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## **WHO KILLED VINCENT CHIN?**

**U.S. PREMIERE • USA, 1988, 87 mins.**

On the summer night of June 19, 1982, during the height of the auto recession, a young Chinese American draftsman was beaten to death with a baseball bat by a Chrysler foreman and his stepson. It happened during a time when emotions ran high in Motor City against Japanese auto imports and the Japanese. Nine months later, Vincent Chin's killers were convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 3 years probation and a \$3,750 fine. The decision sparked a nationwide campaign for justice and resulted in the first criminal civil rights prosecution involving discrimination towards Asian Americans. **Who Killed Vincent Chin?** attempts to unravel the complex web of fact and emotion that surrounds Chin's death and the subsequent legal case. Through eyewitness accounts, the film reconstructs the night of Chin's death, revealing a *Rashomon*-type quagmire of conflicting accounts.

**Director:** Christine Choy **Producer:** Renee Tajima **Camera:** Christine Choy, Nick Doob, Kyle Kibbe, Al Santana **Production Co.:** Film News Now Foundation/WTVS, Detroit **Print Source:** Third World Newsreel

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**SOMEONE MUST BE TRUSTED** England, 1987, 5 min.

This animated film shows the sexist bias of law courts.

**Director:** Christine Roche & Gillian Lacey **Producer:** Orly Bat Carmel **Print Source:** Smoothcloud Production