

THE TRIALS OF DARYL HUNT

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July 27 - August 2, Fri - Thurs at 7 & 9:15 PM (plus Sat & Sun at 3 & 5 PM)

Daryl Hunt's attorney Mark Rabil in attendance Fri & Sat!

(Ricki Stern and Annie Sundberg, USA, 2006, 35mm, 106 min)



THE TRIALS OF DARRYL HUNT documents a brutal rape/murder case in the American South. It offers a deeply personal story of a wrongfully convicted man, Darryl Hunt, who spent twenty years in prison for a crime he did not commit. In 1984, a young white newspaper reporter, Deborah Sykes, was raped, sodomized and stabbed to death just blocks from where

she worked in Winston-Salem, NC. Based on an identification made by a former Ku Klux Klan member, a 19-year-old black man, Darryl Hunt, was charged. Although no physical evidence linked him to the crime, Hunt was convicted by an all white jury, and sentenced to life imprisonment. The film chronicles this capital case from 1984 through 2004. With personal narratives and exclusive footage from two decades, the directors frame the judicial and emotional responses to this chilling crime -- and the implications surrounding Hunt's conviction -- against a backdrop of class and racial bias in America. This unique look at one man's loss and redemption challenges the assumption that all Americans have the right to unbiased justice.