

D4440 DELIRIO CALDO (ITALY, 1972)

(Other titles: Delirium (1972))

Credits: director/writer, Renato Polselli.

Cast: Mickey Hargitay, Rita Calderoni, Tano Cimarosa.

Summary: Horror film set in the contemporary U.S. Criminal psychologist Dr. Herbert Lyutak (Hargitay) is a sadistic sex maniac who murders young women. The police think he is helping them with their investigations of the killings. Further confusing the police is Mrs. Lyutak (Calderone), tormented by visions of medieval torture and lesbian orgies, who is going around committing murders of her own to cover for her husband. In the American version of the film, there are opening scenes of Vietnam combat which show 'Captain' Lyutak shooting and abusing Viet Cong casualties. When he receives a head wound in action and is being carried to a helicopter, he encounters his wife as a nurse. The assumption as the film continues is that they married after the war, but at the end of the American version, the setting reverts to Vietnam where Lyutak dies of his head wound - the entire film becoming his delirious vision as he lay dying.

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