T9295  21 JUMP STREET  (4/12/1987-5/19/1991)  [TV SERIES]

Series summary: Police/adventure series derivative of the 1960s Mod squad. A group of youthful-looking cops pose as teenagers to bust criminals who prey on teenagers. One of the regular cast members is Harry Truman Ioki (Dustin Nguyen), a Vietnamese American.

Christmas in Saigon  (12/20/1987)

Credits: director, Kim Manners ; writer, Bill Nuss.
Cast: Steven Williams, Johnny Depp, Holly Robinson, Peter DeLuise, Dustin Nguyen.

Summary: A routine check of Social Security numbers exposes Officer Harry Truman Ioki (Nguyen) as an illegal Vietnamese immigrant. Ioki, whose real name is Vinh Van Tran is forced to retell his life story to an Internal Affairs investigator. He must also face the hostility of his police Capt. Adam Fuller (Williams), a Vietnam vet with a dislike for all Vietnamese. Ioki’s tale of escaping by boat from Vietnam on Christmas 1975 echoes some of the real life experiences of actor Dustin Nguyen who was himself a refugee.

The dragon and the angel  (1/15/1989)

Credits: director, Jefferson Kibbee ; writer, E. Paul Edwards.
Cast: Steven Williams, Johnny Depp, Holly Robinson, Peter DeLuise, Dustin Nguyen.

Summary: While working under cover in a Vietnamese street gang, Officer Ioki (Nguyen) learns of a communist businessman who may be able to help his grandmother, still resident in Vietnam.

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