



Viewing Guide: Presumed Guilty

Name: _____

Directions: Please watch the clips and respond to the questions below.

Background: In December 2005, Antonio “Toño” Zúñiga was picked up off the street in Mexico City and charged with a murder, though he knew nothing about the crime. Eventually he was sentenced to 20 years in jail. It is later discovered that Zúñiga’s first attorney was not licensed, so he is granted a new trial.

Clip 1:

1. What important information did Zúñiga not know or understand when he was arrested?

Clip 2:

2. The only evidence against Zúñiga is Victor Daniel Reyes’ testimony. Do you think Reyes’ testimony is credible? Why or why not?

3. Which other witnesses could detectives have questioned about Zúñiga as part of their murder investigation? How might such witness testimony have affected the case?

Clip 3:

4. How accountable is the detective for the investigation he conducted in this case?

5. What details does Zúñiga provide about his arrest?

6. What is the value of debating the evidence of a case in court?

7. At the end of the clip, one of the filmmakers talks on camera about the court proceedings. What concerns does she have about the Mexican judicial system? Why does she feel that the trial is irrelevant?