

Fast Cars, Hot Women, Police Pursuits, High-speed Stunts that Don't Always go as Planned

No, this isn't another Hollywood movie with highly-paid actors pretending to live life in the fast lane. Filmmaker Greg Filipkowski has captured the real deal in a truly kick-ass Movie called "2Fast2ReaII."

(PRWEB) March 7, 2005 -- Forget those so-called "reality shows" where producers manipulate auditioned wannabes. In "2Fast2Real II," the cast consists of everyday people with a passion for burning up asphalt at 150 mph. For them, it isn't about 15 minutes of fame - it's about having the fastest car and the sharpest skills behind the wheel. Why should NASCAR drivers be the only ones who get to fly?

Filipkowski said the street racing syndicate revolves around races where drivers might compete for between \$5,000-\$20,000.

"They get pretty crazy out there," he said. "We don't condone it or support it, and we certainly don't organize it, but we do follow it. We go places where things like that happen, and we film it. There's a message we try to convey in the latest video because there is a difference between street racing and road racing. Road racing is people on the public highways, losing control and killing other people. These are kids we call 'weed wackers.' They drive a Honda with a big, huge muffler on the back. They have accidents and kill people. The way real street racers do it is they go to an industrial park on a Saturday night or a Sunday morning when there is no traffic and nobody's there. There's still danger for the drivers themselves, but they aren't going to kill anybody else if something goes wrong."

That element of risk makes the action in "2Fast2Real II" intense to watch -- moreso than a stuntman's scene in a movie or a street racing game where the animated driver is never really in jeopardy. If you enjoy watching those high speed police chases on reality TV, you'll love watching the footage as racers escape custody.

"We're having a big issue out here in New York because the whole New York state doesn't have a track. In this video, we are trying to convey a message to the state to give us a track. If we don't have a track, what is going to happen? The state closed the last track because the properties are expensive, so they sold it to a developer, and now he's building homes. The street racing issue is getting out of hand out here. If you watch the video, you're going to see how insane it is. I don't think the government wants that kind of chaos on the streets. Sometimes I wonder if people do stuff because the camera is there so we tell them we aren't going to film it, and they're, like, 'I don't give a shit if you film it or not."

Still, the DVDs are creating tremendous buzz in some pretty cool circles. Filipkowski, who was born in Poland, said his footage was intended for a TV reality show.

"We didn't have any in's with a network, so basically to recoup the investment, we decided to go to the market with a DVD. And the market is overwhelmed because there's never been reality street-racing videos released like that. People started to wonder where this was coming from and why it looked so professional. We shoot everything with four cameras. All of the sudden, the celebrities wanted to be a part of it. In fact, celebrities like LL Cool J, EPMD, Run DMC, and Biohazard were part of a "2Fast2Real II" premiere Feb. 26 on Long Island.

"All of the celebrities that are in our videos, we don't pay them anything," said Filipkowski. "We don't pay them a penny. They want to be in them because they like the videos. If someone approaches us, we won't pay them a



penny. We're not about that. We'll just send them a video, and if they're good guys, they'll watch it, and then I'll ask them what they think about it. I ask if they want to be a part of it. We don't say, 'We'll give you \$100,000 if you say this video is good.' If they find time, we'll go and interview them to find out what they think of the video. If they want to be a part of it, they'll come down because they think it's quality, not garbage.

"Biohazard was an underground group from the Bronx. They found my phone number and approached me. I don't know how they got the video, but they said, 'We love your underground movement, that whole street-racing scene, and when you're making your next video, we want to give you our newest song to be on it.' I was, like, 'Alright, man, that's awesome.' I asked them why they wanted to be involved with my video, why they even bothered. They said, 'One day, back in the day, we were like you. And we see a potential, we see the quality.' They are car freaks. They have collectible cars, original cars, so they watch a lot of street-racing videos out there. They said they were always underground and want that underground public. They said I would have a huge following and they wanted to be a part of it."

He said "2Fast2Real II" looks much better than other street racing videos, which are usually shot by amateurs holding shaky cameras. At the same time, reality prevents the glossy look of a staged Hollywood race.

"As a filmmaker, I would say the scenes in studio movies look better because film will always beat video, quality-wise, but in movies there's a lot of fake stuff. You see a character hit a knob and the car jumps out at a high speed and everything else becomes blurry. We are like 'The Fast and the Furious,' but we're for real," he said.

Filipkowski, the man behind liextreme.com, knows these amateur speedways well. He started racing when he was 17, but he turned his attention from being behind the wheel to behind the camera for a professionally shot, heart-stopping tour of street racing. His cameras capture the thrills as guys with walkie-talkies keep a watch for police and drivers in classic cars rev their engines.

"We used to just shoot stuff, but now we get fan mail. We have a half-hour show on the local programming. We are trying to pitch it to the big networks, especially Spike TV. You got street-racing, hot rods and beautiful women. I think it would be a great show for Spike TV."

Until the networks wise up, you can add "2Fast2Real II" to your DVD collection and hit the play button whenever you want to get a taste of life in the fast lane.

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