

TVKE DOWN

Courtesy CourtTV and MPH Entertainment

Mission: Impossible meets Ocean's Eleven in the new Court TV expert reality series *The Takedown*. Each week, reformed con artist Paul Wilson and his team tempt fate, using sleight of hand, high-tech gadgets and lots of skill to "take down" everything from foolproof casino security systems to high-minded art experts and an obnoxious hustler who is ruining a pool hall's business. The secret? Wilson and his team have been sanctioned by the establishments they are "taking down," working from the inside, testing everything and everyone including casino dealers, slot machines, surveillance cameras, forgery detectors and more. And in each case, the owner is the only one in on the scam – the on-duty staff is clueless. If Paul and his team are caught, they will be treated like any other would-be con artist busted by security. The stakes are high and the threats are real: can Paul and his team beat the system, or will they be "taken down?" Find out on *The Takedown*, premiering Tuesday, June 14 at 10:30 PM.



Paul Wilson and Roger Norman, owner of The Crystal Bay Club where some of the episodes were shot, examine one of the devices.

In each episode, Wilson - recognized as one of the world's best sleight of hand experts - recruits a team of experts, including card counters, surveillance experts, trick dealers – even distracting eye candy. He crafts a plan for the takedown and carefully briefs and rehearses his

team. Then, without a net, the game of cat-and-mouse begins.

“With hundreds of millions of dollars at stake, casinos want to make sure what’s lost in Vegas stays in Vegas--and *The Takedown* gives viewers a very real inside look at how professional cheaters are secretly used to stop the real ones,” said Marc Juris, General Manager of Court TV. “It’s a dangerous high stakes world that we believe reinforces our new Seriously Entertaining (SM) brand promise.”

The *Takedown* is produced for Court TV by MPH Entertainment. Jim Milio, Melissa Jo Peltier, Mark Hufnail, Chris Hammond and David Schnepf serve as Executive Producers. For Court TV, Ed Hersh, Executive Vice President, Current



Programming and Specials serves as Executive Producer, with Paul Bourdett as Coordinating Producer.

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Paul Wilson with some of his team and Roger Norman