**S7670  STORYVILLE  (USA, 1992)**

**Credits:** director, Mark Frost; writers, Mark Frost, Lee Reynolds; novel (Juryman), Frank Galbally.

**Cast:** James Spader, Joanne Whalley-Kilmer, Jason Robards, Charlotte Lewis.

**Summary:** Mystery set in contemporary New Orleans. A rising political star from a powerful Louisiana family finds a moment's weakness threatening a lifetime's ambition. Cray Fowler (Spader) is the scion of the family, running in his first election campaign. About to divorce his adulterous wife, Fowler is tempted by the advances of Vietnamese American waitress Lee Tran (Charlotte Lewis) at a fundraiser. Their assignation in the French Quarter is videotaped and when Fowler awakes he finds Lee’s father dead at the foot of the bed. Lee, who has disappeared, is charged with the killing, despite the fact that Fowler’s fingerprints are on the murder weapon. In an attempt to save Lee and keep his own complicity a secret, Fowler comes forward to defend her, pitting himself against an attractive district attorney. Fowler eventually wins the case for Lee, but his real agenda is to get whoever set him up to begin with. These turn out to be his own family patriarch, his political opponent, and a corrupt detective (the latter two being Vietnam veteran buddies).

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