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THE assumption among Australians that our judicial system is one of the world's fairest takes a hit in this documentary about a 15-year-old Perth boy wrongly accused of rape. Without sensationalising the facts of the frighteningly recent case, the filmmakers present a clear picture of how the innocent Patrick Waring came to spend a year in juvenile detention.

Fans of TV crime drama will be astounded at the shoddy forensic investigation and lack of police protocol, which resulted in this debacle. And it is horrifying to learn that these mistakes are not peculiar to the West Australian police force but indicative of a faulty national system, as British forensic scientist, Professor David Barclay, explains in embarrassing detail. The man who wrangled the truth from the terrified boy and the misleading DNA reports, Tom Percy, QC, emerges as the film's hero but its real stars are the young man's family. Parents Marie and Terry and sister Danielle give generous accounts of their year of hell, which has left them battered and broke, with no compensation or reimbursement forthcoming.

Dramatic re-enactments are kept to a tasteful minimum and spliced with footage from CCTV and police interviews, allowing the story to unfold at a measured pace. While information about the rape "victim" is confined to the facts, the impression is that her story is a tragedy of another kind. Unsettling and all very close to home, the film lives up to its claim that what happened to the Warings could happen to anyone with the misfortune to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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