R5932 RIVERBEND (USA, 1989)

**Credits:** director, Sam Firstenberg; writer, Sam Vance.

**Cast:** Steve James, Margaret Avery, Tony Frank, Julius Tennon, Alex Morris.

**Summary:** Blaxploitation melodrama set in 1966 Georgia. Major Quinton (James) and two of his subordinates have been sent back to the US from Vietnam for court-martial after they refuse to participate in atrocities against civilians. They escape military custody and seek refuge in the rural community of Riverbend, Georgia. There they find that a cruel white sheriff is terrorizing the black population and they set out to train the local blacks to resist, taking the entire town hostage in a bold stroke to bring national attention to local injustice.

Cohn, Lawrence L. “Riverbend” *Variety* 335 (May 17-23, 1989), p. 34.
Williams, Tony. “Riverbend” *Vietnam war films* [GB] (Entry 508)

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