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### Forfeit

**D: Andrew Shea; with Billy Burke, Sherry Stringfield, John Aylward, Gregory Itzin**

If nothing else, I'm glad I saw this movie, because it's helped me to perfect my formula of crime-thriller relativity: *Reservoir Dogs* minus Quentin Tarantino plus a bunch of crazy plot twists equals *Wild Things* minus Denise Richard's boobies plus Jesus equals *Forfeit*. While the formula is basically foolproof, it does end up making *Forfeit* sound worse than it probably is. Unlike the absolutely horrible *Wild Things*, *Forfeit*, directed by UT professor Shea, at least plays it fair. With its plot twists – some of which are pretty smart – plus its religious commentary, creative editing, and casting of Newman from *Seinfeld*, it's worth more than most films in the mystery-crime genre, which are basically overlong *CSI* episodes.