

Brightlight, Rhombus ready second Virk movie

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The tragic death of Vancouver Island teen Reena Virk is being turned into a second feature film, this time by [Brightlight Pictures](#) and Rhombus Media, in collaboration with Reese Witherspoon's Type A Films.

Under the Bridge is based on the 2005 investigative book by Toronto-born Rebecca Godfrey, who researched and recounted the murder of 14-year-old Virk by eight fellow students in Saanich, BC. Virk was beaten and drowned after being bullied by a group of teens, who did not report the incident to police. Her body was found eight days later.

Another Reena Virk movie [is in the works](#) at No Equal Entertainment.

Brightlight revealed its plans Monday night at the Vancouver premiere of the Paul Gross-starrer *Gunless*, also a copro with Rhombus.

Shawn Williamson and Stephen Hegyes of Brightlight (*Fifty Dead Men Walking*) will produce with Rhombus' Niv Fichman (Passchendaele) and Witherspoon and Jennifer Simpson of Type A (*Penelope*). The film will shoot in Vancouver though no start date has been set.

"Rebecca's book is a stunning and heartbreaking tale that looks at a very dark side of teenage life. We are committed to bringing *Under the Bridge* to the big screen and making a film that does this story justice," commented Simpson in a release.

According to Larry Sugar of No Equal, his project will focus on the events leading up to Virk's death, whereas *Under the Bridge*, like the book, looks to focus on the trial. "They are totally different stories," he says. "Ours is about bullying, bigotry and prejudice."

Writer Daegan Fryklind (*The Guard*, *jPod*) recently delivered his script to No Equal.