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Ray Liotta's 'Smith', the First Show to Fall

CBS decides to pull the plug on the series that failed to attract high audiences

Last week, many Internet sites launched a so-called 'contest' to allow people to vote and decide which of the primetime shows will be cut from the schedule of the four big networks currently fighting for supremacy. So, the curtain of the fall season has barely gotten up and the first victims have already been announced. Ray Liotta's drama, in which he is the head of a team of expert thieves, will be the first to go, having been pulled from his designated air hour on CBS. The first episode of the latest season of 'Smith' managed to draw in only 8.4 million viewers, a number that simply pales in comparison with the other shows that are broadcast in the same time interval, like 'Law & Order: Special Victims Unit' on NBC and 'Boston Legal' on ABC. A spokesperson for CBS announced the decision by saying that the show will go on a temporary hiatus, being replaced by reruns of 'CSI: Crime Scene Investigation' and 'Criminal Minds'. In other words and reading between the lines, the network will not order any more episodes so, the series will be canceled, a thing also confirmed by sources from the network. The second victim of this fall is 'Kidnapped', another promising series that focused on a couple of parents who have to face and cope with the drama of having their child kidnapped. But this series' cancellation is only a partial one, as NBC did not pull it out completely from its schedule and only moved it from Wednesday night to Saturday night. With promises from CBS that 'Smith' will return later, viewers know for a fact that it won't and satisfy themselves with 'CSI' and 'Lost', still the leaders on the market.