



**LORI LOUGHLIN READS THE CRIMINAL TEA LEAVES IN
'GARAGE SALE MYSTERY: MURDER BY TEXT'
PREMIERING SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, ON HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES**

Sarah Strange, Steve Bacic and Kevin O'Grady Co-Star

STUDIO CITY, CA – July 18, 2017 - Sleuthing garage sale savant Jennifer Shannon finds a discordant note in a musician's apparent suicide in **"Garage Sale Mystery: Murder by Text,"** a Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Original World Premiere **Sunday, August 13, (9pm ET/PT, 8C)**. The ninth movie in the network's high-rated "Garage Sale Mystery" series, it stars Lori Loughlin ("When Calls the Heart," "Fuller House"), Sarah Strange ("Men in Trees," "Life as We Know It,"), Steve Bacic ("When Calls the Heart"), Eva Bourne ("When Calls the Heart") and Kevin O'Grady ("You Me Her"). The Garage Sale Mystery movies are inspired by the "Garage Sale" mystery novels by Suzi Weinert.

Jennifer Shannon (Loughlin) has parlayed her eagle eye for garage sale treasures into a rewarding career at Rags to Riches, the consignment store she owns with her partner Dani (Strange). A new client is bass player Lita Merrill (Emily Tennant), who consigns some collectible tour jackets at Rags to Riches before going on the road with country singer John Dalton (Kurt Teixeira). A few hours before the band is set to take the stage for their first show, Lita quits the band via a cryptic text message. Her words take on grim significance when she is found hung to death in her living room. There are no signs of foul play, but the official verdict of suicide doesn't sit right with Jennifer. Unable to shake the idea that Lita's suicide was staged, Jennifer embarks on a solo investigation that yields tantalizing clues, a cleverly executed crime and, ultimately, a cold-blooded killer.

"Garage Sale Mystery: Murder by Text" is a Bargain Street Productions IX, Ltd. and Front Street Pictures Production. Harvey Kahn is the producer. Neill Fearnley directs from a script by Walter Klenhard, inspired by the "Garage Sale Stalker" mystery book by Suzi Weinert.

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