

# Doc Delving Into Infamous Nitari Serial Murders Is a “Making a Murderer” for India

***“The Karma Killings,” the riveting Indian true crime documentary, to be available On Demand January 10th worldwide.***

**New Delhi, India. January 9, 2017** — Gunpowder & Sky Distribution announced today that the feature true crime documentary, ***THE KARMA KILLINGS*** will be released on demand on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The film will be available worldwide on iTunes, Amazon Video, Google Play, Vudu, Microsoft Movies & TV, Vimeo, and Netflix.

“The Karma Killings,” is a modern-day crime thriller infused with Indian mythology and class warfare. Startled by sensational news coverage of the Nitari Serial Murders in 2006, director Ram Devineni spent several years immersed in the investigation and living near the house where all the gruesome cannibal murders happened in Noida — a suburb of New Delhi. With unprecedented access to everyone involved, the film unravels the complexities of the case and the unusual relationship between a master, businessman Moninder Singh Pandher, and his servant, Surender Koli. Both were found guilty and given the death sentence, but things are not as they seem: *one of the killers may be innocent.*

Over a span of two years, dozens of children went missing on a 100-meter stretch of road in an inconspicuous suburb of New Delhi, India. In a plain, ordinary house nearby, unimaginable acts of violence and murder were taking place. This nightmare gripped dozens of poor families and set off their long ordeal to capture and bring to trial the two serial killers living in their own neighborhood. When a small town beat cop eventually breaks the case, both culprits were sentenced to death amidst sensational media coverage and pressure from the government to instill swift justice, entwined with large social and cultural changes happening in India. The film follows Pandher’s son, Karin, and his long eight-year ordeal fighting for his father’s life in the convoluted Indian legal system. Opposing him are the poor disenfranchised families of the victims who suffer through all the twists and turns in search of the ultimate justice: getting Pandher hanged.

The film takes viewers inside a riveting, high-stakes criminal case where everything is never as they appear. Devineni has documented every angle of the story, and adds, “I went into this thinking both were totally guilty, but now I am not sure. This is truly a surreal story.”

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**RAM DEVINENI** produced “The Russian Woodpecker,” which won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival and nominated for an Independent Spirit Award. He is the creator of the augmented reality comic book series, “Priya’s Shakti,” which received the Tribeca Film Institute New Media Fund from the Ford Foundation, and the supported by the World Bank.

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