



## **James Hetfield set to appear in new Western thriller, *The Thicket* – watch him in action in its new teaser trailer**

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Papa Het? That's Sheriff Het, to you! Metallica's James Hetfield is set to feature in upcoming Western thriller, *The Thicket* – and it's shaping up to be a rather bloody affair.

The film, directed by Elliott Lester, will plunge Hetfield into the world of Joe R Lansdale's 2013 mystery novel of the same name. It's got all the makings of a Western classic – fit with bounty hunters, bands of rebels and plenty of cut-throat shenanigans.

While previous trailers offered glimpses of Hetfield suited and booted, a new clip provides proper footage of him in action. While we're unsure exactly how Hetfield's character will influence the plot, he's clearly playing a sheriff of some kind.

In the fresh clip, we can see Hetfield trying to calm down *Game Of Thrones*' Peter Dinklage, who had a hand in production alongside his starring role as Shorty. Perhaps that means Sheriff Hetfield plays the role of a peacemaker – or, at the very least, someone who doesn't love bloodshed when he's playing cards at the saloon.

Speaking to *Collider*, director Lester explains the decision to cast the metal legend. “The casting of James Hetfield in *The Thicket* is a story that feels almost destined,” he explains. “It all began with a dream – one morning I woke up with a clear vision that James had to be in the movie. James Hetfield, a rock god, embodies a raw poetry that fit perfectly with the character we envisioned.”

“From that moment, Peter Dinklage and I were relentless in our pursuit,” he continues. “We tried every possible avenue: his manager, mutual friends, anyone who could help us reach him.”

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