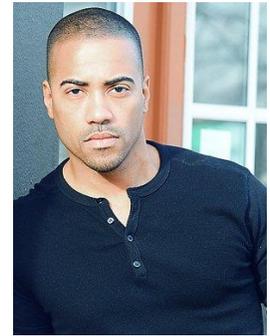


# IMTA ALUM BRAD JAMES IN *PRISONERS*

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*Prisoners* opens nationwide Friday, September 20th

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*“Acting is something I always wanted to do. But I didn’t know how to get started in Augusta.”*  
– Brad James

After receiving excellent reviews following showings at the Telluride and Toronto Film Festivals, the crime thriller *Prisoners*, starring Hugh Jackman, Jake Gyllenhaal, Terence Howard and Viola Davis, is set to hit theatres Friday. The feature follows a father’s desperate search for his missing daughter, the conflict and frustration with the police heading the investigation, and his life-altering decision to finally take matters into his own hands. IMTA alum Brad James co-stars in the film as Officer Carter, a small time cop thrust into a big time situation.



James, who came to IMTA (as Bradley Alfred) with Barbizon Label in Atlanta and was the first runner-up for NY07 Male Talent of the Year, currently stars as Todd on “Tyler Perry’s *For Better or Worse*,” which premiered season three on the Oprah Winfrey Network this week. The sitcom, which aired its first two seasons on TBS, explores the controversial and joyous moments associated with marriage and dating in a 21st-century world and is based on the feature films *Why Did I Get Married* and *Why Did I Get Married Too*.



James currently lives in Atlanta where “*For Better or Worse*” is filmed. The former Marine has opened his own acting studio, James & Burke, Inc., with fellow actor—and girlfriend—Jasmine Burke. “It’s for training and coaching actors and talking to people about raising project funding,” James said in an interview with *Ebony Magazine*. He added, “My company is also launching a television festival in Atlanta.”



Earlier this year James was selected for Best Actor at the 2013 Georgia Entertainment Awards for his role as the title character in the web TV series “*Osiris*,” which follows a character who cannot stay dead. He appeared in last year’s *Parental Guidance* with Billy Crystal and Bette Midler and the recent *The Haunting in Connecticut 2: Ghosts of Georgia*. James has also guest-starred on “*Devious Maids*,” “*Single Ladies*” (with fellow alum Travis Winfrey, NY04), “*Teen Wolf*” and “*The Vampire Diaries*” (with fellow alum Zach Roerig, LA03). He is currently working on the upcoming *Atlanta (ATL) Undercover*.