

MOVIE REVIEW

'Devil Wears Prada 2' is forgettable escapism

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This image released by 20th Century Studios shows Meryl Streep, (left) and Anne Hathaway in a scene from "The Devil Wears Prada 2."

It's been 20 years since "The Devil Wears Prada" became a box office smash, further cementing Anne Hathaway's status as a strong female lead while giving Meryl Streep an iconic world and providing the breakthrough for Emily Blunt.

The film was so beloved (by most) that a sequel felt inevitable. And while this reunion aptly titled "The Devil Wears Prada 2" does have its moments, it proves to be a film that is fine in the moment but absolutely forgettable by the time you reach your car in the parking lot.

It all plays more like a good pilot episode of a new television series than an actual feature film.

The sequel finds Andy Sachs (Hathaway) as an award-winning journalist who loses her job as part of a mass layoff. At the same time Runway magazine editor-in-chief Miranda Priestly (Streep) has come under fire for unknowingly distributing a clothes line that is produced in a sweat shop — a controversy that puts Miranda in jeopardy of getting a possible promotion.

Andy is hired as the new features editor to help restore Runway's reputation. This allows Andy to once again cross paths

with Miranda and her wise-cracking fashion director Nigel (Stanley Tucci) with Blunt's Emily also making a return as a Dior executive.

Aline Brosh McKenna returns to write the screenplay which this time plays out in a series of small conflicts that get immediately resolved so the story can move to the next "crisis." It's like watching a good pilot episode for a new television series where story threads aren't fully developed quite yet.

It's all light and frothy even when it tries to say something about how corporations have kind of throttled creative growth in newspapers and magazines.

Everyone is good in their respective roles, bringing a lot of fun and charm to everything. The addition of Kenneth Branagh as Miranda's

husband is a nice touch but roles for Lucy Liu as an elusive celebrity and Patrick Brammall as Andy's love interest don't really register much.

"Prada 2" is at its best when it is just allowing its talented cast to just play off each other. Hathaway and Streep are fun together. You can tell Blunt is having a blast and Tucci steals practically every scene he is in.

The problem is no one really gets anything to sink their teeth into — with even the clash between Andy and Miranda now much nicer than the previous film.

Ultimately the cast and characters are so likable that you do enjoy your time with them. It's just too bad they weren't given more to work with.

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2 employees fatally shot in a bank robbery in Berea

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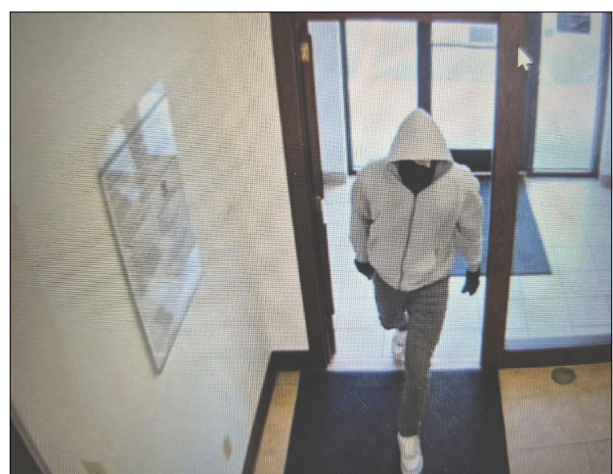
BEREA — Two bank employees were fatally shot during a robbery in Kentucky and a search was underway for the suspect, authorities said Thursday.

A man wearing a gray-white hoodie, gloves and a mask entered a branch of U.S. Bank in Berea and shot a male and female employee, said Trooper Scottie Pennington, a spokesperson for the Kentucky State Police.

"They're our people that work in our community, and they're no longer with us," Pennington told reporters. "At this time we do have some leads, and we're trying our best to bring this evil person to justice."

Law enforcement officials were going door to door in search of information and surveillance video, as well as using helicopters, drones and dogs, Pennington said. Local and state police along with the FBI and other federal agencies were involved.

It was not clear whether the suspect fled in a vehicle, on foot or was picked up, the



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This image released by Kentucky State Police shows a suspect in a fatal bank robbery at a U.S. Bank in Berea Thursday.

spokesperson said. He declined to say whether the suspect left the bank with anything.

State police posted a photo of the suspect on social media and asked people to call if they recognize him or have information.

"If you see something strange and you don't feel right about it — you know, your dogs are acting weird — call us," Pennington said. He urged residents to be vigilant and to keep their porch lights on and phones charged.

Area schools went into lockdown for a while until campuses were deemed safe. Students were not allowed to go home on

buses and had to be picked up by their parents, Pennington said.

U.S. Bank said it was working closely with law enforcement and committed to supporting the victims' families and bank colleagues.

"We're deeply saddened by the tragic event that took the lives of two of our employees at our Berea, Kentucky branch earlier today," the company said in a statement. "Our hearts go out to the families of the victims, our colleagues and the entire Berea community."

Berea is about 36 miles south of Lexington.



Office of the Warren County Property Valuation Administrator Joshua R. Hardy

2026 Real Property Assessment Roll Open Inspection Period

In accordance with KRS 133.045, Warren County Property Valuation Administrator, Joshua R. Hardy, announces the 2026 Warren County Real Property Assessment Roll will be open for public inspection May 4 – May 18, 2026, at the Office of the PVA located at the old Warren County Courthouse, 429 E. 10th Ave., 3rd Floor, Bowling Green, KY 42101. The assessment roll may be inspected 24 hours a day at www.WarrenKyPVA.com or in person at the Office of the PVA during the hours below.

Open Inspection Hours (Monday May 4 – Monday May 18, 2026): Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays May 9 and May 16, 8:30 a.m. – Noon.

Assessment Appeal Process

Any taxpayer who wishes to appeal an assessment must first complete an Informal Assessment Review Conference.

Step 1 — Request a conference. Contact the Office of the PVA by phone at 270-843-3268, by email at PVA@warrenpva.ky.gov, or online at www.WarrenKyPVA.com. Conferences may be held prior to or during the public inspection period (May 4 – May 18, 2026). **The deadline to receive a conference is 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, 2026.**

Step 2 — Receive your Conference Record Form. If an agreement cannot be reached during the informal review conference the Office of the PVA will provide a Conference Record Form.

Step 3 — File a formal appeal with the Local Board of Tax Appeals with the County Clerk. Take the Conference Record Form to the County Clerk's office and file with the Local Board of Tax Appeals no later than one business day after the close of open inspection. **The last day to file is Wednesday, May 20, 2026.**

Taxpayers dissatisfied with the Local Board of Appeals decision may appeal to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals. Any taxpayer failing to appear before the local board will not be eligible to appeal to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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All taxable property and all interests in taxable property, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall be listed, **assessed**, and valued as of **January 1 of each year.** KRS 132.220 (1)

Physically review every property in the county at least **once every four years** KRS 132.690.

For additional information, please call the Office of the PVA at 270-843-3268 or visit www.WarrenKyPVA.com.



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