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D'Onofrio Wants No Part of Terrorism Stories

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By Rick Porter

HOLLYWOOD (Zap2it.com) - - "**Law & Order: Criminal Intent**" star Vincent D'Onofrio says his taste in entertainment has changed in the past two months.

"I can't watch extreme, violent things now," D'Onofrio says. "It's just not something I want to see."

The actor, who lives in New York City, has spent a lot of time since Sept. 11 aiding relief efforts in the city.

"I've never been good at being a celebrity, so I put my mind to how I could help [off camera]," he says. Toward that goal, he's worked with a number of companies to raise money for families of victims.

D'Onofrio says his "nervous system hasn't fully calmed down" since the day of the attacks, and Monday's (Nov. 12) plane crash in Queens put the city on edge again.

"It's a very trying time in New York, as we all know," he says. "It's got us all very uneasy."

That queasiness has extended to his taste in entertainment, and he thinks a larger shift may be coming. "There's certainly a difference in the way Hollywood sees things," he says. "They're not sure which way to go. ... Action movies will come back -- people will always want to see them -- but it won't happen right away."

In the wake of Sept. 11 "**Law & Order**" honcho Dick Wolf scrapped a planned miniseries, involving all three shows in the "**L & O**" family, about a bioterrorism attack on New York. D'Onofrio hopes that his show doesn't try to address the attacks directly when production on the season's remaining episodes begins in January.

"I would fight against anything directly addressing it," he says. "Indirectly, as a reminder, yes. But to try to dramatize what happened that day, I wouldn't want to."

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