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While investigating a horrible tragedy, the police followed the wrong leads

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In March 2008 two kids were brutally slaughtered in their home in Arboga in Sweden. They were only one and three years old. Their mother, Emma Jangestig, was stabbed, but survived. After weeks in a coma she finally woke up, and was informed of the bitter truth. In the trial that followed, German Christine Schürer – an ex-girlfriend of Emma’s boyfriend – was found guilty of murder.

“I remember a woman in the hallway. She was standing over there” Emma says. When we first met Emma’s parents, she was still in a coma. It was just days after the attack. At this stage Emma was not aware of what had happened – and that both her children were dead. Three months later she tells us about her loss and what she remembers from the assault. She claims she feels no hatred. Instead she tries to understand what happened – and why. “I just hope my children didn’t suffer,” she said. In August 2008 the trial against Christine Schürer began. “I collapsed when I recognised her,” said Emma, convinced that Christine Schürer was guilty. The court found Schürer guilty, but an appeal will most likely be lodged to a higher authority. The documentary also reveals mistakes made by the police; as blood was found at the train station, the children’s father Nicklas was taken into custody. We meet Nicklas, telling us about being the main suspect. Convinced of his guilt the police put all their effort into framing him. Thus valuable evidence is lost.

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