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Bad Boys: Ride or Die

Bad Boys: Ride or Die is an upcoming American buddy cop action comedy film directed by [Adil & Bilall](#) and written by [Chris Bremner](#) and [Will Beall](#).^[1] Produced by [Columbia Pictures](#) in association with [Don Simpson/Jerry Bruckheimer Films](#), [Westbrook Studios](#) and [2.0 Entertainment](#), and distributed by [Sony Pictures Releasing](#), it is the sequel to *[Bad Boys for Life](#)* (2020) and the fourth installment in the *[Bad Boys](#)* franchise. [Will Smith](#), [Martin Lawrence](#), [Vanessa Hudgens](#), [Alexander Ludwig](#), [Paola Núñez](#), [Jacob Scipio](#), [Joe Pantoliano](#) and [DJ Khaled](#) reprise their roles from the previous film, with [Tasha Smith](#) taking over the role of [Theresa Burnett](#) from [Theresa Randle](#), who previously played the character in the last three films. New cast members include [Eric Dane](#), [Ioan Gruffudd](#), [Melanie Liburd](#) and [Tiffany Haddish](#).

The film is scheduled to be released in the United States on June 7, 2024.

Synopsis

Detectives [Mike Lowrey](#) and [Marcus Burnett](#) investigate corruption within the Miami PD when their late Captain [Conrad Howard](#) is posthumously accused of being involved with drug cartels, but a setup turns them into fugitives, forcing them to work outside the law in order to solve the case.

Cast

- [Will Smith](#) as Detective Lieutenant Michael Eugene "Mike" Lowrey
- [Martin Lawrence](#) as Detective Lieutenant Marcus Miles Burnett
- [Vanessa Hudgens](#) as Kelly, weapons expert of AMMO^[2]
- [Alexander Ludwig](#) as Dorn, tech expert of AMMO
- [Paola Núñez](#) as Captain Rita Secada, head of Miami Police unit AMMO and Mike's ex-girlfriend.
- [Eric Dane](#) as the villain, Banker
- [Ioan Gruffudd](#) as Lockwood
- [Jacob Scipio](#) as Armando Aretas, Mike's son
- [Melanie Liburd](#) as Christine, Mike's love interest
- [Tasha Smith](#) as Theresa Burnett, Marcus's wife. Smith replaces [Theresa Randle](#), who portrayed the character in previous films.

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Adil & Bilall
Written by	Chris Bremner Will Beall
Based on	Characters by George Gallo
Produced by	Jerry Bruckheimer Will Smith Chad Oman Doug Belgrad
Starring	Will Smith Martin Lawrence Vanessa Hudgens Alexander Ludwig Paola Núñez Eric Dane

- [Tiffany Haddish](#)
- [Joe Pantoliano](#) as Captain Conrad Howard^[3]
- [John Salley](#) as Fletcher
- [DJ Khaled](#) as Manny the Butcher
- [Rhea Seehorn](#) as US Marshall Agent, hunting down Mike and Marcus
- [Dennis Greene](#) as Reggie McDonald, Marcus' son-in-law
- [Joyner Lucas](#) as a gang leader
- [Quinn Hemphill](#)

Production

Development

Following the opening weekend box-office success of *Bad Boys for Life*, Sony announced plans for a fourth installment, with Chris Bremner returning to write the script.^{[4][5]}

In April 2022, it was reported that development for the fourth film was being put on hold in light of the [incident with Will Smith slapping Chris Rock](#) at the [2022 Academy Awards](#) ceremony. However, the following month Sony head chairman [Tom Rothman](#) confirmed the fourth film was still in development, despite the previous report.^{[6][7]} In February 2023, Smith announced that he and Lawrence would reprise their roles for the film, which was in pre-production, with [Adil & Bilall](#) returning to direct.^{[8][9]} That same month, it was reported by musician/disc jockey [Questlove](#) that Smith had to drop out of a planned surprise appearance at the [65th Annual Grammy Awards](#) because pre-production for the fourth *Bad Boys* film had started earlier that week.^[10] In March 2023, it was revealed that [Vanessa Hudgens](#) would reprise her role as Kelly from *Bad Boys for Life*.^[2] In April 2023, it was announced that [Eric Dane](#) had been cast, reportedly as the villain, and that [Paola Núñez](#) and [Alexander Ludwig](#) would also reprise their roles from *Bad Boys for Life*.^[11] The same month, [Ioan Gruffudd](#) joined the cast.^[12] In May 2023, it was announced that [Rhea Seehorn](#) had joined the cast.^[13] The film was originally under the working title as *Bad Boys: Ride or Die* by co-director Adil El Arbi, before the title was confirmed in early 2024.^[14]

Filming

	<div>Ioan Gruffudd</div> <div>Jacob Scipio</div> <div>Melanie Liburd</div> <div>Tasha Smith</div> <div>Tiffany Haddish</div> <div>Joe Pantoliano</div>
Cinematography	<div>Robrecht Heyvaert</div>
Music by	<div>Lorne Balfé</div>
Production companies	<div>Columbia Pictures</div> <div>Don Simpson/Jerry Bruckheimer Films</div> <div>Westbrook Studios</div> <div>2.0 Entertainment</div>
Distributed by	<div>Sony Pictures Releasing</div>
Release date	<div>June 7, 2024</div>
Country	<div>United States</div>
Language	<div>English</div>

Principal photography began on April 3, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia and Miami, Florida.^{[15][16]} On May 22, 2023, TMZ released behind the scenes clips of Will Smith and Martin Lawrence filming scenes of the movie in Atlanta.^[17] Filming was suspended in July due to the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike.^[18] In March 2024, it was revealed that Jacob Scipio would reprise his role as Armando Aretas from the previous film.^[19] Filming wrapped on March 4.^[20]

Marketing

The first trailer of the film was released on March 26, 2024.

The final trailer for the film was released on May 16, 2024.

Release

Bad Boys: Ride or Die is scheduled to be released in the United States on June 7, 2024. It was originally scheduled to be released on July 3, 2019,^[21] but was moved up to May 24, 2019,^[22] before being pulled from the schedule when executives questioned why the fourth film should be released before the third. In July 2023, it was announced that the film would be released on June 14, 2024.^[23] In February 2024, the release date was moved up to its current date.^{[24][25]}

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