

AN IDA ROSE FILM

# STOLEN

WRITTEN BY GARY YOUNG

DIRECTED BY SHERIDAN DE MYERS

PRODUCED BY SHANTELE ROCHESTER

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER KWAME KWEI-ARMAH



# LOGLINE

As a mother uses her military skills to unearth the truth of her daughter's disappearance in South Africa, she is thrown into a world of chaos and organ trafficking.

WRITER: Gary Young

DIRECTOR: Sheridan De Myers

SHOOTING: South Africa & UK Qualified Co-Production

GENRE: Action Thriller

SCRIPT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Taraji P Henson in Proud Mary (2018)

# SYNOPSIS

Seline's life takes a tragic turn when her teenage daughter Tenika is involved in a fatal shooting on the streets of Durban while on holiday in South Africa. Mother and daughter have a deep bond so Seline is crushed while she fly's over to identify her daughters body only to discover the police have wrongly identified Tenika. With Tenika's father locked up and her military colleagues on a job in the UK, Seline has no choice but to use all of her military skills to find her daughter which leads to an underground group illegally trafficking human organs.

Seline Franklin is single mother with an impressive military background. Now working in the commercial sector, running a successful private security firm with hand picked staff who served with her when she led a special forces unit in Afghanistan. Seline and her loyal team act as personal bodyguards to the rich and powerful. Her latest client, Charles Bromwell is a multi millionaire businessman who has been receiving death threats because of his involvement with a high profile fraud case which lost his clients millions of their hard earned pensions. Through Seline and her team's' quick action, they save Bromwell's life, earning his gratitude and that of his young son, Scott who needs 24 hour care while he waits for a kidney transplant.



Zoe Saldana in Colombiana (2011)

# WRITER



Gary Young started writing professionally over twenty years ago and has a number of award winning films and theatre productions to his credit. Most notably the British thriller HARRY BROWN, starring Michael Caine. He recently directed his first feature film, a micro budget thriller entitled TWO GRAVES, starring, Cathy Tyson (MONA LISA & BAND OF GOLD) Katie Jarvis (Andrea Arnold's FISH TANK) Dave Johns (Ken Loach's I DANIEL BLAKE) David Hayman (TABOO) and Josh Herdman (HARRY POTTER). In June 2018, TWO GRAVES won Best Feature Film at the British Urban Film Festival at The Curzon Cinema SoHo and had the honour of being the closing film of the festival.

GARY YOUNG

# WRITER'S STATEMENT

Stolen is a contemporary thriller with a strong female lead, that has powerful emotional through line. Very much in mode of Paul Greengrass's Jason Bourne series, Tony Scott's 2004 Man on Fire starring Denzel Washington and Daniel Espinosa's 2012 South African based action thriller Safe House which also starred Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds.

As a mother Seline uses her military skill set to unearth the mystery of her daughter's disappearance in Durban, the story deals with themes of parental love and how far a parent will go to save a child's life. The performances should feel naturalistic with real emotion pain. Told from Seline's point of view, we the audience, only know what she knows, which heightens our empathy for the central character and helps deepen the mystery.

Seline is tough and capable, her military training makes her a formidable opponent, but she is not a invincible super soldier. The audience must always feel a mother's desperate and at times heartbreaking need to find her daughter. The action is never stylised but should have the authentic feel of realism. Tough but never graphic or gratuitous and never at the expense of Seline's emotional vulnerability.

# DIRECTOR



## SHERIDAN DE MYERS

His first feature film, “The Weekend”, was not only directed by him, he also produced it, secured the funding, learnt how to become a distributor and created a social media campaign to promote it. This led to it being picked up by Netflix for a worldwide release.

His current series, “The Re-Up”, amassed over 4 million views and was the most watched scripted drama in the UK just on 2 episode when it came out in early 2020. This is now in development for more episodes. Sheridan is currently shooting his new comedy drama 'Auditions' which has been picked up by Lionsgate for UK distribution.

Sheridan’s unique ability to engage an audience and evoke emotion, as well as a reputation for writing and creating drama, makes this director key to the success of any project.

His company <http://runningfilms.co.uk> and his new streaming platform with Idris Elba coming soon <https://www.mangotreetv.com> and he is repped by <https://www.zerogravitymanagement.com/>

Sheridan has directed over 100 brand films, Tv Shows, and Short Films with over 30 million views. Working with brands such as Ferrero Roache, Puma, MTV, Bosch, Always, Herbal Essences, Vicks, GDK, Marbek, Fabreeze & many more...You believe the characters in Sheridan’s films. They’re fully formed, three-dimensional, nuanced, real. He gets under their skin. Dialogue is on point, thanks to his talent as a writer. Performances are beautifully observed, thanks to his rapport with actors. He has a passion for cinema and its many genres, turning his hand to comedy, drama, action, fantasy or thriller with equal flair. His particular passion is for black film and culture. Being born and raised in South London - with roots stretching back to Jamaica and St. Lucia - he knows how to portray this world with depth and authenticity, warmth and soul. He understands its psyche.



# PRODUCER



UK PRODUCER

Shantelle Rochester opened her first two companies at the age of twenty-two, which made high-end commercials and film. It was also a training academy for underrepresented young people. Shantelle has worked on European films as a producer or line-producer such as “The Rise of the Krays”, “London Heist” and ‘Two Graves’ which won the Best Feature Film award at the British Urban Film Festival. Since then Shantelle has founded Ida Rose which has a slate of films, series and digital projects with the first film of 2022 entitled Stolen. This is a South African and UK Co production under the official South African and UK Trade Mission alongside the Kwazulu-Natal Film Commission and the BFI. With over 15 years in the industry Shantelle has gained extensive experience with budgets, business and financial structures and offers these services at Ida Rose. Shantelle continues to work in the industry as a producer, line-producer and actress.

# CAST



CHRISTINE ADAMS

SELINE

CONFIRMED



MICHAEL LANDES

TERRY

CONFIRMED



JIMMY JEAN LOUIS

CAPTAIN RYCOTT

CONFIRMED

# CAST



LUKA PEROS  
BROMWELL

CONFIRMED



LUNGELO MPANGASE  
TENIKA

CONFIRMED



DANIELLE HAROLD  
KIM

CONFIRMED



ALBA AMIRA  
CINDY

CONFIRMED

# CAST



DANIEL HADEBE  
DANIEL (TENIKA FATHER)  
CONFIRMED



LINDA SOKHULU  
COLETTE  
CONFIRMED



SIKABONGA SHIBE  
PONY BOY  
CONFIRMED



WARREN MASEMOLA  
SWIFY LEE  
CONFIRMED

# CAST



JONATHAN BOYNTON -LEE  
THE WORD / SGT BLOOM

CONFIRMED



BONKO KHOZA  
COUSIN PETEY

CONFIRMED



STEFANO DE MAURO  
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