

## MOVIE

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He pointed out that developing the local film industry in a small town can boost the economy, but it can also create opportunities for at-risk youth.

"I was one of those kids that could get in trouble and I did get in trouble," Colón said. "But I was also one of those kids that wanted to prove to the world that I could become something."

Some small town people become successful and flee their hometowns, but he wants to stick around to inspire.

"I want to do good and still challenge this area and show them that you can still do good in a bad area and make something of yourself," Colón said.

Adrian Blade, director of "Kandy Kane Killer," said he wants Florida to become a successful area for independent film. His cast includes a lot of people who have never been in a movie before, but they put on great performances, he said.

"They're kind of helping generate the film — just amazing people," Blade said.

The movie itself revolves around a man whose troubled upbringing drove him to kill. The psychological aspect of the character was inspired by Blade's past working in law enforcement.

"I was a corrections officer for the criminally insane for a few years so I drew from that," Blade said.



The "Kandy Kane Killer" crew poses in-between takes at Celebrity's Soul Food in Fort White.

KATRINA POGGIO/Lake City Reporter

The scene shot at Celebrity's Soul Food is a turning point in the film when the serial killer decides to come out of the shadows after gaining notoriety.

"The whole movie's mood and everything changes in this scene," Blade said. "Since the restaurant's named Celebrity's Soul Food, and he's becoming a celebrity, we thought it would be

fitting."

As a small team filmed movie scenes, intrigued locals walking across the street would stop to take photos of the commotion outside the restaurant.

Tara Jacobs, who runs the restaurant with her husband Frederick Jacobs, said the recognition is valuable.

"It's empowerment because

great things come out of small places," she said.

This is especially true for Frederick Jacobs, who grew up in Fort White and now runs Celebrity's Soul Food restaurant locations in Florida and California. He has catered for TV show host Steve Harvey and "American Idol" winner Fantasia.

Developing success from his

small town upbringing, Frederick Jacobs wants to support independent films to help create opportunities for the youth who might not see many options for their future.

"For them to bring it here and have the same heart to do an amazing job and also have a heart for community and specifically young people ... It's just amazing," Frederick Jacobs said.

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currently fewer than a dozen statewide.

"It's not gonna be just anybody who wants to start growing or selling marijuana is going to be able to do that," Scott said.

The markets appear to have been carved out before or during a Feb. 4

medical marijuana summit in Osceola County, Scott said, and Lake City was not mentioned once.

County Attorney Joel Foreman and Sheriff Mark Hunter accompanied Scott to the summit, which was organized by the Florida Association of Counties.

The gathering marked a milestone for the county, which is scrambling to figure out how dispensaries

should fit in its land use code, Foreman said.

"Everybody's trying to get ready," he said.

In a bid to buy time, the county in December enacted a six-month moratorium on zoning permits for medical marijuana shops.

County staff will meet Feb. 21 to hash out rules such as how far dispensaries must be from a school or church, Foreman said.

Law enforcement supports Bradley's bill because it permits THC oils, ointments, pills and other non-traditional forms of delivery, but does not allow for the sale of smokable marijuana flowers, Scott said.

Hunter said the wording of Amendment 2, which expanded Florida's medical marijuana system to include non-terminally ill

patients with certain debilitating medical conditions, confused many people.

"Everybody thought that it meant full-blown recreational use and all that," he said.

The county's moratorium on dispensary permits is "absolutely not" intended to prevent or hinder the industry, Scott said.

"There are people that have a need for this prod-

uct," he added. "We're not trying to stop it by any means, we're just trying to stay one step ahead of the game."

However, municipalities in some medical marijuana states failed to update their zoning regulations and ended up with dispensaries on every corner, Scott said.

"I don't think anyone wants to see that," he said.

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