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The New Mexico Film Office Announces “PERSECUTED” filming in New Mexico

SANTA FE — New Mexico Film Office Director Nick Maniatis announced today the feature production *Persecuted*, an original political drama by New Mexico Writer/Director Daniel Lusko. Producing with Lusko are Oscar-winning producer Gray Frederickson (*The Godfather, Apocalypse Now*), and New Mexico Line Producer Brent Morris (*Monster, Frank*).

Starring award-winning actor James Remar (*X-Men: First Class, Dexter, Django: Unchained*) and Oscar-nominated actor Bruce Davison (*X-Men, Lost, Castle*). Other cast includes New Mexico’s Dean Stockwell (*Air Force One, The Manchurian Candidate*), Fred Thompson (*Law & Order, Die Hard 2*), Raoul Trujillo (*Apocalypto, The New World*) and Grammy-nominated singer Natalie Grant.

Production will begin mid-July and end early August in Albuquerque. The production will employ approximately 60 New Mexico crew members, 20 principals and 350 background talent.

"This is a real New Mexico movie, made by New Mexicans from the ground up," states Director Daniel Lusko.

Persecuted is the story of a contemporary evangelist John Luther (Remar) who is framed for murder by Senator Donald Harrison (Davison) and his allies. Suddenly, Luther’s once normal life is turned upside down as he becomes a fugitive vowing to expose those responsible, a mission that brings him face-to-face with a coming storm of persecution.

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