



AN HOUR FROM THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

by Ole Elfenkaemper, Kathrin Seward



SYNOPSIS

In the Deep South, the lives of an immigration attorney, a community, and a family intertwine in the shadow of one of the largest immigration detention prisons in the United States.

The film takes us into rural Stewart County in Southwest Georgia. Tucked into the woods, lies one of the largest immigration detention facilities in the United States. Due process is hard to find in isolated areas across the country and within a radius of 140 miles there are no private immigration attorneys but Marty. Against the grain and at the age of 50, he received his law degree in 2009 which changed his life forever.

Together with his legal assistant Alondra, Marty takes on a daily fight against the arbitrariness of the courts. In observational scenes, we experience different cases and follow the family of one of his clients on their emotional rollercoaster ride until the day of the court hearing. While Marty navigates through the inhumane machinery of the immigration detention system, a calm...

FESTIVALS

2023

7 RIFFA - Regina International Film Festival , Canada

11 Aegean Docs, Greece

2024

14 DocUtah IDFF, USA

Filmtage Friedrichshafen

21 Big Sky DFF, Missoula, USA

Gesa-Rautenberg-Preis - 28 FF Schleswig-Holstein

5 LETsDOK

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Ole Elfenkaemper, Kathrin Seward · PRODUCER Ole Elfenkaemper, Kathrin Seward · SOUND Kathrin Seward · DOP Ole Elfenkaemper · SOUND DESIGN Alfred Tesler · OTHER Rita

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83 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Human Rights, Migration, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, Portuguese

PREMIERE

Canada (2023)

LINKS / REFERENCE

PRODUCTION

Walnut + Schultz Productions

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