

Petersdorf, Filmways V.P., Charges U, CBS, Et Al, P. 4 Lifted His 'Magnum'

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Claiming the CBS tv series "Magnum P.I." is based on his idea, Rudolph Petersdorf, Filmways' vice president of business affairs, has filed suit in Los Angeles Superior Court for plagiarism.

In his suit claiming \$5,000,000 in damages, Petersdorf states that he submitted a six-page format in 1966 to Universal entitled "Archer." The outline deals with a New York detective who retires to Freeport in the Bahamas. At the time Petersdorf was v.p. of biz affairs for Universal.

Named in the suit are Universal City Studios, CBS, writer-producer Glen Larson and writer-producer Donald Bellisario.