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Reese Witherspoon among producers to develop film on Reena Virk's shocking death

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Reese Witherspoon is among the producers who are working to bring the tragic Reena Virk story to the big screen.

Ms. Witherspoon's company, Type A Films, has partnered with Canadian companies Brightlight Pictures and Rhombus Media to develop *Under the Bridge*, based on the 2005 book by Rebecca Godfrey of the same name.

The partnership was announced on Monday.

Ms. Godfrey's book was an investigation into Reena Virk's shocking death. The 14-year old was beaten and drowned near Victoria after being bullied by a group of teens.

"Rebecca's book is a stunning and heartbreaking tale that looks at a very dark side of teenage life," said Jennifer Simpson, Ms. Witherspoon's partner in Type A, in a statement.

"We are committed to bringing *Under the Bridge* to the big screen and making a film that does this story justice."

Creative and casting announcements are to be made at a later date.