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Penance

IMD Films/MVD Visual, 85 minutes, not rated, \$19.95

Single mom (Marieh Delfino) turns stripper to pay the bills. When her friend is beaten up on a job, she takes her place, only to find the client is a sadistic surgeon (Graham McTavish) with intent to "purify" the sinners through mutilation. Originally titled "The Devil's Dungeon" but given a new name to "steer away from a B-movie-esque moniker," according to director Jake Kennedy. Uh-huh. Poster says that it's "inspired by true events," which is doublespeak for "we couldn't possibly write anything like this." No extras listed.

- Harry Thomas