LETHAL WEAPON 4 (USA, 1998)
(Other titles: Arma letal 4; Arme fatale 4; Smrtonosno orozje 4)

Credits: director, Richard Donner; writer, Channing Gibson.
Cast: Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci, Rene Russo.
Summary: Police thriller set in contemporary Los Angeles. Martin Riggs (Gibson) and Roger Murtaugh (Glover), now feeling too old to be doing what they are doing, are assigned to a case involving the Chinese Triads. Uncle Benny, Chinatown’s mob boss, has imported Chinese slaves to pay for an artist to create counterfeit Chinese currency which the Triads (led by Jet Li) will use to buy the freedom of the Four Fathers (the heads of the Triads) from the Chinese military. Pursued by mercenaries, Riggs and Murtaugh team up with Leo Getz (Pesci) and newcomers Lorna Cole (Russo), pregnant with Riggs’s child, and Lee Butters (Rock) in an attempt to put an end to the Triads’ plans.

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