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The New Mexico Film Office and Patriot Pictures Announce the Production, *God is a Bullet* is Currently in Production in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Film Office and Patriot Pictures announced today the feature film *God is a Bullet* is currently in production in New Mexico. The film is produced by Patriot Pictures. Filming will take place in August 2021 at Bonanza Creek Ranch in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and surrounding areas.

When vice-division chief detective Bob Hightower finds his ex-wife murdered and daughter kidnapped by a satanic cult, Bob becomes frustrated by official investigators, who have yet to solve the case. Bob quits the police force, gets a bad attitude and tattoos to match, and goes undercover to infiltrate the



cult in search of his daughter, with the help of the cult's female victim escapee, Case Hardin.

"Bonanza Creek is a favorite for so many New Mexico productions and we are glad to see this story being made there. We welcome the filmmakers and talent to New Mexico and are thrilled to see nearly 100 New Mexicans working on this project," said Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office.

The production will employ approximately 85 New Mexico crew members, 5 New Mexico principal cast members, and 5 New Mexico background and extras.

God is a Bullet is directed by Nick Cassavetes (*The Notebook, The Other Woman, My Sister's Keeper, Alpha Dog*) and produced by Michael Mendelsohn (*Cut Throat City, Lord Of War*) and <u>Don Allen (Blackout</u>). Kim Winther (*Army of the Dead*), Jim Steele (*Blackout, The Arrival*), and Santiago García Galvan (*Blackout, Guerra de Likes*) are co-producing. Executive producers include Sidney Kimmel (*Hell or High Water, The Kite Runner*), Chuck Pacheco (*The Other Women, My Sister's Keeper*), Paul Johansson (*Actor: One Tree Hill, The Notebook*), Natalie Perrotta (*Cut Throat City*), and Jamie Foxx (*Ray, Collateral*). Principal cast includes: Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (*Game of Thrones, Oblivion*), Maika Monroe (*It Follows, Independence Day*), January Jones (*X-men, Unknown, Madmen*), Karl Glusman (*Love, Nocturnal Animals*), and Jamie Foxx (*Ray, Collateral, Django*). XYZ Films will rep worldwide sales.

"I am excited to get *God Is A Bullet* into production with my friend and producer/financer, Michael Mendelsohn. It's a magnificent, ultra-dark work that is somehow both intensely frightening and literate, inspired by true events, with the most amazing cast of actors," said Nick Cassavetes.

Michael Mendelsohn stated, "We are returning to New Mexico after having a great experiencing filming here in 2019. We are bringing the uber talented writer/director Nick Cassavetes with our exceptionally talented cast to Santa Fe to shoot some of the most important plot points of '*God Is A Bullet*'. We are also looking at studio space property in New Mexico to expand our production facilities and realize the benefits from the film savvy crew and the prudently structured New Mexico film incentives. Extremely happy to be back in New Mexico."

For more information on the production contact: <u>contact@patriotpictures.com</u>

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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 <u>nmfilm.com</u>.



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