B5435  BIG FAT LIAR  (USA, 2002)
(Other titles: Lost and found; Lugen haben kurze Beine; Pay or play)

Credits: director, Shawn Levy ; writer, Dan Schneider ; story, Dan Schneider, Brian Robbins.
Cast: Frankie Muniz, Paul Giamatti, Amanda Bynes, Amanda Detmer, Donald Faison, Sandra Oh.

Summary: Comedy set in contemporary Michigan and Los Angeles. The smartest 14-year-old fibber in Michigan is paired against the dumbest thirtysomething fibber in Hollywood. Jason Shepherd (Muniz) is an eighth-grader who lies about almost everything. Then he puts his creativity into a short story titled "Big fat liar" to meet a high school assignment. Unfortunately, he loses the story in the car of sleazy movie producer Marty Wolf (Giamatti) who turns it into a hit movie. In order to avoid summer school, Jason and his best friend Kaylee (Bynes) travel to Los Angeles to squeeze the truth out of the big liar Wolf through a series of pranks and outrageous stunts. The supporting character, stunt coordinator Vince (Majors), is a Vietnam veteran helicopter pilot.

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