

M2420 MAN CALLED HAWK (USA, 1/28/1989-4/1/1989) [TV SERIES]

Credits (premier): director, Virgil Vogel ; writer, Stephen Hartman.

Cast: Avery Brooks, Angela Bassett, Vondie Curtis-Hall Javk Ryland.

Summary: Adventure series set in contemporary Washington, D.C. featuring a character from *Spenser for Hire*. Hawk (Brooks) is a Black ex-Special Forces Vietnam vet, a former boxer, a skilled jazz pianist, and sometime private investigator. In the premier episode, his former commander Col. Stoller (Ryland) asks him to pick up a former Special Forces colleague (Curtis-Hall) who is now working for intelligence but has become excessively violent in carrying out his assignments.

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