



**ABC FAMILY DEBUTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF UP AND COMING SINGING SENSATION ZZ WARD'S TRACK "TIL THE CASKET DROPS" IN NEW "PRETTY LITTLE LIARS" MUSIC VIDEO EXCLUSIVE**

In anticipation of the upcoming season premiere of original hit series "**Pretty Little Liars**," **Tuesday, June 5th (8:00 – 9:00 PM ET/PT)**, ABC Family is debuting an "A" themed music video for "Til the Casket Drops," the first song off the much anticipated new EP "Criminal" from rising star ZZ Ward. Fans can visit the Soundbooth on ABCFamily.com to see the video beginning today. The song is also available for download and streaming for free for 24 hours.

ZZ recently made a splash with her free mixtape, *Eleven Roses*, on which she offers her interpretations of recent tracks by Freddie Gibbs, Childish Gambino and Tyler, the Creator. Her signature style, dubbed "dirty shine," is a combination of the bone-deep wail of old-fashioned blues crossed with the big-city gloss of cutting-edge hip-hop. It instantly made an impression. Among the accolades:

"2012's Artists to Watch... I don't know of any other blues singer bold enough to belt over the beat of Tyler the Creator's 'Yonkers.'" - **Esquire.com**

"Whether her bluesy belting is accompanied by hip-hop beats or, as here, ["Last Love Song"] a gently plucked acoustic guitar, the palpable heartbreak in her voice will raise goose bumps down your spine." - **Marie Claire**

"The chanteuse's 'dirty blues with beats' sound has gathered its fair share of buzz and she seems to have the poise and the chops to become a star." - **San Francisco Bay Guardian**

A tremendous array of artists are collaborating on ZZ's forthcoming album including: Ryan Tedder, Pete Rock, Theron "Neff-U" Feemster, Ali Shaheed Muhammad (of A Tribe Called Quest), Ludwig Goransson, Blended Babies and Fitz (of L.A.'s Fitz and the Tantrums), while her four song EP, *Criminal*, is now available on iTunes.

In the upcoming season premiere of "Pretty Little Liars," Aria, Emily, Hanna and Spencer are thrown back into turmoil after one shocking night in "It Happened 'That Night'". Fans can prepare for the return to Rosewood in an all-day marathon starting at 11:00 AM (ET/PT) and running up to the one-hour season premiere at 8:00 PM (ET/PT). See the world premiere of the season three trailer of "Pretty Little Liars" only on ABCFamily.com starting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

"Pretty Little Liars" is produced by Alloy Entertainment in association with Warner Horizon Television and is executive produced by I. Marlene King, Oliver Goldstick and Leslie Morgenstein. The series stars Troian Bellisario, Ashley Benson, Tyler Blackburn, Holly Marie

Combs, Lucy Hale, Ian Harding, Laura Leighton, Chad Lowe, Janel Parrish, Shay Mitchell and Sasha Pieterse. *Pretty Little Liars: The Complete Second Season* on DVD will be available June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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