

# SMUGGLING IN SUBURBIA

## Johnson Production Group Press Kit

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### One-Liner

*A struggling single mother must fight for her teenage daughter's freedom after she is arrested by federal agents for being involved in an illegal diamond smuggling operation.*

### Synopsis

At 18, a terribly shy Joanie gets recruited to do an amazing job: along with the cutest girls in school, she travels to exciting cities delivering camera lenses to photographers. New York! Chicago! Miami! Joanie begs her younger brother Peter, 15, to keep it a secret from their mom. During one of her trips, Joanie falls in love with the handsome Tucker -- a partner in the courier business.

When Joanie's mom Georgia (*Darlene Vogel, Pacific Blue*) finds out, Georgia is livid -- and suspicious of this strange courier business. But Joanie defies her mom and continues making deliveries.

On Joanie's next trip, she searches the camera case she's carrying and discovers diamonds hidden inside a lens. Joanie realizes she is part of an illegal smuggling ring! She quits, which angers her boss, the paranoid Danny (*Bret Green, The Inspectors*).

To Joanie's surprise, she learns her brother Peter has been diagnosed with intestinal cancer, which will bankrupt the family. Joanie begs Danny to be re-hired. At first, it's a challenge to regain Danny's trust, but the hard-working Joanie proves to be the most reliable "mule" of the group. Joanie makes several trips, earning big cash each time out.

Just when Joanie has earned enough money to pay for her brother's surgery, Federal Agents swoop in to arrest her. Joanie and her mom Georgia learn that the diamonds she delivers are illegal "blood diamonds" from Africa, and Joanie is part of a smuggling ring which helps finance the terrorists who attacked the USA on September 11. In the eyes of the Department of Homeland Security, Joanie is a terrorist.

Joanie is coerced into signing a deal with the DHS: in exchange for incriminating her friends, Joanie will get a very light sentence. But Joanie has grown to love Tucker, the handsome partner to Danny. Joanie is terribly torn. Will she double-cross the man she loves to keep herself out of jail? Or will she warn Tucker and run off with him?

Unbeknownst to Joanie, the paranoid Danny has discovered she is talking to the Feds. In a thrilling climax, Danny sets out to kill Joanie -- and anybody else on the smuggling team who conspires against him.

## Producers

Executive Producer  
TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON

Producer  
ROBERT BALLO

## Key Cast

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>ACTOR</u>
Georgia	DARLENE VOGEL
Joanie	MONROE CLINE
Alison	SHELBY YARDLEY
Sharnae	JULIANA DESTEFANO
Danny	BRET GREEN
Tucker	COLE REINHARDT
Peter	ZANDER GRABLE

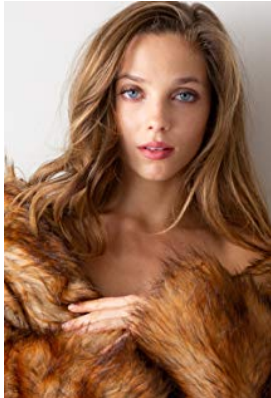
## Key Cast Biographies

### DARLENE VOGEL



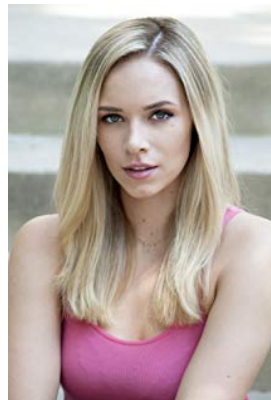
Darlene Vogel was born on October 25, 1962 in Modesto, California, USA as Darlene K. Vogel. She is an actress, known for Back to the Future Part II (1989), Pacific Blue (1996) and A Tiger's Tail (2014). She is married to Mark Howard. They have two children.

## **MONROE CLINE**



Monroe Cline is an American actress and dancer. Monroe trained in theatre and dance from an early age, and was born and raised in Austin, Texas. She moved to Los Angeles in 2017 to pursue her professional career as both an actress and dancer, and has since worked on a number of commercials, music videos, and films.

## **SHELBY YARDLEY**



Shelby began her career in the entertainment industry as a television personality. Prior to starting a career in the entertainment industry, Shelby grew up as an athlete in Wichita, KS and attended Wichita State University. Although always having an interest in acting and modeling it wasn't until January of 2014 that she started taking acting lessons and found it was something she wanted to continue as a career. In May of 2015 she relocated to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting.

## **JULIANA DESTEFANO**



Juliana Destefano is an actress, known for Small Things, The Summoning (2019) and Helen Alone (2014).

## **BRET GREEN**



Bret Green is known for his work on the CBS crime series *The Inspectors*. He's appeared on *Jane the Virgin*, *How to Get Away With Murder*, *Bones*, and *The Goldbergs*. Bret graduated from Western Michigan University before moving to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career. He is the youngest of three boys.

## **COLE REINHARDT**



Cole Reinhardt is an American actor born with a love and fascination for story telling in all its forms. Sometimes it involved solving a *Hardy Boys* mystery, writing a short story, or just re-watching *The Goonies* for the hundredth time. By 5th grade he had learned (from a family friend) how to correctly use a camcorder and edit inside of Adobe Premiere. With these newfound skills he began to write and produce short films starring friends, family and himself on occasion. At 16 he began working as an intern for Fox Sports West's Prep Zone division and by 18 he was working as a Director. He was also an avid athlete often competing in Football, Baseball, Basketball, Wrestling, and Judo to name a few. It was in Wrestling where he learned about weight manipulation. About quickly dropping 10-15 pounds to reach a lower weight class along with how to gain weight rapidly when needed. Both of which he is now proficient in. After a few years directing, he decided to focus his efforts into developing his skills in front of the camera. He started attending local acting classes and joining local performances. Now, he continues his pursuits as an actor with various roles in both Film and Television.

## **ZANDER GRABLE**



Zander Grable is from Edmond, Oklahoma, but lives in LA. He has been acting since he was 5 years old and is best known for the role of Logan in *Find. Believe. Shine*.

## Production Credits

### Full Cast

#### Actors

DARLENE VOGEL  
MONROE CLINE  
SHELBY YARDLEY  
BRET GREEN  
COLE REINHARDT  
JULIANA DESTEFANO  
ZANDER GRABLE  
JEREMIAH MCQUEEN  
LEANN VAN MOL  
JANET LYNN FEMIANO  
KIMBERLY ARLAND  
AL MARCHESI

#### Role

Georgia  
Joanie  
Alison  
Danny  
Tucker  
Sharnae  
Peter  
Agent Hope  
Detective Espinoza  
Olivia  
Kendra  
Mike

#### Produced by

TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON      executive producer  
ROBERT BALLO            producer  
DAN GOLDEN              line producer

#### Directed by

DOUG CAMPBELL

#### Written by

BOB INGRAHAM

#### Sound Design by

ANDRES BOULTON

#### Music by

MARC JOVANNI

#### Director of Photography

DAVID DOLNIK

#### Film Editing by

JONATHAN LAUNER

**Casting By**

JEFF HARDWICK, C.S.A.

**Production Design by**

PAUL DEDOES

**Costume Design by**

BOB MILLER  
STEVE TREVOR

**Crew**

JOE MESIANO	production manager
TED CAMPBELL	first assistant director
JT TIERNEY	second assistant director
DOERTE LINDNER	production accountant
LUCAS PEDERSON	key set pa
SEAN STRUBLE	production assistant - prod. van driver
DEVON FOX	production intern
JERRY SHERMAN	studio teacher
AMY STANOSZEK	studio teacher
MORGUE N MARCUS	extras casting director
PAUL DEDOES	production designer
BRENDAN STEWART	art director
GAITHER NARRON	art swing
YOANN CIFUENTES	key grip
ANDREW DORWARD	best boy grip
CLIFF HORN	best boy grip
BOB MILLER	costume designer
STEVE HOWARD	costume designer
SHANNON TRIGGER	key makeup
RAMONA COLLAZO	key hair
TORYN REED	makeup artist
LEESA SIMONE	makeup artist
ANDY CARAZO	gaffer
DEREK MATARANGAS	gaffer
JAMES GILLIAM	best boy electric
BYONG HOON JO	best boy electric
DAVID DOLNIK	dop/cam op
CHRISTOPHER JORDAN	b camera op
NICK BIANCHI	b camera op
JAMES NAGEL	1st assistant camera- a cam

ADAM BRANT	1st assistant camera- a cam
DARRELL NASH	1st assistant camera- a cam
DEON GIBSON	1st assistant camera- b cam
JUSTIN CROWE	2nd assistant camera
RICHARD DURYEYEA	2nd assistant camera
ALEXANDER VAN HEISCH	media manager
IAN WELLS	ronin tech
DEON GIBSON	ronin tech
CAMERON SELAN	production sound mixer
ASH SUTTON	production sound mixer
JONATHON FREEMAN-ANDERSON	boom operator
LYSA CARLSON-OLDHAMS	craft service
JONATHANN LAUNER	editor
JESSICA PEREZ	still photographer
GRIFF PARTINGTON	post production supervisor

## Producer Biographies

### **TIM JOHNSON** – Executive Producer

Tim Johnson is among the most active and reliable producers in the business thanks to top rate productions and global distribution appeal.

Johnson is also responsible for producing the international hit series, DR. QUINN, MEDICINE WOMAN for CBS for over 5 seasons. During his 100-episode tenure, he also developed and produced the original docu-drama COLD CASE for CBS network, which was the very first program to integrate television with the Internet.

Johnson has produced over 150 movies, 15 globally released series for every major US network - including ABC, Disney, CBS, NBC, Netfly, FOX and Sony.

### **JOHNSON PRODUCTION GROUP**

The Johnson Production Group contracts globally to produce television and motion picture content for international networks, studios and distributors. Based in Los Angeles and Vancouver, British Columbia, the company manages production, facilitates development and financing, procures distribution and guarantees quality and timely execution of its programs. While costs have gone up, so has the demand for quality. No longer is good enough, good enough. Johnson Production Group serves that segment when a show needs to be "A" quality, but produced efficiently enough to meet a locked budget. JPG specializes in value, protection of creative elements, and delivery of a quality finished product.

## Billing Block

Johnson Production Group Presents "SMUGGLING IN SUBURBIA"  
DARLENE VOGEL MONROE CLINE SHELBY YARDLEY JULIANA DESTEFANO BRET GREEN  
COLE REINHARDT and ZANDER GRABLE Sound Design by ANDRES BOULTON  
Music by MARC JOVANNI Director of Photography DAVID DOLNIK  
Film Editing by JONATHANN LAUNER Casting By JEFF HARDWICK, C.S.A.  
Production Design by PAUL DEDOES Costume Design by BOB MILLER and STEVE TREVOR  
Executive Producer TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON Producer ROBERT BALLO  
Line Producer DAN GOLDEN Written by BOB INGRAHAM Directed by DOUG CAMPBELL

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## Meta Data

### LONG (max 540 characters) synopsis

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### MEDIUM (max 180) synopsis

When a teenage girl unwittingly gets involved in an illegal diamond smuggling operation, she is arrested and her mother must work with the FBI to get her free. (160)

### SHORT (max 54 characters) synopsis

Teenage girl gets caught up with illegal smuggling (51)

### 5 KEY WORDS

Diamonds, Mules, Illegal, Teens, FBI