

Pauley Perrette Reveals Retirement and Says “Never Again” to Acting

The 'NCIS' star reveals she will never be back to acting. She lodged accusations about an unsafe work culture and now she reveals why she does not plan on returning.



Hollywood, California Oct 3, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - When Pauley Perrette revealed that she had retired, she meant that she was never returning to acting again. The former actress was once a beloved TV star, where she played the long-running role of a forensic scientist, Abby Sciuto on the CBS stalwart NCIS. Now in an interview with Hello! She further explained her decision to retire from acting and step away from the limelight. She said, “I’m not ungrateful for the benefits that it gave to me but I’m a different person now and I want to be here for it — the good and the bad and the painful,” she said. “I want to be me all the time, and it takes a good amount of courage for me to say that to myself but it’s authentically how I feel.”

The actress was cast on NCIS in 2003 after she worked for nearly a decade as an actor on projects such as The Drew Carey Show, Veronica’s Closet, Jesse, Almost Famous, and Time of Your Life. On NCIS, Perrette starred in an impressive 15 seasons across 352 episodes from 2003-18. Around the time of her leaving, the actress lodged accusations of an assault or a crime. The aim was then shifted to co-star Mark Harmon, as the actress said she did not feel safe around him at the workplace. At the time CBS TV Studio responded saying, “Pauley Perrette had a terrific run on NCIS and we are all going to miss her. Over a year ago, Pauley came to us with a workplace concern. We took the matter seriously and worked with her to find a resolution. We are committed to a safe work environment on all our shows.”

Last September The Hollywood Reporter published an oral history, shedding more light on what really happened. Executive producer Charles Floyd Johnson revealed, “In Pauley Perrette’s case, there was an incident with the show with a dog. The dog was Harmon’s, and apparently the dog bit someone.” “Pauley was a huge, huge SPCA [Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals] animal person. And then the dog kept coming with Harmon, and she felt it wasn’t safe for the show. By the end of that year, she just felt like it wasn’t working for her anymore, and it was time to move on.”

Perrette then went on to be featured on the short-lived TV series *Broke* followed by her announcement of retiring. However, she remains active in the causes she cares about. Just like the documentary *Studio One Forever* where she is credited as an executive producer. Now, it turns out that her credit on the docu-film was not an accident. She explained, “At this point in my life I have this deep need to find authenticity in everything, and being an actor, especially at certain points in my life, was a great escape; it’s like a drug because I didn’t have to be me, I could be somebody else,” she told the publication. “My character didn’t have all of the problems that I was having. It’s why I only watch documentaries, I want the truth. For me, going back to being an actor would be taking away from this life of true authenticity that I’m living 100 percent of the time.”

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