

Berry makes off with role of jewel thief

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Halle Berry has become attached to star in "Who Is Doris Payne," a Eunetta Boone-scripted fact-based film about an international jewel thief whose career spanned five decades.

The project is being developed by J2 partners Justin Berfield and Jason Felts.

That duo just got their first pilot pickup



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when Fox Broadcasting greenlit "Sons of Tucson," bringing Berfield back to Fox for the first time since he starred as Reese in "Malcolm in the Middle."

Berfield has drafted Todd Holland to direct the "Sons of Tucson" pilot. (Holland directed the "Malcolm in the Middle" pilot.)

J2 just wrapped "An Invisible Sign of My Own," which stars Jessica Alba as a math whiz who withdraws from life after a mystery illness debilitates her father.

Aside from "Who Is Doris Payne," J2 is prepping "Ohio," a James V. Hart-scripted drama about the events leading up to the Kent State shootings, and "Garcia," a film about Grateful Dead frontman Jerry Garcia.