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**D4270 DEATH HOUSE (USA, 1988)**

(Other titles: Zombie death house)

**Credits:** director, John Saxon ; writers, William Selby, Devin Frazer, Kate Wincomb.

**Cast:** Dennis Cole, John Saxon, Anthony Franciosa, Michael Pataki.

**Summary:** Horror/thriller set in the contemporary U.S. Vietnam vet Kerek Keillor (Cole) falls for the girl friend of Mafiosi Vic Moretti (Franciosa) and is promptly framed for a murder he did not commit. Sentenced to death and locked away in Townsend State Prison, Keillor uncovers a plot by the military in the person of Col. Burgess (Saxon) to use death row inmates for scientific experiments in biological warfare. Burgess is using a lab created virus ('HV8-B') to turn the inmates into drooling, kill-crazy lunatics (in the hope of eventually using it on his own soldiers), but the disease spreads through the prison causing a convict revolt. Keillor must fend off the zombies and his rebellious fellow inmates while biochemist-turned-TV-reporter Tanya (McClure) labors to find a cure.

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