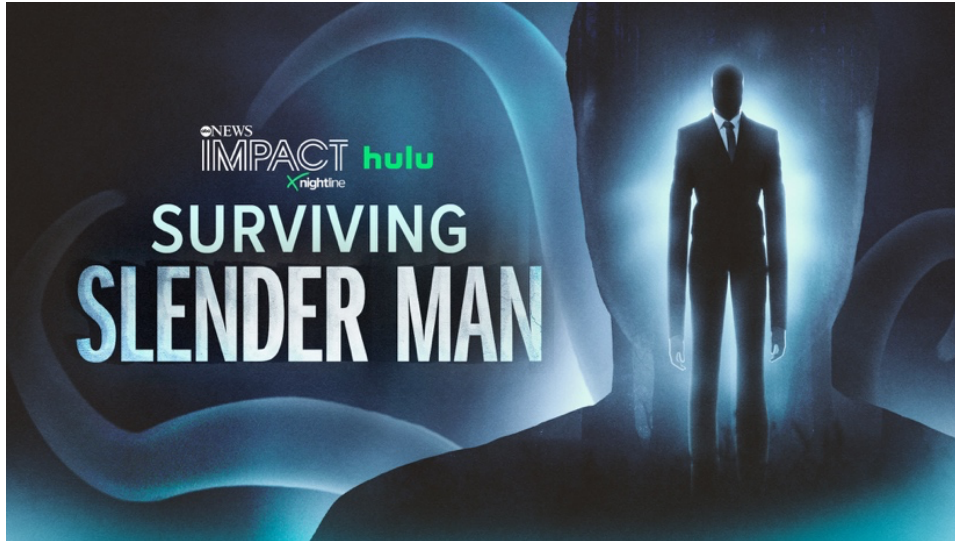


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**THURSDAY, FEB. 27**

**IMPACT x Nightline: “Surviving Slender Man” (320) – Streaming Only on [Hulu](#)**

**Logline:** An astonishing attack and an unbelievable motive: How did a sleepover end in attempted murder to please the fictional character Slender Man? “IMPACT x Nightline” unpacks the case after a new court ruling changes everything for one of the assailants.

**Extended Logline:** In 2014, a sleepover between 12-year-olds Morgan Geysler, Anissa Weier and Payton Leutner ended in attempted murder to please the fictional character Slender Man. Geysler and her co-assailant, Weier, stabbed Leutner 19 times. Leutner survived her life-threatening injuries while Geysler and Weier were charged in adult court with first-degree attempted intentional homicide. Geysler pleaded guilty to the charge, and Weier pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of attempted second-degree intentional homicide. After their convictions, they were sentenced to 40 and 25 years, respectively, in a psychiatric institution after they were both found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect. After petitioning the court, Weier was granted conditional release in 2021. Last month, Geysler was also granted conditional release after petitioning the court. Now, “IMPACT x Nightline” reports on the latest in Geysler’s case ahead of her forthcoming release from Wisconsin’s Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

**The Inside Scoop:**

- ABC News Studios’ “IMPACT x Nightline: Surviving Slender Man” begins streaming on Thursday, Feb. 27, only on Hulu.
- The episode, with “Nightline” co-anchor **Juju Chang**, features an all-new interview with the assailant Morgan Geysler’s defense attorney, Anthony Cotton.
- This episode also features groundbreaking interviews from the 2014 and 2019 episodes of ABC News’ “20/20,” including the only interview the stabbing survivor Payton Leutner has ever given,

with David Muir in 2019, exclusive interviews with Leutner's family, exclusive interviews with the mothers of both assailants, and the detectives, psychologists and prosecutors in the case.

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