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FILM ON THE CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY GUATEMALA GENOCIDE CASE TO PREMIERE AT SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

“Granito,” a Documentary about the Genocide in Guatemala in the 1980’s, the Survivors, and Justice sought on their behalf -- Will Premiere January 25 and January 28 at Sundance

Who: Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA)
Pamela Yates, award winning film director and founder of Skylight Pictures

What: The world premiere of the documentary *Granito* at the Sundance Film Festival. *Granito* transports us to Guatemala in the early 1980’s, when the country was engulfed in war and the military’s genocidal “scorched earth” campaign exterminated nearly 200,000 Mayans. Today, the people featured in the film, including CJA attorney Almudena Bernabeu, become integral to the overarching narrative of wrongs done and justice sought, each adding their granite -- their tiny grain of sand -- to the epic tale. *Granito*’s world premiere at Sundance will be part of an all-new “Documentary Premieres” category that is dedicated to showcasing “films on big subjects and new works by master filmmakers.” A two-minute trailer of the film is available here: http://sundance.slated.com/2011/films/granito_sundance2011

CJA’s involvement in the film stems from its role as lead counsel in the Guatemala Genocide Case before the Spanish National Court (SNC) since 2006. The case, filed in 1999 by Nobel Peace Laureate Rigoberta Menchú, charges former head of state General Efraín Ríos Montt and other Guatemalan officials with terrorism, genocide, and systematic torture. Since CJA took the lead in 2006, the legal team brought over 35 indigenous Guatemalans to Madrid to testify marking the first time a national court had heard evidence from Mayan survivors on one of the largest genocides of the last century. The film shows this journey and its important consequences for the tireless efforts seeking justice for Guatemalans. The case continues in Madrid where CJA will present new key evidence and witness testimony during 2011.

When: Tuesday, January 25 at 12 noon at the Temple Theatre and January 28 at 6pm at the Screening Room, Sundance Resort. There is a special press and industry screening on January 26th at 2pm at the Holiday Village Cinemas.

Note: CJA Executive Director, Pamela Merchant will be available for media interviews at the January 25 screening. CJA International Attorney Almudena Bernabeu will participate, following the screening on January 28, in a Q&A at Sundance with the film’s director Pamela Yates and will also be available for interviews.

Where: Park City, Utah (Jan. 25th) & The Sundance Resort (Jan. 28th)

For more information about the film and the status of the legal case, please contact Lisa Cohen at 310-395-2544