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Adios Amigos (aka **No Sweat/1975**) + **Jive Turkey** (aka **Baby Needs A New Pair Of Shoes/1974/Cheezy Flicks DVDs**)

Picture: C- Sound: C-/C Extras: C- Films: C-

When Hollywood made the financial mistake of not backing any kind of Black Cinema or Fred Williamson in particular, they helped give way to the Blaxploitation era, perpetuating millions of dollars for many often independent companies. The majors got involved soon after and the era lasted into the late 1970s. The gangster genre was usually very popular, while the usually white-associate Western was not. Williamson wanted to challenge that with films like **Boss** (see link below) and **Adios Amigos** (1975), while **Jive Turkey** (1974) was typical of the gangster type films.

Amigos is not as good as **Boss** or as funny as Mel Brooks'

Blazing Saddles (1974, they year prior), but it does have Richard Prior and a cameo by James Brown in a innocent man charged with a crime he did not commit story that is really a formula for them to goof around. Unfortunately, those moments do not happen enough, though I would like to see it widescreen unlike this DVD.

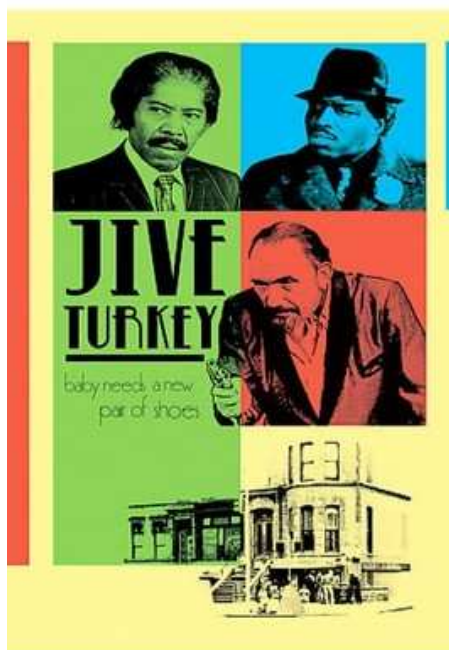
Turkey is set in 1956, but the budget was too low for them to keep it looking that way. The idea was to show that there were always powerful Black mobsters, doing the usual sinning and infamous numbers game, stereotypical or not. A curio today, the film is very muddled and never really works, but the idea is interesting and joust not realized well. A few moments and shots are interesting, but not enough to save the film.

The 1.33 X 1 image in both cases is soft and color poor, while the PCM 16/48 2.0 Mono is low, rough and compressed on **Amigos**, so be very careful of playback levels and volume switching, while **Turkey** fares a little better than expected in clarity. **Amigos** was and still is a 2.35 X 1 Panavision 35mm film, so the print here is particularly butchered. Trailers and intermission shorts are the only extras.

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