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The New Mexico Film Office Announces *Infraction*, Has Completed Production in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Film Office announces a short film, *Infraction* produced by MPI Original Film has completed production in Las Cruces and Alamogordo, New Mexico.

“Both Las Cruces and Alamogordo are cities that offer a range of stunning landscapes and film-friendly locations, and we are pleased to see that this short film will feature many New Mexico principal cast members.” said Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office.

Based on a true story, after an inmate murders a prison guard, his replacement lieutenant Miles Bennett is told to bring “the block” back to order. Bennett reluctantly relies on help from the head block worker, inmate Terrance Lewis, to bring peace back to the prison. They form an unlikely friendship, which the warden condemns. Things come to a head at Terrance’s resentencing hearing where Bennett must choose between his job and standing up for an innocent man.

The production employed approximately 21 New Mexico crew members, 15 New Mexico principal cast and 6 New Mexico background talent. Principal cast members include Percy Daggs III (*Veronica Mars*, *Christmas in Louisiana*, *The New Adventures of Peter and Wendy*), Kevin Oestenstad (*Chicago P.D.*, *CSI: Cyber*), and local New Mexican, John Forbes (*All Those Small Things*, *The Resident*).

Infraction is directed by Timothy Blackwood (*The Conqueror*, *6 Dollar Man*, *How Can I Keep from Singing?*) and produced by Lina Link (*Miss Virginia*, *A Piece of Cake*, *The Dissident*), Rob Pfaltzgraff (*Miss Virginia*, *A Piece of Cake*), and RD Delgato (*American Skin*, *A Piece of Cake*, *Terminal*). The short is executive produced by Nick Reid (*Miss Virginia*, *A Piece of Cake*) and the real-life Terrance Lewis.

“I am thrilled to film this project in New Mexico in these authentic locations which will help convey the power of the story. Its great to get the opportunity to work with the amazing local talent, as well as the New Mexico Film Office and the Las Cruces Film Office,” said Timothy Blackwood, Director.

For more information on the production, contact: allison@thempi.org

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, industry joint labor agreements 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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