

R I C H A R D D I A M O N D , P R I V A T E D E T E C T I V E

1949 - 1953

First Show: Apr 24, 1949
Number Shows: 159?

Last Show: Spe 20, 1953
Audition Show: none known

Series Description:

In 1945, Dick Powell portrayed Phillip Marlowe in the movie "Murder My Sweet" based on Raymond Chandler's novel "Farewell My Lovely." This was a radical departure in character for Mr. Powell from a Hollywood song and dance man to a hard-boiled detective. On June 11, 1945, the LUX RADIO THEATER brought "Murder My Sweet" to radio, again with Dick Powell in the lead. These two performances prompted his selection for the part of Richard Rogue, in ROGUE'S GALLERY after his role for LUX and Richard Diamond four years later.

RICHARD DIAMOND, PRIVATE DETECTIVE came to NBC in 1949. Diamond is a slick, sophisticated detective, with a sharp tongue for folks who need it. Diamond enjoyed the detective life, but not as much as entertaining his girl, Helen Asher. After each show, he would croon a number to his Park Avenue sweetheart. Mr. Powell, a former song and dance man, was perfect for the role. He added an extra dimension to the 40's hokey private eye drama.

Hellen Asher was portrayed by Virginia Gregg, who also played the part of Brooksie on "Let George Do It" and Betty Lewis on "Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar".

Blake Edwards wrote the early shows and also directed a few. Music was composed by David Baskerville and later by Frank Wirth.

In May of 1953, the series moved to CBS but all shows were repeats from the 1950-51 season.

Log Comments:

Since titles were not given at the start of each show, there's considerable difference from source to source. Titles ending in "Case" were used first, when found, for example "The Barton Case", followed by the most common title found. If no "Case" titles were found, the most common found is used first. Alternates followed the main title. Special mention goes to Jerry Haendiges' log (See "Other Logs or Books"). His log contained numerous alternate titles.

Log:

Date	Day	Num	Title	Src Key
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1949			... Series starts on NBC ...	
Apr 24	Sun	1	... title not known ...	
May 01	Sun	2	The Barton Case	2
			Alt: Diamond In The Rough	
May 08	Sun	3	... title not known ...	
May 15	Sun	4	The Ralph Chase Case	23 567
			Alt: Ralph Chases Stepdaughter	
May 22	Sun	5	The Stolen Purse	23 5678
			Alt: Stolen Purse - Counterfeit Ring	
			Alt: Old News Vendor & The Stolen Purse	
May 29	Sun	6	The Betty Moran Case	123 5678
			Alt: Betty Moran Suicide	
			Alt: Betty Moran Blackmail Murder	
			Alt: Betty Moran shoots blackmailer	
Jun 05	Sun	7	... title not known ...	
Jun 12	Sun	8	... title not known ...	
Jun 19	Sun	9	The Fred Sears Murder Case	123 5678
			Alt: Deadline For Murder	
			Alt: Sears Divorce Case	
Jun 26	Sun	10	The Tom Waxman Bombing Case	12 5678
			Alt: Deadly Delivery	
			Alt: Tom Waxman, Union Leader Killed By Bomb	
			Alt: Protest Murder	
Jul 02	Sat	11	The Bloody Hat Case	123 5678
			Alt: A Hat Without A Body	
			Alt: George Watkins Framed	
Jul 09	Sat	12	Charles Walsh, Bob Wells	12 5678
			Alt: Walsh And Wells Kidnap Helen	
			Alt: Charles Walsh Wants To Kill Diamond	
Jul 16	Sat	13	The Man Who Hated Women	123 5678
			Alt: Kidnapped For Revenge	
			Alt: Murder Without Motive	
			Alt: The Butcher	
			Alt: Butcher Killed	
Jul 23	Sat	14	The Martin Heyer Case	123 5678
			Alt: Letter Perfect Murder	
			Alt: June Hires	
			Alt: Martin and June Hyers	
			Alt: Homocide Billings Killing	
Jul 30	Sat	15	... title not known ...	
Aug 06	Sat	16	The Lynn Knight Case	123 5678
			Alt: Pictures Of Killer's Club	
			Alt: Killers' Picture Taken	
			Alt: Picture Perfect Killers	
			Alt: Lynn Knight Wants Protection	
Aug 13	Sat	17	... title not known ...	
Aug 20	Sat	18	The Jean Cooper Murder Case	123 5678
			Alt: Central Park Murder	
			Alt: Tom Cook	
Aug 27	Sat	19	The Eddie Garrett Case	123 5678
			Alt: Bill Garret, See Diamond	
			Alt: Big Brother	
			Alt: Bill Garret	

Sep 03	Sat	20	Alt: Eddie Garrett The Harry Baker Case	123 5678
			Alt: Harry Baker Kills Wife Alt: Kleptomania Means Murder Alt: Mrs. William Baker, Klepto	
Sep 10	Sat	21	The Van Dyke Seance Case	123 567
			Alt: Professor Leonardo Alt: Seance For Murder Alt: Phony Seance Racket Alt: Mrs. Van Dyke And Prof. Leonardo	
Sep 17	Sat	22	The Jerome J. Jerome Case	123 5678
			Alt: Jerome J. Jerome, Bodyguard	
Sep 24	Sat	23	The \$200,000 Bundle	123 567
			Alt: \$200,000 In A Safe Deposit Box Alt: \$200,000 Loot Alt: Secret Plans Alt: Mrs. Billy Crump and the \$200,000 Bundle	
Oct 01	Sat	24	... title not known ...	
Oct 08	Sat	25	The Gibson Murder Case	123 5678
			Alt: Mr. Gibson Blackmailed Alt: The Corpse On The Hepplewhite Alt: The Leland Gibson Murder	
Oct 15	Sat	26	The Bogus Bills Case	123 5678
			Alt: Jeff The Newsboy Alt: The Counterfit Case Alt: Newspaper Boy And Counterfeiting Ring	
Oct 22	Sat	27	The Rene Bennet Protection Case	123 5678
			Alt: Hat Protection For Rene Bene Alt: Clothes Make The Killer Alt: Renee Benet Story Alt: Renee Benet, Hatmaker	
Oct 29	Sat	28	The Bill Kirby Case	123 5678
			Alt: Bill Kirby, Package Alt: Death In A Shoebox	
Nov 05	Sat	29	The Singing Critic	123 5678
			Alt: Pat Kosak, For Hire Alt: Neighbor Tries To Ruin Diamond's Voice Alt: Rival Shamus Alt: Rival Detective or Singing Critic	
Nov 12	Sat	30	\$50,000 Diamond Heist	123 5678
			Alt: Diamonds Are A Detective's Best Frame Alt: Commissioners Diamonds Stolen Alt: \$50,000 In Diamonds Stolen	
Nov 19	Sat	31	The Leon Jacoby Case	123 5678
			Alt: Vendetta Alt: The Return of Jacoby Alt: Jacoby Is Back In Town	
Nov 26	Sat	32	William Carter loses Memory	123 5678
			Alt: Murder In The Mind Alt: Case of Amnesia Alt: William Carter And Helena Fisher	

Dec 03	Sat	33	The Ruby Idol Case	123 5678
			Alt: The Case Of The Grissly Ghost	
			Alt: The Leland L Leeds Case	
			Alt: Leland L. Leeds And King Tut Idol	
Dec 10	Sat	34	The House Of Mystery Case	123 5678
			Alt: Richard Diamond & The Haunted House	
			Alt: A Case of Spirits	
			Alt: Julia Bates	
			Alt: Haunted House	
Dec 17	Sat	35	John Blackwell Case	12345678
			Alt: No One Was Murdered	
			Alt: The Yo Yo	
			Alt: Mr. Johns and Big Man	
Dec 24	Sat	36	Diamond's Christmas Carol	123 5678
			Alt: A Contemporary Christmas Carol	
			Alt: Adaptation Of "A Christmas Carol"	
			Alt: A Christmas Carol	
Dec 31	Sat	37	The Thomas Jason Case	123 5678
			Alt: The Adopted Daughter Case	
			Alt: The Committed Stockbroker	
			Alt: Stocks And Blondes	
1950				
Jan 08	Sun	38	Butchers Protection Association	1234 678
			Alt: Protective Racket	
			Alt: Butchers And Protection Racket	
Jan 15	Sun	39	Mr. Victor's Daughter	123 5678
			Alt: Victors Publishing Co., Blackmail	
			Alt: Mr. Victor Hires Diamond	
			Alt: D. Saxon Case	
Jan 22	Sun	40	Martin White Sees Dead Man	12 5678
			Alt: The Blackwell Jarvis Case	
			Alt: Martin White And Dead Man	
			Alt: Martin White	
			Alt: Paul Jarvis Missing	
Jan 29	Sun	41	... title not known ...	
Feb 05	Sun	42	To Guard A Seal	123 5678
			Alt: Timothy The Seal	
			Alt: Bodyguard For A Seal	
Feb 12	Sun	43	The Elaine Tanner Case	123 5678
			Alt: Elaine Tannor Is Missing	
Feb 19	Sun	44	The Jewel Thief	123 678
			Alt: Wells	
Feb 26	Sun	45	The Blind Man And The Cop Killer	123 678
			Alt: Cop Killer	
Mar 05	Sun	46	The Louis Spence Case	1234 678
			Alt: Louis Spence Escapes	
			Alt: L. Spence Mad Bomber	
			Alt: Human Bomb	
Mar 12	Sun	47	Joyce Wallace	12345678
			Alt: Joyce Wallace Loves Her Husband	
			Alt: Actress, Joyce Wallace, Threat	
			Alt: Snake	
			Alt: Red Rose	
Mar 19	Sun	48	Private Eye Test	12345678

Alt: Detective Murdered At Police
Station

Alt: The Private Eye

Alt: Patent Leather Kid

Alt: Pat Romero

Mar 26 Sun 49 Photographer's Card 1234 678

Alt: Deadly Negative

Alt: The Photographer's Club

Alt: The Missing Negative

Alt: Sidewalk Photographer

Alt: Card & The Negative

Apr 05 Wed 50 William Logan & the Ivory Statue 12345678

Alt: The Secret Society

Alt: Statue Of Kali

Alt: Death And The Package

Alt: William Logan

Apr 12 Wed 51 The Man Who Hated Women 123 5678

Alt: The Butcher

Alt: Butcher Killer

Apr 19 Wed 52 Messenger Service, Patty Clark 123 5678

Alt: Delivery Of Death

Alt: The Body At The Door

Alt: Patty Clark

Apr 26 Wed 53 The Ralph Baxter Case 123 5678

Alt: Baxter Escapes Jail

Alt: Man Hunt

Alt: Ralph Baxter

Alt: Jewel Robber

... no shows until 06-14 ...

1950

Jun 14 Wed 54 Mrs. X Can't Find Her Husband 2

Jun 21 Wed 55 ... title not known ...

Jun 28 Wed 56 Mary Billman Killed 123 5678

Alt: The Long Simmering Hate

Alt: The Mary Bellman Murder

Alt: Raymond R. Waldrun Case

Jul 05 Wed 57 The Mike Burton Murder Case 123 5678

Alt: Hit And Run

Alt: Cross State Trucking

Jul 12 Wed 58 ... title not known ...

Jul 19 Wed ... pre-empted ...

Jul 26 Wed 59 The Martha Campbell Kidnap Case 123 5678

Alt: Diane And Martha Campbell

Alt: Ransom For Murder

Alt: Martha Campbell Kidnapped

Aug 02 Wed 60 The Fixed Fight Case 123 5678

Alt: Fight Manager Commits Suicide

Alt: The Case Of The Double Dive

Alt: Max Farmer, Boxer

Aug 09 Wed 61 The Edna Wolfe Case 123 5678

Alt: The Woman Who Cried Wolf

Alt: Female Wolfe Case

Alt: Edna Wolf Wants To Get Nancy
Fowler

Aug 16	Wed	62	The Carnival Case	123 5678
			Alt: The Carnival Killer	
			Alt: The Circus Case	
Aug 23	Wed	63	The Eveans Farmer Case	123 5678
			Alt: Story Of George Farmer	
			Alt: Murder Times Three	
			Alt: Insurance Matter	
			Alt: Dr. Evans	
			Alt: Geo Farm	
Aug 30	Wed	64	The Big Foot Grafton Case	123 5678
			Alt: Girl's Softball Team	
			Alt: Murder After Death	
			Alt: Baseball Matter	
			Alt: Big Foot Grafton's Funeral	
Sep 06	Wed	65	The Misplaced Laundry Case	123 5678
			Alt: Wrong Laundry/Narcotics	
			Alt: A Clean Scheme	
			Alt: Wrong Laundry Number	
Sep 13	Wed	66	The George Lexington Murder Case	12 5678
			Alt: George Lexington Fears For His Life	
			Alt: Steak Knife Case	
Sep 20	Wed	67	The Bald Head Case	12 56 8
			Alt: The John Wylie Murder	
			Alt: Pat Stence, Death In The Hair Salon	
Sep 27	Wed	68	The Oklahoma Cowboy Murder Case	12 5678
			Alt: Will Baxter, Oklahoma Cowboy	
			Alt: The Oklahoma Case	
			Alt: Hat Pin Case	
			Alt: Clay Baxter	
			Alt: Stickpin Case	
Oct 04	Wed	69	Mrs. X, Pete Rocco Breaks Jail	12345678
			Alt: Missing Husband	
Oct 11	Wed	70	The Homing Pigeon Case	12 5678
			Alt: Blackmail By Carrier Pigeon	
			Alt: Richard Reynard	
Oct 18	Wed	71	Lt. Levinson Kidnapped	12 4 678
			Alt: Kidnapped Policeman	
			Alt: Lt. Levenson Has Been Kidnapped	
Oct 25	Wed	72	The Rifle Case	
			Alt: German Gun Maker	
			Alt: German Gunmaker, Gustoph Heydon	
			Alt: Mr. Heiden, Gun Maker	
Nov 01	Wed	73	The Traffic Ticket Case	
Nov 08	Wed	74	Dead Man's Letter	234 678
			Alt: The Gold	
			Alt: Nancy Lang	
			Alt: Senor Guillard	
Nov 15	Wed	75	Mona Lisa Murder	8
			Alt: Arnold Brice	
Nov 22	Wed	76	Cover-Up Murders	
			Alt: The 8 O'Clock Killer	
Nov 29	Wed	77	The Calypso	
Dec 06	Wed	78	Missing Night Watchman	

Alt: Antique Buddha

... Moves to ABC ...

1951

Jan 05	Fri	79	... title not known ...	
Jan 12	Fri	80	The Marilyn Connors Case	12345678
			Alt: Dupilcate Key	
Jan 19	Fri	81	The Man With A Scar	234 678
			Alt: Florida Buried Treasure	
			Alt: Man With The Scar	
			Alt: Envelope	
Jan 26	Fri	82	The Rollins Case	123 5678
Feb 02	Fri	83	The Casperly Case	2345678
Feb 09	Fri	84	Blue Serge Suit	2345678
Feb 16	Fri	85	The Gray Man	23 5678
Feb 23	Fri	86	Lady in Distress	23 5678
Mar 02	Fri	87	The Red Rose	23 5678
			Alt: John Allyson Assassination	
			Alt: The Red Horse	
Mar 09	Fri	88	The Butcher Shop	23 5678
Mar 16	Fri	89	Monsieur Beauchand	23 5678
			Alt: Face Cream Sample	
Mar 23	Fri	90	Little Cheeva	23 5678
			Alt: Voodoo	
Mar 30	Fri	91	The Carnival	23 678
Apr 06	Fri	92	... title not known ...	
Apr 13	Fri	93	... title not known ...	
Apr 20	Fri	94	Belle of Pine Top Crossing	
Apr 27	Fri	95	... title not known ...	
May 04	Fri	96	Boy Who Made Bad	
May 11	Fri	97	... title not known ...	
May 18	Fri	98	... title not known ...	
May 25	Fri	99	... title not known ...	
Jun 01	Fri	100	... title not known ...	
Jun 08	Fri	101	... title not known ...	
Jun 15	Fri	102	... title not known ...	
Jun 22	Fri	103	... title not known ...	
Jun 29	Fri	104	... title not known ...	

... off for the Summer ...

1951

Oct 05	Fri	105	The Pete Rocco Case	
Oct 12	Fri	106	... title not known ...	
Oct 19	Fri	107	... title not known ...	
Oct 26	Fri	108	... title not known ...	
Nov 02	Fri	109	The Bowery Case	
Nov 09	Fri	110	Buried Treasure	
Nov 16	Fri	111	The California Murder Case	8
			Alt: G.L. Harvey Case	
			Alt: Hollywood Story	
			Alt: G. L. Harvey Blackmailed	
			Alt: George L. Harvey	
			Alt: Harvey, Hollywood Producer, Blackmailed	
Nov 23	Fri	112	The Mickey Farmer Case	

Nov 30	Fri	113	... title not known ...		
Dec 07	Fri	114	The Brown Envelope Case	2	78
			Alt: Diamond Becomes A Target		
			Alt: Diamond's Pants Stolen		
Dec 14	Fri	115	The Night Club Case		
Dec 21	Fri	116	A Christmas Carol	23	678
			Alt: Adaptation Of "A Christmas Carol"		
Dec 28	Fri	117	The Plaid Overcoat	23	67

1952

Jan 04	Fri	118	The Merry-Go-Round Murder Case	23	67
Jan 11	Fri	119	The White Cow Case	23	67
Jan 18	Fri	120	The Simpson Case	23	67
Jan 25	Fri	121	The Al Brenners Case	1234567	
Feb 01	Fri	122	The Garibaldi Case	12345678	
Feb 08	Fri	123	The Eddie Burke Case	12345678	
Feb 15	Fri	124	The Jerry Wilson Case		
Feb 22	Fri	125	... title not known ...		
Feb 29	Fri	126	... title not known ...		
Mar 07	Fri	127	Winthrop and Company	2	
Mar 14	Fri	128	The Dixon Case	12345678	
Mar 21	Fri	129	The Hank Burton Case	12345678	
Mar 28	Fri	130	Mr. Walker's Problem	1234	67
			Alt: Dr. Walker And The Problem		
Apr 04	Fri	131	The Enigma Of Big Ed	1234567	
Apr 11	Fri	132	... title not known ...		
Apr 18	Fri	133	... title not known ...		
Apr 25	Fri	134	... title not known ...		
May 02	Fri	135	... title not known ...		
May 09	Fri	136	Search for a Serial Killer		
May 16	Fri	137	The Eddie Garret Case		
May 23	Fri	138	The George Dale Case		
May 30	Fri	139	The Carpenter Case		
Jun 06	Fri	140	The Black Doll Case		
Jun 13	Fri	141	The F. Taylor Case		
Jun 20	Fri	142	... title not known ...		
Jun 27	Fri	143	The Danny Revere Case		

... Series moves to CBS for ...
 ... Summer Series replaceing ...
 ... Amos & Andy. All shows ...
 ... are repeats from 1950-51 ...
 ... season. (Show numbers in ...
 ... parenthesis where known) ...

1953

May 31	Sun	144	The William Holland Case	1234567	
			Alt: Two Tickets To Bolivia		
Jun 07	Sun	145	Eight O'Clock Killer	(#76)	1234567
Jun 14	Sun		... pre-empted ...		
Jun 21	Sun	146	Missing Night Watchman	(#78)	1234567
Jun 28	Sun	147	The Rifle Case	(#72)	1234567
Jul 05	Sun	148	The Man With A Scar	(#81)	2
Jul 12	Sun	149	The Pete Rocco Case	(#69)	2
Jul 19	Sun	150	Chapel Hill Case Policeman's Symposium		
			Alt: Peace Officer Symposium Speech		

Jul 26	Sun	151	Mona Lisa Murder	(#75)	2
Aug 02	Sun	152	Lt. Levison Kidnapped	(#71)	1234567
Aug 09	Sun	153	Juice Bar Caper		123 5678
			Alt: The Icepick Murders		
			Alt: Wheat Germ Case		
			Alt: Ice Pick Murder		
			Alt: Juice Bar/Ice Pick Murder		
Aug 16	Sun	154	The Oklahoma Cowboy Murder Case	(#68)	123 567
Aug 23	Sun	155	The California Murder Case	(#111)	123 567
Aug 30	Sun	156	The Big Foot Grafton Case	(#64)	2
Sep 06	Sun	157	The George Lexington Murder Case	(#66)	2
Sep 13	Sun	158	Charles Johnson Matter		
Sep 20	Sun	159	The Edna Wolfe Case	(#61)	2

Information Sources:

The information above was obtained from the following OTR vendors and clubs. Contact them directly for more information.

Key Source

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- 1 Edward J. Carr, 216 Shaner Street, Boyertown, PA 19512
 - 2 Jerry Haendiges Productions, Jerry Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602
 - 3 Radio Showcase, Steve Kelez, PO Box 4357, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
 - 4 Society to Preserve and Encourage Radio Drama, Variety And Comedy, PO Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409-7177
 - 5 Radio Historical Association of Colorado, PO Box 1908, Englewood, CO 80150
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- * RICHARD DIAMOND log, Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514
- * RICHARD DIAMOND log, Jerry Haendiges Productions, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 (available from the Internet at The Vintage Radio Place, <http://www.otrsite.com>)

Reader Feedback:

- * Bill Nevart posted an amendment to my note on LUX RADIO THEATER: "Murder My Sweet", bits of which are now included in the description.
- * John Henley mentioned that, prior to playing Richard Diamond, Powell played another detective, Richard Rogue, in ROGUE'S GALLERY.
- * Ken McDaniel sent a correction for the broadcast date of LUX "Murder My Sweet".

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