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ITVX, BritBox International and Northern Sister, part of Sister group (This Is Going To Hurt, Chernobyl, Landscapers), today release first look images for Passenger starring Bafta-winning actress Wunmi Mosaku (Loki, Damilola, Our Loved Boy, Lovecraft Country→), David Threlfall (Shameless, Funny Woman) and Rowan

Robinson (So Awkward).

DC Riya Ajunwa (played by Wunmi Mosaku)



Katie Wells (played by Rowan Robinson)



Jim Bracknell (played by David Threlfall)



Produced by Northern Sister, ITVX's brand new six-part darkly comic thriller, *Passenger*, has been commissioned for ITVX by ITV's Head of Drama, Polly Hill. BritBox International are co-production partners alongside ARD Degeto.

Written by debut screenwriter Andrew Buchan, who is best known for his acting roles on *Broadchurch*, *The Honourable Woman* and *Better*, *Passenger* explores a close-knit community who are unwilling to face their fears of change, of outsiders and of the unknown. Set in the fictional small Northern town of Chadder Vale, Former Met Police Detective Riya Ajunwa (Wunmi Mosaku) investigates a series of strange and inexplicable crimes that have the townsfolk spinning on an axis.

Riya arrived in decaying Chadder Vale five years ago and has since been searching for that 'one big crime', the challenge that will make her feel alive again. Then one night local girl Katie Wells (Rowan Robinson) mysteriously disappears. The town barely has time to register her absence before she reappears the next day, apparently safe and sound. The townsfolk ask few questions and normal life resumes. But for Riya, a relative outsider to the Chadder Vale way of life, none of this sits right.

As a series of strange happenings and increasingly shocking crimes start unfolding within the town, the residents resort to short-sighted theories and blame outside influences such as the fracking site and its manager Jim Bracknell (David Threlfall). As things become stranger, so the people push back on Riya's absurd notion that something is not right with this town. But what are they so afraid of?

Additional casting for Passenger has also been announced today, with Jo Hartley (After Life, In My Skin) as Chief Constable Linda Markel, Sean Gilder (The Gold, Shameless) as Tony Corrigan and Debbie Rush (Coronation Street, Brassic) as forensic analyst Terry Jackson.

They join the already announced stellar ensemble cast line up of Daniel Ryan (The Bay) as Derek Jackson, Barry Sloane (Six) as Eddie Wells, Natalie Gavin (Gentleman Jack) as Joanne Wells, Nico Mirallegro (My Mad Fat Diary, Rillington Place) as Kane Jackson, Hubert Hanowicz (This Is Going To Hurt) as Jakub Makowski, Jack James Ryan (Coronation Street) as John Trowbridge, Matilda Freeman (Alma's Not Normal) as Lilly Wells, Shervin Alenabi (Baghdad In My Shadow) as Mehmet Shah, Ella Bruccoleri (Call The Midwife) as Ali Day and Arian Nik (The Bay) as Nish Chowdry.

Passenger will be an ITVX premiere next year and will also air on ITV1. The drama will premiere on BritBox in the US, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Passenger is executive produced by Lucy Dyke (The Split, Eric) and Simon Maloney (Time, I May Destroy You) for Northern Sister, Jane Featherstone (This is Going to Hurt, Chernobyl) for SISTER, Reemah Sakaan and Stephen Nye for BritBox International and commissioned for ITVX and ITV1 by ITV's Head of Drama, Polly Hill. Andrew Buchan is creator, writer and associate producer for Northern Sister, part of Sister group. The series is produced by Sumrah Mohammed (The Split 3) and directed by Lee Haven-Jones (The Bay, The Feast) and Nicole Charles (The Following Events are Based on a Pack of Lies).

ITV's Head of Drama, Polly Hill, will oversee production of the series from the channel's perspective with Reemah Sakaan and Stephen Nye overseeing on behalf of BritBox International.

BritBox International, the streaming service offering the best collection of unmissable British entertainment, will be the exclusive home to the series in the US, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway.

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