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**ALEXIS ARNOLD Interview**

**Project: *Narco Sub***

**How would you describe the plot of this project?**

It's about a dad trying to save his family from the Cartel.

**What was your fondest memory from working on the project?**

There was a scene that actually got cut from the film where my parents and I were baking cookies and we were supposed to throw the cookie dough at each other, but the cookie dough fell immediately to the ground so we were laughing because it didn't work out as we planned. Instead, we ended up using flower. And I will also never forget the time Shawn called me a little nugget. We were actually looking at my audition tape for *Narco Sub*. I was so little when I auditioned (10yo).

**Were there any cool locations or sets that were fun/different/strange?**

During filming we had this cool 18-wheeler that was used whenever they kidnapped us. It was funny because there was a platform that would lift us up and down and it made the weirdest noise.

**Do you recall any particular memories with castmates or crew that were impactful?**

I remember being really scared of Robert Lasardo, because I had only seen him in movies and pictures and then when I met him in person, I felt so guilty for being afraid, because he was one of the nicest people I've ever met on set.

**Did the project inspire you to see the world differently? Or did you learn anything new about the production process?**

I didn't realize how dangerous the world could be until after making this film and now I understand why my mom keeps such a close eye on me. It was interesting how Shawn turned his basement into a submarine for filming.

**What stands out to you from working on this project?**

Whenever I first met Tom Vera, I had no idea that he would become such a great set dad and all my friends would have a crush on him.

**If you were to produce a sequel or a continuation of this project, what would that be like?**

My dad ends up being the under-cover leader of the Cartel. It would be cool to have another team of bad guys kidnap him and my uncle, who is played by Tom Sizemore, trains me to be a Navy Seal and I save my dad.

**What do you love most about the Entertainment Industry? What do you wish could be better?**

See the process and how all our hard work has paid off to make such a great film and how it comes to life. I wish the industry would take more chances on up-and-coming actors and give them an opportunity to book bigger roles.

