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'Jersey Justice' found in Souderton

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No matter what happens to the brick, century-old, one-time cigar factory on Main Street in Souderton, part of it will be forever preserved in a movie.

Doylestown actor and filmmaker John Hunt used the basement of the building, last used as a warehouse for North Penn Amusements, for a pivotal prison scene in his forthcoming debut film, "Jersey Justice," which stars Blanche Baker (Ginny from "Sixteen Candles"), Chris Bauer from the HBO series "The Wire," Johnny

"Roastbeef" Williams ("Goodfellas") and TV and film veteran Bo Svenson.

In between giving instructions to crew and actors Thursday in Souderton, Hunt talked about the project. "It's the story of a Bucks County woman who's lost her mind. She goes (into) this crazy revenge mode," he said, of Polly, the character Baker plays.

Polly's quest for justice involves payback for the hit men who killed her husband and for the corporate honcho who played a role in her son's murder in Iraq.

According to Hunt, an



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ACTOR Gerald Saber on the set during a break in the shooting of "Jersey Justice" Thursday in Souderton.

office scene shot at Vanilla Corporation in Hatfield will also be among the many locations used for "Jersey Justice."

"It sounds like an epic for a movie with a low budget, and it is. I wanted to make a timely movie ... these are the times we live in," Hunt said, likening his script to '70s B-movies that offered commentary on Vietnam.

Hunt credited the experience of Souderton resident Richard Hopkins, who is the film's action/fight choreographer, and Svenson for helping him realize his ideas.

Svenson, who began his

career in the late '60s, said he only offered advice when asked. "I've been doing this for such a long time that over the years, I've amassed a great deal of knowledge, and it's a waste for it to not be of use," he said.

Bobbi Molettiere of North Penn Amusements, whose daughter, Sara, has a part in the film, can't wait to see what happens next. "I believe it's an HBO (type of) film," she said.

According to producer Tammy Lynn Howell, "Jersey Justice" is scheduled for completion by spring, just in time for film festival season.