## "Menace II Society" (1993)

"In the wake of the success of "Boyz 'n the Hood," there were a number of South Central LA-based films depicting the ravages of life in the hood, but the Hughes Brothers made the best of these in "Menace II Society." Far more than some cheap knockoff, the film is a tragedy showing how for some, there is no hope to escape a life of violence, regardless of how much effort is put forth. For some, the hood is a trap impossible to break free from. The Hughes Brothers, with the help of key performances from Samuel L. Jackson (in a cameo) to a breakthrough performance by Larenz Tate as a young man who was as lethal as he was loyal, delivered a memorable film that carries the same impact to this day."

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