 12-22-53

EPS Schedule changes from 8:00pm Tuesday to 8:05pm Tuesday

Jan 01, 1957 Tue 374 "The Big Bid"	original broadcast date: 01-26-54
Jan 08, 1957 Tue 375 "The Big Filth"	original broadcast date: 02-02-54
Jan 15, 1957 Tue 376 "The Big Broad"	original broadcast date: 02-09-54
Jan 22, 1957 Tue 377 "The Big Sucker"	original broadcast date: 02-16-54
Jan 29, 1957 Tue 378 "The Big Pipe"	original broadcast date: 02-23-54
Feb 05, 1957 Tue 379 "The Big TV"	original broadcast date: 03-02-54
Feb 12, 1957 Tue 380 "The Big Cup"	original broadcast date: 03-09-54
Feb 19, 1957 Tue 381 "The Big Rod"	original broadcast date: 03-16-54
Feb 26, 1957 Tue 382 "The Big Mustache"	original broadcast date: 03-23-54

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