

Local Filmmaker Finds Patience in Creating His Dream

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If regimented resolve is what it takes to successfully launch an independent film project, then Nashua's J. Brian Turk has got the credentials. The New Hampshire native and former military man has spent the past 6 years financing and filming his own independent feature film *Boston Psychiatric*. In a feature done by the Nashua Telegraph last month, the 55-year old who serves as vice president of a Boston-based defense contractor in order to earn a living, has spent his nights and weekends for the past 6 years writing the script, acquiring equipment, and filming his pet project. Now that it's in the can, he's busy entering the finished project into as many film festivals as he can in hopes of one day distributing it to a nationwide audience.

Filmed almost entirely in Boston, the story follows a young psychiatrist who uses questionable means to obtain funding for bringing a new drug to the market. After serving a short prison sentence, the doctor returns to the Boston community as an employee of a local psychiatric clinic, where he finds that returning to the real world is anything but back to normalcy.

The clinic scenes were shot on location at the full functioning Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in non-patient areas, on Sundays, for the past six years.

Turk credits his military background and his wife with giving him the tools, support, and guidance necessary in order to make his dream a reality. His wife is the one that advised him at every turn to make sure his dream did not mean debt.

"'Not unless you save up to pay for it,' that's what she'd say," he told the Nashua Telegraph. "She is a saint to live with me."