

## Northville family's home becomes movie set for 'The Double'

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Hollywood came to Northville again last week, as portions of a feature film were shot in a downtown neighborhood.

Ethan Pickett of Northville said the question came out of the blue for the movie "The Double," a drama with Richard Gere, to be filmed outside their home on Eaton Street.

Filming started July 28 until early morning July 30 near the intersection of Eaton Drive and Grandview Street by Denton Park in Northville.

The film, that also features actor Topher Grace from "That 70s Show," is being directed by Michael Brandt. The screenplay was written by Brandt and Derek Haas.

The plot revolves around a retired CIA operative (Gere) who is paired with a young FBI agent (Grace) to unravel the mystery of a senator's murder, according to Variety magazine on the Internet Movie Database.

All signs point to a Soviet assassin who was long thought to be dead. The CIA operative also spent his career going head-to-head with his Soviet nemesis.

"They were looking at a lot of houses in the neighborhood," Pickett said. "They let us know that they might be interested, and we said, 'Sure.'" They were contacted around Memorial Day weekend.

Pickett and his wife, Etsuko Kosuge, and children, Aya, 13, who will attend Northville High School in the fall, and Kai, 8, who goes to Amerman Elementary, stayed in a local hotel and received a daily stipend while the movie was filmed.

Most of the filming was done at night, and another home down the street was also used. Exterior shots were done at the Pickett home, with interior shots being done at the other house on Eaton Street. Most of the shooting was from sundown to sun up.

"They said they wanted to use our house because it looks like a typical home in the Washington, D.C., suburbs," Kosuge said.

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