



Nick Stahl and Rachel Nicholas Solve a Murder in Meskada

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Trailer for "Meskada", a small-town murder mystery from writer/director Josh Sternfeld ("Winter Solstice"). It's one of those under-the-radar crime [films](#) that could be really, really good, or kinda average. I honestly can't tell from this trailer, though one thing's for sure: Rachel Nicholas as a brunette is really, really strange. [Nick Stahl](#) looks appropriately intense, though.

Meskada follows a small-town detective named Noah Cordin as he struggles to solve the brutal murder of a boy in the peaceful, affluent town of Hilliard. The killers left behind no clues at the crime scene, with the exception of a scrap of paper leading Cordin back to his hometown of Caswell. Here, Cordin and county detective Leslie Spencer consult with Cordin's old friends, all of whom are suffering from the economic troubles that have plunged Caswell into near-destitution. As their search fails to turn up a suspect, feverish tensions rise between the towns of Hilliard and Caswell, until the film reaches its shocking climax. Meskada captures a snapshot of quintessential American small-town life. The [story](#) calls to mind our nation's history, the brutal clashes over land and territory, the class-divides and the improbable victories for equal opportunity. Meskada portrays a vivid picture of the rift between characters in two towns, people bound by loyalty, family, community, and a battle born of circumstances beyond their control.

Starring Nick Stahl, [Rachel Nichols](#), Kellan Lutz, Jonathan Tucker, Grace Gummer, Laura Benanti, James McCaffrey, Michael Cerveris, Norman Reedus and directed by Josh Sternfeld.

Opening in limited release December 3, 2010.