

J2700 JASON'S LYRIC (USA, 1994)

Credits: director, Doug McHenry ; writer, Bobby Smith, Jr.

Cast: Allen Payne, Jada Pinkett, Forest Whitaker, Bokeem Woodbine.

Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary Houston, Texas. Story of two Afro-American brothers growing up in inner city Houston with a Romeo and Juliet twist. Jason (Payne) and Josh Alexander (Woodbine) are bound together by the death of their father Maddog (Whitaker), a loving and responsible man who was drafted and sent to Vietnam and returned angry and wounded. He beats his wife Gloria (Douglas) who throws him out. One night, when Maddog breaks into their home and threatens Gloria, one of the boys shoots and kills him. Jason puts the past behind him but Josh lives a life full of fear and violence. Jason's responsibilities to Josh eventually interfere with his own dreams for the future, leading to the destruction of both.

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