

D4180 DEAD PRESIDENTS (USA, 1995)

Credits: director, Allen and Albert Hughes ; writer, Michael Henry Brown.

Cast: Larenz Tate, Keith David, Chris Tucker, N'Bushe Wright.

Summary: Crime melodrama set in New York City in the 1968-1974 time period. On the streets, they call cash 'dead presidents.' And that's just what a black Vietnam veteran (Tate) is after when he returns home to the Bronx from the war, but he is drawn into a life of crime. With the aid of his fellow vets he plans the ultimate heist--a daring robbery of an armored car filled with unmarked U.S. currency. More broadly, the film addresses the issues of Black Americans' involvement in the Vietnam War and their subsequent disillusionment with progress in social issues and civil rights in the United States during the 1960's.

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