

Dominatrix inspires film series

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As a jury decides whether to convict former Quincy dominatrix Barbara McLaughlin-Asher of manslaughter in the death of a client, a Fall River filmmaker has started shooting his third film in a trilogy inspired by the case.

Scott Stets, formerly of Quincy, set out to make the series after reading about the case in the newspaper years ago.

But unlike the account a prosecutor gave during closing arguments, the 127-minute film puts the dominatrix, her boyfriend and the client in roles as victims.

The first film, a self-styled neo film noir called "Cricket Snapper" was released straight to DVD in October. It tells the story of a small-town New England politician who dies of a drug-induced heart attack while bound in a dominatrix's lair. The dominatrix and her boyfriend are murdered by a serial killer, and it is up to a morally compromised detective to solve the case.

In a casting-call posting on newenglandfilm.com, Stets says he has finished the second film and that the third is in production. He advertised in the hopes of finding someone to fill a femme fatale role in the third film.

"Nudity required," the ad says. "Serious inquiries only please."