

LaRoy, Texas

(Redirected from LaRoy, Texas (film))

LaRoy, Texas is a 2023 American crime comedy film written and directed by Shane Atkinson, and starring John Magaro, Steve Zahn, Megan Stevenson, Matthew Del Negro and Dylan Baker. It was released on April 12, 2024.

Plot

Ray operates his family-owned hardware store with his brother Junior in a small Texas town. He gets several photographs from private detective Skip. Taken during a stake-out at a local motel, the pictures indicate infidelity by Ray's wife Stacy-Lynn. Distraught, Ray buys a revolver from a gun shop and drives to that motel where Ray contemplates suicide.

While Ray sits in his car a stranger gets into the vehicle. The stranger mistakes Ray for contract killer Harry, who is expected to meet him at the motel around that time. The stranger hands Ray several thousand dollars as payment an assassination which must be done the next day. The stranger leaves a street address on a piece of paper amongst the banknotes as the only clue as to the target's identity. Harry arrives as Ray drives off.

Still refusing to accept that there's anything the matter with his marriage, Ray considers keeping the contract money for financing a beauty salon which Stacy-Lynn wants to open. Without a clear idea how to carry out a contract killing, he drives to the address and follows the man living there to a bar so clumsily that he's promptly "rumbled". The man forces Ray into his car, where they scuffle ending when Ray shoots the man. Ray dumps the corpse by the roadside, accidentally losing one of Skip's photographs of his wife next to the body. On his way home Ray finds out from Junior's wife that Stacy-Lynn has been having an affair with his brother, though he doesn't believe it.

Police establish that the killed man is a local lawyer James Barlow. The photo of Stacy-Lynn discovered near Barlow's body makes them suspect her involvement in the murder. The stranger who hired Ray as a hitman finds him working in the hardware store. He tells Ray that he broke into Barlow's office last night and there was no money in the safe. He accuses Ray of stealing a large sum out

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Release poster

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Cinematography	Mingjue Hu
Edited by	Sebastian Mialik

of Barlow's safe and gives Ray one day to return the stolen money. Ray and Skip visit Barlow's office and find that Barlow was engaged in a blackmailing case for his client Adam Ledoux, who runs a large car dealership in the town.

In the meantime, Harry locates the bar from which he was called on his mobile phone to make arrangements for a hit on Barlow. There he finds a waitress to help him with his inquiries. Harry visits the waitress and discovers her boyfriend put a contract on Barlow to get the payout money. Harry tortures the boyfriend for information and kills him before leaving the waitress alone.

Ledoux informs Skip and Ray that Barlow was handling the payout of \$250,000 for him and his wife to the blackmailer. The blackmailer threatened to disclose Ledoux's philandering, which would ruin the reputation of their dealership as a family-oriented business. Later Ledoux's wife tells Skip and Ray about Ledoux's gambling addiction and that the payout money was hers. Ray recollects that Barlow had a briefcase with him, but he didn't take it into the bar. He assumes it must have been left in Barlow's car, which was towed away after Ray shot Barlow. Skip and Ray locate the car and find the case with money inside it. However, at gunpoint Ray forces Skip to give it to him because he still hopes to finance Stacy-Lynn's beauty parlor and fix their marriage. When Ray arrives home, Stacy-Lynn and Junior turn him in to the police for murder, keeping the briefcase with money.

Harry ambushes the police vehicle transporting Ray to the county jail and shoots both of the policemen dead. Ray manages to escape during the shootout. When he gets to Junior's house his brother's wife tells Ray that Junior has left her for Stacy-Lynn. She says Junior has been embezzling money from their hardware store for years.

Harry takes Skip captive at gunpoint and calls Ray from Skip's mobile phone, demanding that the money be returned to him. Ray spots his brother's car parked at a motel. He finds his wife and Junior in the shower where he shoots his brother dead and announces to Stacy-Lynn that he wants a divorce.

When Harry arrives with Skip at the motel, Ray demands that Skip be released first. After exchanging fire with Harry, Ray convinces Skip to take the case with money and leave without him. With both men facing off in a small motel room with their firearms ready, Ray asks if Harry would be willing to leave town on Ray's letting him go - Harry declines saying that it's more important to finish the started things. Both of them then fatally injure each other with abdominal gunshot wounds.

The film ends with Skip stopping his car reluctantly to offer Stacy-Lynn a lift and her hesitantly accepting his offer.

Music by	Delphine Malaussena Rim Laurens Clément Peiffer
Production companies	Orogen Entertainment The Exchange Needle's Eye Productions Elly Films NEXT Productions FLOTE Entertainment <u>Adastra Films</u>
Distributed by	<u>Brainstorm Media</u>
Release dates	June 8, 2023 (Tribeca) April 12, 2024 (United States)
Running time	112 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English

Cast

- John Magaro as Ray

- [Steve Zahn](#) as Skip
- [Dylan Baker](#) as Harry
- [Megan Stevenson](#) as Stacy-Lynn
- [Matthew Del Negro](#) as Junior
- Brannon Cross as Brian Tiller
- Vic Browder as James Barlow
- Darcy Shean as Midge LeDoux
- Emily Pendergast as Kayla
- [Brad Leland](#) as Adam Ledoux
- [Galadriel Stineman](#) as Angie
- [Bob Clendenin](#) as Ben Finney

Production

In May 2022, it was announced that [Steve Zahn](#), [Jared Harris](#) and [John Magaro](#) were cast in the film.^[2]

[Principal photography](#) began in and around [Albuquerque](#), New Mexico in late August 2022.^[3]

Release

LaRoy, Texas premiered at the [Tribeca Film Festival](#) on June 8, 2023.^[4] It was released by [Brainstorm Media](#) on April 12, 2024.^[5]

Reception

Critical response

On the [review aggregator](#) website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), 100% of 40 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7.3/10. The website's consensus reads: "Distinguished by sharp writing and a talented cast, *LaRoy, Texas* is a generally satisfying neo-noir treat for crime thriller fans."^[6] [Metacritic](#), which uses a [weighted average](#), assigned the film a score of 70 out of 100, based on 7 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews.^[7]

Christian Zilko of [IndieWire](#) graded the film a B+ and wrote, "Watching *LaRoy* is a lot like the seedy motel affairs that all of its characters seem to be having — two hours of fun, followed by a tragic feeling of emptiness and a desire for a shower."^[8]

Accolades

The film received three awards (Grand Prix of the Jury, Audience Award and International Critics' Award) at the [Deauville American Film Festival](#) in 2023.^[9]

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