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GAME OVER FOR CRIMINALS!

KELLIE MARTIN UNRAVELS A MOTIVE FOR MURDER

**REVOLVING AROUND A COMPUTER GAME WORTH MULTIPLE MILLIONS IN
'MYSTERY WOMAN'**

Fifth Installment of Franchise, "Game Time," Premieres August 21

When a video game creator is found standing over the body of a famous mystery writer, Samantha (Kellie Martin) is left to sort out the pieces in the latest installment of the Hallmark Channel Mystery Movie franchise **Mystery Woman**, "Game Time," which premieres Sunday, August 21 (7/6c).

Mystery Woman also stars Nina Siemaszko ("The West Wing"), Clarence Williams III ("Mod Squad") and Casey Sander ("Grace Under Fire").

Martin, who received an Emmy[®] Award nomination for her performance in the acclaimed series "Life Goes On," returns to the scene of the crime for the second season as Samantha Kinsey, who inherited her uncle's "Mystery Woman" bookstore and uses the thrillers to solve baffling real-life crimes.

Helping Samantha navigate the precarious twists and turns of her new avocation is Philby (Williams III) a former secret agent with a cloak-and-dagger past who is now the enigmatic manager of the bookstore. Samantha also gets assistance from her best friend Cassie Hillman (Siemaszko), a savvy assistant D.A. whose access to inside information proves invaluable to Sam's investigations. The town's lawman, Chief Connors (Sander) wishes Samantha would stick to her books and keep her nose out of his criminal investigations.

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In "Game Time," Samantha sets out to solve the mysterious murder of acclaimed mystery writer Donald Fiske, who is found dead shortly after a rare public appearance at her Mystery Woman Bookstore. She finds that the truth, however, comes with an unhealthy dose of danger. As she unravels the mystery, though, the clues indicate that the killing was not committed by Fiske's troubled son, his angry ex-wife or an unhinged fan but was, in fact, motivated by a computer game potentially worth millions of dollars.

Mystery Woman was created by Michael Sloan. Joyce Burditt, creator of the acclaimed series "Diagnosis Murder," is executive producer of the franchise.

Mystery Woman is a Hallmark Entertainment presentation. Robert Halmi, Jr. and Larry Levinson are executive producers. Nick Lombardo, Michael Moran and Amy Goldberg are co-executive producers. Randy Pope and Lincoln Lageson are producers. "Game Time" was directed by David S. Cass, Sr. and written by Mark Saraceni. The Hallmark Channel Mystery Movie is an Alpine Medien Production in association with Larry Levinson Productions.

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