

THINGS are going to get very personal for the CSI: Crime Scene Investigation team in its fourth season – and GLOBE has a sneak peek of the twists, turns and shockers planned for viewers.

“This is going to be a blockbuster season for CSI – with more intrigue and surprises than ever before,” an industry insider tells GLOBE. “The storylines will give viewers a closer look into the characters’ private lives.”

Here is what CSI fans can look forward to in the CBS blockbuster series’ upcoming season, which begins Sept. 25:

- Gil Grissom (played by William Petersen) will resolve – for the moment – the hearing problem threatening his job as a CSI.
- The connection ex-stripper Catherine Willows (Marg Helgenberger) has to the Vegas underground will be explored in depth and her daughter Lindsey will have an increasing role in the show.
- Warrick Brown (Gary Dourdan) faces a judge over his gambling addiction.

● The personal life of Nick Stokes (George Eads) gets closer scrutiny and his gruff relationship with Grissom will soften.

● Love is in the air for Sara Sidle (Jorja Fox) as her crush on Grissom grows, leading toward a full-fledged affair. This thwarts the torch lab whiz kid Greg Sanders (Eric Szmanda) is carrying for her.

In last year’s cliffhanger, recurring character Detective Cyrus Lockwood (Jeffrey D. Sams) got killed in a bank robbery, and the new season kicks off with a bang. Catherine realizes that the chief suspect is her longtime mentor and father



- Shocking love affair
- Secret past revealed
- Gambling problem gets out of hand



CSI stars (from left) Gary Dourdan, Jorja Fox, William Petersen, Marg Helgenberger, George Eads and Paul Guilfoyle

figure, casino owner Sam Braun. GLOBE can also reveal exclusively that CSI producers are toying with the idea of a crossover episode involving the casts of CSI and CSI: Miami. And GLOBE has also learned that another CSI spinoff is being planned, possibly CSI: New York – plus a CSI feature movie may soon be in the works.

“CSI never lets you down – it has a great storyline every week. There’s never a weak episode,” TV critic Marc Berman tells GLOBE. “The secret to the series’ success is that it has such a wide audience. It appeals to every age, every segment of society and men and women equally.”

The one disappointment for fans is the possible departure of Brown,

who considers leaving the CSI unit to pursue a career as a musician, Dourdan’s real-life passion. The actor is coming out with a CD in the fall and if it’s a success, he might actually leave the show.

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