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Anthony Hopkins back on the Big Screen

British version of Heineken kidnapping

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USPA NEWS - Award-winning British actor Anthony Hopkins is to play beer magnate Freddy Heineken in a new film about his kidnapping in 1983.
The film, entitled 'The Kidnapping of Freddy Heineken', is based on the book by Dutch crime reporter Peter R. de Vries.

Heineken and his chauffeur were kidnapped after leaving work and held for three weeks in a warehouse. They were rescued following a tip-off after the kidnappers were given a ransom of 35 million guilders.
The gang was eventually rounded up and jailed although around 20% of the money has never been recovered.

The online synopsis of the film states “˜love and friendships are tested to the limit in a fast-paced edge of your seat thriller“¦ a true story and Ultimate Heist Movie.´

A Dutch film version of the book, starring Rutger Hauer as Heineken, was released in 2011. That film hit the headlines when one of the kidnappers, Willem Holleeder, tried to have it banned, saying the film made him out to be more violent than he was.
The British film is expected to reach cinema screens next summer.

One of the Netherlands´ most notorious gangsters has lost his claim to have a film about the kidnapping of beer magnate Freddy Heineken banned, because it portrays him as being more violent than he actually was.
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