

**The New Mexico Film Office Announces
“BLOOD FATHER” to film in New Mexico**

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SANTA FE —New Mexico Film Office Director Nick Maniatis announced today that the thriller “*BLOOD FATHER*”, produced by Why Not Productions and starring Mel Gibson (*BRAVEHEART*) and Erin Moriarty (*TRUE DETECTIVE*) will be filmed in and around Albuquerque, NM. Principal photography will begin mid May through the end of June.

The production will employ at least one hundred and fifty (150) New Mexico crewmembers, five hundred (500) New Mexico background talent and ten (10) New Mexico principal actors.

Directed by Jean-François Richet (*MESRINE PART 1 & 2, ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13*) and Produced by Pascal Caucheteux (*RUST & BONE, A PROPHET*), Chris Briggs (*HOSTEL*) and Sebastian LeMercier (*ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13, THE PURGE*). Scripted by Peter Craig (*THE TOWN*), *BLOOD FATHER* is the story about a drug kingpin boyfriend who frames his girlfriend, 18 year old LYDIA, for stealing a fortune in cartel cash. LYDIA goes on the run with her only ally, her perennial screw-up of a dad, JOHN LINK, who's been a drunk, a drug addict, a motorcycle outlaw, and a convict in his time, and is now determined to keep his little girl from harm and, for once in his life, do the right thing.

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