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See Metallica's James Hetfield get into a firefight in trailer for western thriller *The Thicket*

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Papa Het will appear alongside *Game Of Thrones* star Peter Dinklage when *The Thicket* comes out in September



(Image credit: Tubi via Youtube)

Metallica singer/guitarist James Hetfield appears in the new trailer for *The Thicket*.

The preview of the Tubi Original film was released yesterday (July 23).

Hetfield appears as a sheriff in the western thriller and is briefly seen firing a revolver.

The Thicket, starring and produced by *Game Of Thrones* actor Peter Dinklage, will come out on September 6.

As well as Hetfield and Dinklage, the film will feature actors Juliette Lewis, Esmé Creed-Miles, Levon Hawke, Leslie Grace and Gbenga Akinnagbe.

The project is directed by Elliott Lester (*Nightingale*) and written by playwright Christopher Kelly.

The official synopsis reads: “When fierce bounty hunter Reginald Jones (Peter Dinklage) is recruited by a desperate man to track down a ruthless killer known only as Cutthroat Bill (Juliette Lewis), he rallies a band of unlikely heroes including a grave-digging ex-slave and a street-smart woman-for-hire.

“Together they embark on a perilous quest to track down Cutthroat Bill that leads them into the deadly ‘no-man’s-land’ known as...The Thicket.”

The first photos of Hetfield in his as-yet-unnamed role were published on social media last month.

The singer/guitarist has appeared as himself in numerous films, including 2004 Metallica documentary *Some Kind Of Monster* and 2006 comedy *The Darwin Awards*.

He first acted onscreen in 2019 with Ted Bundy biopic *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil And Vile*. Hetfield portrayed a police officer in several scenes with Zac Efron, who played Bundy.

Extremely Wicked... was directed by *Some Kind Of Monster* co-director Joe Berlinger.

Efron said of Hetfield’s acting chops in an interview with Jimmy Kimmel: “James Hetfield, to his credit, absolutely nailed the part, he just crushed it.

“It’s like he’s been acting his own life. He had no fear. He did a great job.

“I was ready to maybe give James Hetfield [an acting] tip, but he didn’t ask for a single one. James Hetfield is the shit.”

Away from the silver screen, Hetfield continues to perform with Metallica.