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THIS THURSDAY: “Burn Notice” at Homestead-Miami Speedway *Hollywood star Burt Reynolds on site to guest star in USA Network’s spy-drama*

MIAMI—Homestead-Miami Speedway and the city of Homestead recently hosted USA Network for filming of its spy-drama “Burn Notice,” and **the episode will air at 9 p.m. EST this Thursday.**

Last month, a cast and crew of more than 120 turned Homestead-Miami Speedway’s Blue Lot—the entry porch just north of the main tower at THE Championship Track—into an outdoor TV studio for a taping of “Burn Notice’s” fourth season. The same stretch of Homestead streets that fans will traverse this fall to attend the Championship finales of IndyCar (Oct. 1-2) and NASCAR (Nov. 19-21) functioned as a movie set for Thursday’s (July 22) “Past and Future Tense” episode.

“We found this location based on our storyline,” said “Burn Notice” site manager Ian Williams. “Filming at the Speedway is great because we can stage a traffic jam and a crash.”

Indeed, a dramatic wreck involving a boat takes place near the water tower, accompanied by a traffic jam staged along Alex Muxo Drive between Speedway Boulevard and SW 142nd Street.

“Speedway Boulevard is gorgeous,” said on-site location manager Beverly Visitacion. “It has four lanes, and it is not difficult to close. And what else could you want for this episode? We are going to flip a car *and* have Burt Reynolds in the scene—he’s a state treasure.”

The Hollywood megastar and longtime West Palm Beach-area resident guest stars in Thursday night’s episode as a retired spy-turned-Florida bartender whose life has taken a drastic turn since he left “the business.” Reynolds’s character will serve as a cautious advisor to the show’s primary figure, spy-turned-investigator Michael Westen. USA Network summarizes its TV hit this way:

When spies get fired, they don’t get a letter from human resources. They get BURNED.... After coming face to face with the group of people that burned him, Michael must figure out his next move. All while staying ahead of anyone that may have him in their crosshairs. In the meantime, he continues to use his unique skills and training to help people in desperate need of assistance.

“Having USA Network film ‘Burn Notice’ here is beneficial and important to the image and economy of Homestead,” said Homestead Mayor Steven Bateman. “I am happy that our city’s assets and resources are being recognized and displayed by the entertainment industry.”

“So many people in our community—including our fans, guests, staff and clients—drive the city streets every single day,” said Homestead-Miami Speedway President Matthew Becherer. “So to see Homestead on national TV on Thursday night is going to be pretty cool. I’m really looking forward to seeing the Speedway’s home turf transformed through the magic of television.”

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