



## Jeremy Renner Says Kill The Messenger



Since setting up his production company The Combine, Jeremy Renner has been finding project after project he can develop to star in or hand off to others. One new film he's definitely interested in is real-life journalism drama [Kill The Messenger](#) [1].

[Michael Cuesta](#) [2] is directing the film, working from Peter Landesman's script, which is based on the tragic true story of investigative reporter Gary Webb.

Working at the San Jose Mercury News, Webb uncovered evidence suggesting the CIA's involvement in the spread of cocaine in Los Angeles. The stories tied the Agency to a scheme that funded Contra rebels in Nicaragua via the drug trade.

His three-part series, called Dark Alliance, hit newsstands in 1996, which led to a long, vicious smear campaign and Webb's suicide in 2004.

The film's rights will be sold at the Berlinale, which kicks off this Thursday and, assuming everything falls into place, the cameras will be cranking this summer.

[Renner](#) [3] can currently be seen in [Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters](#) [4], and he's attached to co-star with [Christian Bale](#) [5], [Bradley Cooper](#) [6] and [Amy Adams](#) [7] in [David O. Russell](#) [8]'s next film.

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