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AV, Capitol close further Berlin sales

EFM deals for 'Black Water,' 'Robbery,' 'Shrooms'

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BERLIN -- International sales companies continue to ratchet up sales in the wake of last week's European Film Market in Berlin.

London-based AV Pictures sold "Black Water," an Australian crocodile thriller based on true events, to 11 territories, including Presidio Film in Japan, FEG in Benelux and Notro Films in Spain.

In addition, seven territories have picked up heist pic "Daylight Robbery," including Indies in Benelux and PlayArte in Brazil.

AV also reported that a number of deals had been signed for upcoming productions "Dominator X," "Lesbian Vampire Killers" and "The Tournament."

"This year's Berlin has been the best so far," said AV managing director Vic Bateman.

Meanwhile, Swiss distrib Ascot Elite has picked up theatrical rights to Paddy Breathnach's horror thriller "Shrooms" for all German-speaking territories.

Starring Lindsay Haun and Jack Huston, "Shrooms" follows five American college students on a trip to Ireland in search of notoriously potent magic mushrooms. Terror strikes when one by one they are brutally murdered... or is it all just a shroom-induced hallucination?

The deal was sealed by Ascot Elite's chief operating officer Stephan Giger and James Norrie, head of sales at Capitol.

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