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**“I really had fun playing Orson”**



Vincent D'Onofrio, star of “Law and Order: Criminal Intent” says now his TV schedule is working perfectly. A few months ago, he was so run down that he collapsed on the set of the TV series.

“I advised Dick Wolf (the creator and executive producer of all the “Law and Order: franchises) it would be my last season. I didn't want to say this, but I had to slow down,”

D'Onofrio explained.

Wolf knew that Vincent, who is in every scene, was overworked and didn't want him to leave, so it was up to him as the executive producer of the show to come up with a plan.

“What do you think about doing half of the series?” Wolf explained, “I finally called Chris Noth, who played Mike Logan

D'Onofrio works half the time, and Noth is 'Mike Logan' on the other half. I am rotating the characters so the audience will have two leads in the same profession.”

I asked Vincent how it was working out. He explained, “I think it's great. It means we have a good show, and a good formula. I knew everything was 'go' when Dick said, 'You keep on doing what you are doing, only bring more.' That's my job.

“Now, I have time to take a breath, it's terrific. It's not like before. We'd just be finishing one show, when there was the script for the next. Now I have time to read, listen to music, or even plan for a movie next summer.”

A film, which D'Onofrio produced, directed and starred in, is “Five Minutes, Mr. Welles”. “It's about Orson Welles, and I really had fun playing Orson, for he is a hero of mine. I just heard that it has been accepted and will be screened in Italy at the Venice Film Festival.

He had also just finished a role with Jennifer Aniston in Chicago. It's called “The Break-Up” and it's also with another Vincent, Vince Vaughn.