

## Octavia Spencer in Talks for Oscar Grant Film

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Oscar winner Octavia Spencer and “Friday Night Lights” vet Michael B. Jordan are in negotiations to star in “Fruitvale,” a timely indie drama based on the young black man who was shot in the back and killed by Bay Area Transit Authority police on New Year’s Day 2009.

Produced by Forest Whitaker and his Significant Productions partner Nina Yang, “Fruitvale” tells the story of Oscar Grant, whose shooting was captured by numerous cell phone cameras. The film will also depict the ensuing trial and its verdict causing protests and riots. Fruitvale is the name of the station where the event took place.

If deals go through, Jordan will play Grant, the 22-year old man who crosses paths with

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