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## The movie for Brightlight Pictures follows a mother creating a new life after being in prison as a criminal underworld tries to reclaim her.

24 alum Brad Turner is headed to the movie director's chair for the thriller *Penance*.

The indie film, to be produced by Vancouver-based Brightlight Pictures, is the story of a mother creating a new life after spending time in prison, only to see a criminal underworld try to reclaim her.

Turner, who earned an Emmy as an executive producer and director on Fox's *24*, earlier worked with Brightlight on the first season of the Fox series *Second Chance*, which shot in Vancouver. The screenplay for *Penance* was adapted and written by Zoe Robyn and is based on [the Norwegian film \*Eventryland\*](#) (aka *It's Only Make Believe*), written and directed by Arlid Ostin Ommundsen.

*Eventryland* was produced by Gary Cranner (Chezville), who along with Ommundsen will executive produce *Penance*. Shawn Williamson of Brightlight Pictures and Jessica Petelle, a longtime collaborator with Turner, will produce *Penance*, along with David Oskar Olafsson and Arni Filippusson of the Icelandic producer Mystery Productions.

"Brad is an amazing talent who brings brilliance to everything he touches," Brightlight's Williamson said Monday in a statement. Turner is repped by APA. Robyn is repped by Gersh and The Van Johnson Company.

Both are repped by Ziffren, Brittenham, Branca, Fischer, Gilbert-Lurie, Stiffelman, Cook, Johnson, Lande & Wolf. Williamson is repped by UTA.