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The New Mexico Film Office Announces *Dispatch* has Begun Production in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Film Office today announced the short film *Dispatch* is currently in production in New Mexico. The film is produced by 701 Productions and filming will take place during August 2021 in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"*Dispatch* is packed with New Mexico principal cast members, most of whom have been on past productions filmed in New Mexico, which is really great to see," Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office, said.

Dispatch is directed by Aeryn Lee (*Permafrost*) and produced by Aeryn Lee and Gentry Lee (*Permafrost*).

Dispatch follows a disturbing 911 call from ringing phone to resolution. As the case unfolds, the line between innocence and guilt blurs and family bonds are tested.

"I'm thrilled to finally be producing work in New Mexico," Lee said. "I'm extremely grateful for New Mexico's prioritization of safety on set, and I hope to continue producing work in the state as the New Mexico film scene continues to grow!"

The production will employ approximately nine New Mexico crew members, 13 New Mexico principal cast members, and 20 New Mexico background and extras. Principal cast includes Gentry Lee (*Permafrost*, *Longmire*), Zoe Yeoman (*Indemnity*, *The Practice*, *The Drew Carey Show*), Phil Mahoney, Lisa Lucas (*The Night Shift*, *Longmire*), Riley Del Rey (*Capitol Barbie*, *Slayers*), Jeremiah Cole (*The Graceful Path*), Angela Wilson (*Outer Range*, *Behind the Yellow House*), Greg Farinelli (*Roswell*, *New Mexico*, *Deputy*), Michael Stone (*Badlands*, *People Magazine Investigates*), Jeanette Aguilar Harris (*Capitol Barbie*, *Under Suspicion*), Ariana Eve Spencer (*Belly Encounters*, *Manic Pixie Dream Girl*), Ron Weisberg (*Whiskey Tango Foxtrot*, *Midnight Texas*), and Paul Grant.

For more information on the production contact: admin@701productions.co

All film and television productions in New Mexico are required to adhere to the state's operative emergency public health order, associated public health restrictions and COVID-safe practices.

The New Mexico Film Office has released Back2One, a catchall set of principles, general recommendations, and resources for film and television productions operating during COVID-19. Back2One recommendations and other COVID-safe practices can be found at nmfilm.com

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