H3295 HEAVEN’S PRISONERS  (USA, 1996) *(Other titles: Mississippi delta; Vengeance froid)*

**Credits:** director, Phil Joanou; writers, Harley Peyton, Scott Frank; novel, James Lee Burke.

**Cast:** Alec Baldwin, Kelly Lynch, Mary Stuart Masterson, Teri Hatcher, Eric Roberts.

**Summary:** Detective/mystery set in contemporary Louisiana. Vietnam vet Dave Robicheaux (Baldwin) has turned in his detective’s badge, is winning his battle with alcoholism, and has left New Orleans with his wife (Lynch) for the tranquil beauty of Louisiana’s bayous. But a plane crash in the Gulf brings a young girl into their lives and with her comes murder. Suddenly Robicheaux is confronting Bubba Rocque (Roberts), a brutal hood he has known since childhood, Rocque’s seductive Cajun wife (Hatcher), and a Federal agent with more guts than sense.

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