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Director runs over to 'Roadkill'

John Stockwell to helm indie action comedy

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John Stockwell has signed to direct the action comedy "Roadkill," written by Nick Ball and John Niven. Bill Perkins is producing and financing the indie via his Lleju Prods.

"Roadkill" revolves around two amateur private detectives who take on more than they anticipated when they agree to protect a high-end escort being pursued by a female assassin. While on the run, they discover what could be a government conspiracy.

Stockwell has directed "Turistas," "Blue Crush," "crazy/beautiful" and "Middle of Nowhere," which premiered last year at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Perkins has the thriller "Unthinkable," starring Samuel L. Jackson and Michael Sheen, in postproduction. He also is producing "The Chameleon," starring Ellen Barkin and Famke Janssen, and "After.Life," starring Christina Ricci, Liam Neeson and Justin Long.

ICM reps Stockwell and Perkins and is handling North American rights on "Roadkill."



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