**B3260 BACKFIRE** *(USA, 1987)*
(Other titles: Retour de flamme)

**Credits:** director, Gilbert Cates ; writer, Larry Brand, Rebecca Reynolds.
**Cast:** Karen Allen, Keith Carradine, Jeff Fahey.
**Summary:** Mystery/thriller set on St. James Island in Washington state in the 1980s. Vietnam veteran Donnie (Fahey) suffers from extreme post-traumatic stress disorder which manifests itself in a recurring nightmares. His greedy wife Mara (Allen) encourages her husband's delusions in the hope he will commit suicide, then hires Reed (Carradine) to murder Donnie, with unexpected results, for Reed is a Vietnam veteran whose life Donnie saved.

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