



## **Sen. Jason Crowell Credits Film Commission with Attracting Development to Southeast Missouri**

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JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today lauded the Missouri Film Commission and the Cape Girardeau Convention and Visitors Bureau after the announcement that Cape Girardeau will host filming for a major motion picture. Filming for “Killshot”, which will star Diane Lane, Mickey Rourke, Justin Timberlake and others, will take place in Cape Girardeau over the course of three days this Winter.

“I am thrilled the producers of this film have decided that you simply cannot recreate the atmosphere of Cape Girardeau and Southeast Missouri,” Crowell said. “The cast and crew will bring to Cape Girardeau a significant contribution to the local economy.”

While filming in Cape will take three days in late December or early January, crew members are expected to start arriving within the next month to set up shop in an area hotel. Once filming does begin, cast and crew are expected to have an economic impact on the area of at least \$100,000 a day.

“Killshot” is based on the 1989 novel by Elmore Leonard and is expected to be released in late 2006. Filming will take place downtown and along the Mississippi River.

The Missouri Film Commission, which is under the administration of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, works to attract movie productions to Missouri. It has had recent success with the 2003 filming of “The Game of Their Lives” in St. Louis and “Killer Diller” in Fayette.

Jerry Jones, director of the Missouri Film Commission, scouted filming locations July 15 with producer David Webb, director John Madden and executive producer Richard Gladstein. He has also worked extensively with Cape Girardeau Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director Chuck

Martin, who set the itinerary for the July 15 visit. The Missouri Film Commission works to movie, television and commercial productions companies to film in Missouri.

“These efforts by Jerry Jones and Chuck Martin are just the kinds of forward-thinking initiatives Missouri needs to foster economic development in our state,” Crowell said. “I thank them for their hard work and look forward to future development opportunities in Southeast Missouri.”

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