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PARANOID GOES "HI-REZ" ONLINE

Los Angeles, CA (February 1, 2002) – Officially, the first Stephen King "Dollar-Baby" to receive permission to be released on the Internet, *Paranoid*, which premiered on iFilm.com last Friday, is now available in a hi-resolution downloadable version on the official website www.paranoidthemovie.com.

Through the extraordinary efforts of digital engineer Miles Imel of Milestone Allied Productions (www.MAP-Media.com) in close collaboration with *Paranoid's* director/cinematographer Jay Holben, a careful compromise was achieved between current compression technology, the limitations of the Internet and providing the highest quality product to viewers. The result is a 72MB file with a viewing resolution of 640x272 pixels. Download times for this file run between 20 and 45 minutes depending on DSL/Cable speeds. It is requested, and recommended, that viewers download and save *Paranoid* on their own systems and do not attempt to watch the high-resolution version online.

Paranoid made its World Wide Web debut January 25th on iFilm.com (a privately held company based in Hollywood, CA) and quickly gained popularity, amassing more than 21,000 views in its first week and climbing to the #7 slot for most popular short film on the entertainment network's vast website of more than 80,000 films.

Stephen King's self-dubbed "Dollar-Deal" is a policy the writer established early in his career to grant young filmmaker's the permission to make a movie out of any of his short stories as long as the resulting film will not be exhibited commercially without his approval. For this one-time right, King asks only for a copy of the finished film and the grand total of one dollar. The most famous "Dollar-Baby" (as King dubs the finished products and the filmmakers who create them) is Frank Darabont's adaptation of *The Woman in the Room* (released in the early 1980s on Interglobal Home Video). Darabont later went on to adapt the multi-Academy Award nominated films *The Shawshank Redemption* and *The Green Mile*.

Paranoid will be available for viewing on iFilm.com or downloading from the official website exclusively through mid-August.

For more information on *Paranoid*, visit www.paranoidthemovie.com.

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