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Scott Walker Boards Heavy Duty Bikers as Showrunner and Writer

Veteran writer-director joins buzzed British outlaw biker saga based on a series of books written by British author Iain Parke

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We are pleased to announce that Scott Walker (DGA, WGA) is slated to be the showrunner for the scripted television series *Heavy Duty Bikers*, and his appointment marks a major step in bringing the gritty, morally complex world of Parke's cult *Heavy Duty* novels to life.

Walker is best known for his work on *The Frozen Ground* and *The Tank*, where his ability to balance raw tension, atmospheric tone, and character nuance has earned recognition from both thriller and true-crime audiences.

"Partnering with Edward Winterhalder, Graham Spencer, Jim Miller, and Henry Cole to bring *Heavy Duty Bikers* to the screen is an incredible opportunity," Walker said. "I've long been drawn to stories that live at the intersection of crime, loyalty, and survival, where the lines between 'good' and 'bad' blur. *Heavy Duty Bikers* offers a deeply human world where every choice carries weight. To be trusted to lead a series like this, is a rare privilege."

In his role as showrunner, Walker will lead the writers' room, oversee narrative direction, and shepherd the series from development to production and is set to direct the first episodes to set the gritty tone and look. His background in grounded crime, suspense, and character-driven storytelling, positions him to be a perfect fit for a saga steeped in loyalty, betrayal, and the dark underbelly of outlaw culture.

Jim Miller is the producer behind *The Hunger Games* franchise, and has led efforts to adapt the *Heavy Duty* book series into a high-velocity, high-stakes television drama. Media sources have described his vision as gritty and globally resonant, aiming to preserve the raw intensity of the novels while staging them at scale.

Edward Winterhalder is widely-regarded as one of the foremost authorities on biker culture as a long time author and television producer. His lived experience in the outlaw motorcycle world ensures that *Heavy Duty Bikers* will be dramatized with authenticity and respect for nuance.

Together, Walker, Miller, and Winterhalder represent the convergence of cinematic ambition, production scale, and subcultural credibility, an alignment uniquely suited to the tones and demands of the series.

Based on the six novels in Iain Parke's *Heavy Duty* crime-thriller series (including *Heavy Duty People*, *Heavy Duty Attitude*, and *Heavy Duty Trouble*), *Heavy Duty Bikers* explores

the underworld of British outlaw motorcycle clubs in northern England, set against the rugged, dramatic landscapes of the Pennines.

With its layered characters, moral ambiguity, and high-stakes club politics, the series promises to deliver both visceral suspense and textured drama, never shying away from the violence, but always rooted in human stakes.

With Walker and Miller at the helm, development will advance into scripting, casting, and preparing for production in the UK. Further announcements regarding cast, filming locations, and network or streaming partners will follow in due course.

This marks a key milestone for *Heavy Duty Bikers* and for fans of gritty crime drama. With Walker steering the narrative, and Miller and Winterhalder anchoring production and authenticity, the series is poised to deliver one of the most visceral and grounded portrayals of outlaw motorcycle club life ever put to screen.

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